

**Macon County Airport Authority**  
**Minutes for the Meeting Held April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

The Macon County Airport Authority holds its regularly scheduled meeting on April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at the Macon County Airport. All members with the exception of Member Haithcock are present. Also present are: Karl Gillespie, Macon County Commissioner; Lori Hall, Macon County Finance Director; Joe Collins, Legal Counsel; Jimmy Luther, W.K. Dickson; Teresa McDowell, Clerk; Neil Hoppe and Peggy Milton, airport FBO; Ryan Hanchett, The Franklin Press; Carolyn Higgins, The Macon County News; and Andy Plouse and David Hartsfield of Chapter 97 of the EAA. Chair Gregory welcomes all of those present and calls the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUES FOR MEETING HELD MARCH 20<sup>TH</sup>, 2018:** After a discussion, Member Schmitt makes a motion to approve the minutes as forwarded. Member Rhodes seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent.

**PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION:** None

**ENGINEERING REPORT:** Mr. Luther reports that he has received the sketches for the electrical vault building and he is currently waiting on the vault building to be pre-fabricated. This project should be finished within three (3) months. Member Rhodes inquires as to safety operations and obstruction removals in terms of safety for the horizontal runway and taxiway, with Mr. Luther stating that all projects are ranked by the DOA in order of safety concerns. He continues by stating that the funding has to adhere to FAA guidelines, and that the DOA is a “pass thru” for funding. Chair Gregory asks about the possibility of having the Town of Franklin water supply extended to the airport, and Mr. Luther states that he has known of some airports for which this was funded if they had a problem with their well.

**MAINTENANCE REPORT:** Member Haithcock is not present, and Chair Gregory reports that they have awarded a bid for bush hogging and that the job will start as soon as the weather improves.

**COMMITTEE REPORT-OPEN HOUSE:** Member Schmitt reports that Mr. Hartsfield and Mr. Plouse of the 97<sup>th</sup> Chapter of the EAA are present in order to report on the “Open House Fly-In”. They report that they are acquiring donations for food and advertising, but that further funds are needed for advertising in the local papers. Mr. Hartsfield and Mr. Plouse present potential advertising costs. The date is set for June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018, and the planning is proceeding smoothly. Mr. Hartsfield and Mr. Plouse also report that they are going to try to seek sponsors for help with renting interesting aircraft for display and potential rides during the event. After further discussion, Member Jenkins makes a motion for the MCAA to donate up to and including \$500.00 for advertising costs. Member Schmitt seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent.

**DISCUSSION OF ACCESS TO AIRPORT GROUNDS AFTER REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS:** It is discussed with FBO Hoppe that the general public cannot be allowed full access to airport grounds at all times. There

are federal issues which prohibit this. It is also discussed that pilots can request and receive full access to the airport grounds, with no hindrance whatsoever.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

There is a discussion regarding the MCAA budget and the scheduling of the public hearing regarding this matter. After further discussion, Member Jenkins makes a motion to approve the budget as presented and to set a hearing date of May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 4:05 p.m. Member Rhodes seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent.

Chair Gregory emphasizes the importance of pushing to get projects completed and that he is hoping that the potential eighteen (18) month wait as proposed by the Division of Aviation will not take place.

There being no further business to discuss, Member Jenkins makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Schmitt seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent. The meeting is adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Pete Haithcock-Secretary/Treasurer