

**MACON COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY**  
**Minutes for the Meeting held April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

The Macon County Airport Authority holds its regularly scheduled meeting on April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017. All members are present. Also present are Jimmy Luther, Project Engineer; Lori Hall, Finance Director; Neil Hoppe and Peggy Milton, airport FBO; Joe Collins, Legal Counsel; Ryan Hanchett, The Franklin Press; Bobby Coggins, Macon Media and Teresa McDowell, Clerk. Chair Gregory calls the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD MARCH, 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017:** 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

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR RECOMMENDED FY2017-2018 BUDGET:** At 4:07 p.m. the regular meeting is adjourned in order to hold a public hearing for the proposed FY17-18 MCAA budget. There is no one present for the public hearing, so the public hearing is concluded and the MCAA meeting is called back to order at 4:09 p.m. There is no discussion pending final approval of the budget by Macon County Commissioners.

**ENGINEERING REPORT:** Mr. Luther reports that the taxiway rehabilitation project is moving along well. Testing for the Phase 1 construction is expected to be done next week, and he anticipates that paving will also start next week. New LED lighting will be installed as part of this project. Mr. Luther also reports that they are “up to speed” on grant issues.

Mr. Luther also reports that the AWOS is not communicating and that Jimmy Capps of the DOA is the person to contact regarding this matter. Member Rhodes explains that a pilot can call and get the weather information, but it cannot be accessed from the air.

Mr. Luther states that the conference was very interesting this year, and that aviation is very important to North Carolina. 681 companies in NC support aviation, and 38.8 billion dollars of revenue is contributed through aviation. North Carolina has the 7<sup>th</sup> largest economic aviation based contribution in the United States. There are plans to enhance tourism throughout the state, and aviation is an important component of that plan.

**KIOSK REPORT:** Member Jenkins reports that the kiosk project is in good shape. Funds for the enhanced system have been secured, and the software has been developed. These enhancements should be installed within 2 weeks.

Chair Gregory states that Member Jenkins did a great job with Biz Week, which is developed through the Macon County Economic Development office. Member Jenkins states that he will forward the Power Point presentation.

After a discussion, Member Jenkins makes a motion for the MCAA to pay \$3,333.00 from fund balance to make up the difference in the kiosk enhanced hardware and software purchase, matching the TDC and the EDC contributions for a total of \$10,000.00. Member Schmitt seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent.

**DISCUSSION OF GATE OPERATOR:** Mr. Luther states that he has followed up with the DOA regarding this matter, and that they have reported that this is not a reimbursable item. He continues by stating that the gate will have to remain unlocked.

**OBSTRUCTION LIGHTING:** Member Haithcock reports that there are two lights that are not working. E.T.E.C. Electric continues to do repairs. Ms. Hall states that there are two more E.T.E.C. invoices associated with this project, and that there is not enough grant funding to cover both. She continues by stating that any repairs that are not covered by grant dollars will have to be paid through the MCAA budget.

**REPORT-MAINTENANCE:** See Other Business

**WATER LINE AGREEMENT:** Legal Counsel, Joe Collins presents a map of the water line as proposed in an agreement between the MCAA and Drake Enterprises. He states that Appalachian Construction will be doing the construction. He continues by stating that the contractor will obtain required permits, and will follow the guidelines. The "boxes" will say "valve with a hydrant" and the pipe will be buried 24" to 26" deep to prevent freezing. Mr. Collins continues by stating that this will be a shared well agreement. After further discussion, Member Rhodes makes a motion to develop the shared well agreement between the MCAA and Drake Enterprises, with the understanding that all improvements will be subject to all permitting requirements. Member Jenkins seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Member Haithcock reports that the upstairs heater has been repaired, and that basically two heaters have been repaired and one has been replaced.

Member Haithcock also reports that there is a leak in the "big" hangar which has created damage. Chair Gregory states that he has an estimate from Cox Roofing regarding replacing the roof. Ms. Hall states that she does not suggest taking the amount needed for a new roof from fund balance. After further discussion, Member Jenkins make a motion to authorize Chair Gregory to have discussions with Karl Gillispie, the County Commission liaison, regarding acquiring potential funding for the new roof. Member Rhodes seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent. Ms. Hall states that two more bids are required.

Member Haithcock states that the attic vent is leaking. Member Rhodes suggests replacing this vent with a Midgvent.

Member Haithcock reports that there is wood rot around some of the doors and windows because of rain coming through the glass panes. Chair Gregory states that he will contact the maintenance supervisor regarding possible repairs.

There being no further business to discuss, Member Jenkins makes a motion to adjourn the meeting, with Member Schmitt seconding the motion. The motion passes unanimously, and the meeting is adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Pete Haithcock-Secretary