

Macon County Airport Authority
Minutes of the Regular Meeting Held on April 27, 2010

The Macon County Airport Authority meets on April 27th, 2010 in its office at 1241 Airport Road, Franklin, NC. All Members are present. Also present are Bobby Koppers, County Commissioner; Teresa McDowell, Clerk; Joe Collins, Legal Counsel; Peggy Milton and Neil Hoppe, airport FBO; and Colin McCandless, The Franklin Press. Chairman Gregory calls the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.

MINUTES: Upon a motion by Member Corbin, seconded by Member Haithcock, the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 30th, 2010 are unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION: It is not necessary to hold a public comment session. There is no one present to speak.

ENGINEERING REPORT UPDATE/NC AIRPORT ASSOCIATION MEETING UPDATE: Mr. Rysdon is not present at today's meeting, but he has submitted a report for review. The report states that the NCDOT-Division of Aviation has completed their re-evaluation of the EA and it has been submitted to Parks Preston of the FAA for his review. Once the FAA has made their determination on the NEPA process, the FONSI should be forwarded to Lori Beckwith of the Corps. for her determination as part of the 404 permitting process. Mr. Rysdon also states in his report that the FAA determination is all that Ms. Beckwith is waiting on at this time.

Mr. Rysdon's report also states that they are in the process of reviewing their civil plans, and that the electrical sub is working on the modifications for the vault to handle additional lights and PAPI's. He states that they are working to complete the specifications and that once they receive the information from the Corps., they are ready to advertise the plans for bidding. Mr. Rysdon states that in connection with the stream monitoring project, over the weekend Macon County received over 1 inch of rain and Neil Hoppe was able to provide them with the measurements from the crest gauges in the upper and lower sections of Iotla Branch as required.

Member Haithcock presented a report regarding the information distributed at the North Carolina Airport Association Meeting. He states that federal funding for airports is thirty four (34) billion and that the state has a shortfall of one (1) billion for 2010. However, there should be no cuts in aviation this year. This is due to the fact that there is a ninety seven (97) million dollar Transportation Mobility Fund. There is an emphasis on small airports being in line to help economic development, as well as being useful in civil defense and medivacs. Member Haithcock also reports that a five thousand (5000) feet runway is the key. He also states that local airports need to be marketed. Member Haithcock reports that storm water runoff will be a big issue this year, but that Mike Randall of Water Quality states that a common sense approach should be utilized. Member Haithcock reports that under legal issues the following is emphasized:

1. Reasonable use of the airport; 2. Safety and security; 3. Insurance and experience; 4. Each user requires something different from the airport, however exclusive rights cannot be granted.

Member Haithcock states that each MCAA member will eventually have to go to a class on water quality, conflict of interest, and ethics training. Commissioner Koppers states that he will check into potential ethics training through Macon County. Chair Gregory makes a suggestion that the Macon County Airport Policy and Procedures Manual should be updated. After further discussion, Member Corbin makes a motion to authorize Joe Collins, Legal Counsel, to look over the existing policies and procedures and how it affects the airport. Member Schmitt seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent.

Member Jenkins states that he is interested in looking into whether there is any state money available for educational purposes.

RE-ELECTION OF MCAA OFFICERS: After a discussion, Member Corbin makes a motion to nominate Miles Gregory as Chairman of the MCAA for another term. Member Jenkins seconds the motion. Member Haithcock motions that nominations cease, with Member Corbin seconding that motion. Chair Gregory is re-elected by acclamation and a unanimous vote.

Member Jenkins makes a motion to nominate Harold Corbin as Vice Chairman of the MCAA for another term. Member Schmitt seconds this motion. Member Jenkins then makes a motion that all nominations cease, with Member Haithcock seconding that motion. Member Corbin is re-elected by acclamation and a unanimous vote.

Member Jenkins makes a motion to nominate Pete Haithcock as Secretary-Treasurer of the MCAA for another term. Member Schmitt seconds that motion. Member Schmitt then makes a motion that all nominations cease, with Member Jenkins seconding that motion. Member Haithcock is re-elected by acclamation and a unanimous vote.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Member Jenkins states that he has touched base with Conrad Burrell of the DOT, but that he does not have any information to report regarding the road “bumps” on the bridge at the entrance of the terminal building. Member Corbin states that he will contact Mr. Burrell as well.

Chair Gregory reports that there are still some obstruction lights which are not working. There may be a small amount of grant money available for use in repairing the obstruction lighting. Chair Gregory will contact Dean Blanton of Kings Electric regarding the needed repairs.

Member Haithcock reports that he has received a tree cutting bid in the amount of four thousand two hundred (\$4,200.00) dollars.

Chair Gregory commends Neil Hoppe and Peggy Milton on the conditions of the airport terminal building.

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 4:40.

Respectfully submitted:

Pete Haithcock, Secretary/Treasurer