

Macon County Airport Authority
Minutes of the Regular Meeting on May 26th, 2009

The Macon County Airport Authority met on May 26th, 2009 in its office at 1241 Airport Road, Franklin, North Carolina. Member Jenkins is absent. All other members are present. Also present are Eric Rysdon and Crystal Freeburg, W.K. Dickson; Joe Collins, Legal Counsel; Teresa McDowell, Clerk; Neil Hoppe and Peggy Milton, airport FBO; Jennifer Fuller, Division of Aviation; Tony Wheeler, Macon County News; and several interested citizens.

MINUTES: Upon a motion by Member Corbin, seconded by Member Schmitt, the minutes of the meeting held April 28th, 2009 are unanimously approved.

AGENDA ITEM #3: PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION:

Dolly Reed: Ms. Reed states that she is concerned about the safety of the community in connection with the runway extension. She also asks about the burial sites and the plans to recover any remains.

Olga Pader: Ms. Pader presents a document containing several questions addressed to the authority regarding the runway extension project. These questions are in writing, and a copy is presented to Ms. McDowell and Chair Gregory.

AGENDA ITEM #4: ENGINEERING REPORT: ERIC RYSDON: Mr. Rysdon presents the engineering report, stating that he has been meeting with the Corp of Engineers and the NC Wildlife Commission. He also states that the 401 and 404 permitting process is proceeding satisfactorily. He states that there has been discussion regarding a mitigation exchange of 1:1 for any past impact. He also states that there have been additional soil investigations, and that most hydrology has not changed. In connection to the Phase 1 data recovery, he states that, if the weather holds, TRC is close to completing the mapping, stripping and data recovery process. At completion, there will be a thirty (30) day public review, and that the target date for construction to begin is mid July.

AGENDA ITEM #5: GRANT FUNDING UPDATE: JENNIFER FULLER: Project Manager for the DOA, Jennifer Fuller, announces that there is an additional \$700,000.00 that will be awarded through the Division of Aviation to the Macon County Airport in order to fund the second phase of the data recovery. The second phase of recovery includes the stripping and mapping of 100% of the affected area.

AGENDA ITEM #6: RECOMMENDED APPOINTMENTS FOR AIRPORT AUTHORITY BOARD MEMBERS: After a discussion, Member Schmitt makes a motion to reappoint, by consensus, Member Corbin and Member Jenkins to the Macon County Airport Authority for additional six (6) year terms. Member Haithcock seconds

the motion and it passes by unanimous consent. Member Corbin and Member Jenkins suggested reappointments will be presented to the Macon County Commissioners for final approval.

AGENDA ITEM #7: CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENT TO THE TRC CONTRACT: Eric Rysdon, of W.K. Dickson, presents an amendment to the authority, which will amend the existing contract to include Phase 2 of the data recovery, which includes the stripping and mapping of one hundred (100%) percent of the impact site. Legal Counsel, Joe Collins reviews the amendment and states that it appears “pretty straight forward”, and both he and the engineer advise that the authority proceed with the execution of the contract. After this discussion, Member Corbin makes a motion to approve the addition of the amendment to the existing TRC contract. Member Haithcock seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent.

AGENDA ITEM #8: OTHER BUSINESS

Chair Gregory reports that, because of protests by two of the Oklahoma Tribes involved in the data recovery negotiations, the public viewing days, including the one planned for school children, has been put on hold.

The AWOS weather station has been repaired, and is operating.

There being no further business to discuss, Member Corbin makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Schmitt seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent. The meeting is adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Pete Haithcock, Secretary