

Macon County Airport Authority
Minutes of the Regular Meeting Held on May 27th, 2014

The Macon County Airport Authority holds its regularly scheduled meeting on May 27th, 2014. All members are present with the exception of Member Corbin and Member Jenkins, both of whom are not feeling well. Also present are David Peeler, Jimmy Luther and Greg Kersher of W.K. Dickson; Joe Collins, Legal Counsel; Neil Hoppe, airport FBO; Ryan Hanchett, The Franklin Press; Bobby Coggins, Macon Media.Com; and Teresa McDowell, Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MEETING HELD APRIL 29TH, 2014: After a discussion, Member Schmitt makes a motion to approve the minutes as forwarded. Member Haithcock seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent.

PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION: None

ENGINEERING REPORT: David Peeler; Jimmy Luther; Greg Kersher

David Peeler informs the MCAA that Eric Rysdon has taken a position with another firm, and introduces Jimmy Luther as the engineer who has replaced Mr. Rysdon and who will be handling MCAA projects. He also introduces Greg Kersher as someone who will be working closely with Mr. Luther. Mr. Luther states that he is still bringing himself “up to speed” on projects, but states that the runway widening project is going very well. He states that the milling and lapping should be done this week, and he also reports that the original crack seal process has not been successful because there is a lot of water in the area and the crack seal is not bonding. He states that they are planning a different approach, and will keep the MCAA informed of the process. He also states that the on-site architect will be available for review when digging the potentially affected side of the runway. He states that there are no problems anticipated at this time because they are not digging very deep.

UPDATE ON HAY CUTTING CONTRACT: Chair Gregory states that he has been contacted by an adjacent property owner about the possibility of cutting the grass for hay on the airport property. He states that this person (Mr. Boatwright) has promised immediate removal of any hay bales, and comes recommended. After further discussion, Member Schmitt makes a motion to allow Mr. Boatwright to cut and remove the hay from the designated area. Member Haithcock seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent.

UPDATE ON ADVERTISING PROPOSAL: Member Jenkins is not available to present the report. Chair Gregory tables this agenda item to a future meeting date.

GROUND MAINTENANCE REPORT: Member Haithcock reports that ninety-two percent (92%) of the total budget has been spent, but that the MCAA should not need any additional funds for ground maintenance until after the first of the fiscal year.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Hoppe states that the Jet A fuel tank needs a minor repair. Chair Gregory will contact Steve Ledford regarding this matter.

Mr. Collins presents an offer from Mr. Drake in connection to the hangar. He states that in lieu of the "misunderstanding" regarding the concrete being poured to the hangar front door, Mr. Drake has agreed to the MCAA adding one (1) year to the long term lease. Mr. Collins recommends that the MCAA agree to modify the lease to include an extension of the lease for one year in exchange for any further obligation regarding the concrete pour. After further discussion, Member Haithcock makes a motion to extend the lease as recommended by Mr. Collins. Member Schmitt seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent. Mr. Collins will prepare the addendum to the lease.

Member Haithcock reports that Jimmy Capps from the DOA was at the Macon County Airport on Saturday do an inspection, and that he stated that "everything here looks good." Mr. Capps also stated that grant funding can be used for single point fueling, but it is lower down on the priority list. He also stated that a lot depends on the amount of Jet A traffic utilizing the airport, which Mr. Hoppe addresses by stating that there are more jets utilizing the runway since the extension was done, and that the newer type jets have to use single point fueling. This project is also on Project Manager, Basil Yap's "radar screen." Chair Gregory asks the W.K. Dickson staff present at the meeting to assist the MCAA wherever possible in order to get the single point fueling funded. He states that it is especially important now, because of the increased use of the airport for military traffic, and the runway widening project.

Mr. Peeler initiates a discussion regarding proceeding with the Rehabilitate Runway 7/25 & Parallel Taxiway (Grant #36237.1.14.2), and he states that W.K. Dickson would like to move forward with the design phase of this project, which will include taxiway lighting. He presents a fee agreement (Task Order #5) to do the design work, in order to get ready for the contractors to be able to bid on the project. Task Order #5 includes all services from the design stage through the bidding of the project. Mr. Collins reviews the task order and his recommendation is to not sign it at this time. He states that there is no urgency to make a decision today, two members are not present, and the funding for this project is not in place at this time. After further discussion, the MCAA agrees to commit to moving further with this project, but will not sign Task Order #5 until the match has been voted on by the Commissioners, and the funding is in place, or the language in the task order reflects that there will be no liability to the MCAA for payment to W.K. Dickson, until all state, federal, and local funding specifically for this project is secured.

There being no further business, Member Schmitt makes a motion to adjourn. Member Haithcock seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent. The meeting is adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Pete Haithcock, Secretary