

Macon County Airport Authority  
Minutes of the Regular Meeting on May 27th, 2008

The Macon County Airport Authority met on May 27th, 2008, in its office at 1241 Airport Road, Franklin, North Carolina. Chair Gregory called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m. Members Corbin and Jenkins were absent. All other members were present. Also present were Neal Hoppe and Peggy Milton, airport FBO; Eric Rhysdon, W.K. Dickson; Monty Beck, AA Legal Counsel; and Teresa McDowell, Macon County.

MINUTES: Upon a motion by Member Schmitt, seconded by Member Haithcock, the minutes of the meeting held April 29th, 2008 were unanimously approved.

AGENDA ITEM #3: AIRPORT ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE UPDATE: Chair Gregory stated that the Airport Association Conference was great this year. Member Haithcock stated that one of the main areas of discussion this year was the commuter links utilizing day jets. These day jets are smaller and more fuel efficient, and will be widely utilized in this area in the near future. They were quoted as being the "future of air traffic" by a conference presenter. The day jets also require the 5000 lineal feet of runway, 3400 to land and 3800 to take off, plus the safety areas. Member Haithcock stated that the runway extension project is now more crucial than ever. Member Haithcock and Eric Rhysdon also updated the Authority on public records policy regarding the hangar list, the runway and restricted area access policy, and the Spill Prevention Plan.

AGENDA ITEM #4: LANDSCAPING PROJECT: Chair Gregory submitted a proposal from Ledford's Landscaping and Maintenance, Inc. for \$5,479.50 to be utilized for the landscaping of the front area of the terminal building, as well as the median in the front parking lot. Member Schmitt made a motion to approve acceptance of the proposal as submitted. Member Haithcock seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous consent.

AGENDA ITEM #5: OBSTRUCTION LIGHTING: Chair Gregory stated that all the obstruction lights are now working. King Electric will also be installing LED lights as backup in the near future. Chair Gregory also stated that 3 of the solar panels will need to have the brush cleared from around them very soon.

AGENDA ITEM #6: OTHER BUSINESS: Member Schmitt asked for an update regarding the approach project. Eric Rhysdon will follow up with the Division of Aviation and report back at the next scheduled Authority meeting.

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Peggy Milton asked if there has been any feedback in connection with the SCC/Airport Authority collaboration for the pilot's program. Chair Gregory stated that the planning for the program continues with Franklin High School, Southwestern Community College and the airport authority, and that he will have more information at a future meeting.

Upon motion by Member Haithcock, seconded by Member Schmitt, and upon unanimous approval, the Authority convened to executive session at 4:40 to discuss the progress of the Memorandum of Agreement between the Airport

Authority and the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indians. After a discussion, Member Haithcock made a motion to return to open session at 5:20 p.m. Member Schmitt seconded the motion which was approved by unanimous consent. Upon reconvening in open session, Chair Gregory stated that no action was necessary regarding the executive session discussion.

There being no further business, Member Haithcock made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Schmitt seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous consent. The meeting was adjourned at 5:21. p.m.

Respectfully submitted

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Pete Haithcock