

Macon County Airport Authority
Minutes of the Regular Meeting Held on May 28th, 2013

The Macon County Airport Authority holds its regularly scheduled meeting in its office at 1241 Airport Road, Franklin, North Carolina. All members with the exception of Member Jenkins are present. Also present are: James P. Tate, County Commissioner; Eric Rysdon, Project Engineer; Joe Collins, Legal Counsel; Neil Hoppe, airport FBO; and Teresa McDowell, Clerk. Chair Gregory welcomes all present, and calls the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING HELD APRIL 30TH, 2013: After a discussion, Member Corbin makes a motion to approve the minutes as forwarded for the April 30th, 2013 regularly scheduled meeting. Member Schmitt seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent.

PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION: None

ENGINEERING REPORT-APRON REHABILITATION PROJECT AND UPDATE ON WIDENING OF RUNWAY AND LIGHTING MATTER: Mr. Rysdon updates the MCAA on the runway widening project and presents the plans in connection to this project. The plans indicate removal of a 200' by 40' section which is described as the last connector taxiway before the G area. It is in failing condition and will not be repaired based on the fact that it is no longer used. He states that this is a cost saving measure, based on the non-usage of the area. Mr. Rysdon indicates that the section is not used based on the fact that there is now a full parallel taxiway, which eliminates the need for this particular section. Mr. Rysdon also presents three alternatives to the construction scheduling, which include: 1. Close the airport and do the entire project at one time; 2. Close ½ of the runway at a time, and do all of the paving at once; or 3. Require the contractor to work during the night-time hours. Option 3 will have the minimum amount of impact and the estimate is that the airport will be closed for a week for paving. The estimate of one week is based on capacity of locally provided asphalt availability. After 30 days the crew would come back in and do the striping of the runway. Mr. Rysdon states that Alternate 1 is the most expensive process, Alternate 2 is the most risky as far as safety issues are concerned, and he suggests Alternate 3. He has spoken with various contractors, and night work does not appear to be an issue. The consensus of the MCAA is that alternate 3 is the best choice. Mr. Rysdon is hopeful that he can solicit bids in July. Mr. Hoppe states that in terms of traffic at the airport, September is the best month to do this project. There are less visitors coming through during that month. Mr. Rysdon states that the paving contractor will also be doing the lighting component. After further discussion, Member Corbin makes a motion that the MCAA choose Alternate #3 and allow the engineer to meet with contractors for bid purposes. Member Schmitt seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent. In connection to the funding, Ms. McDowell explains the process of the Macon County match and explains that the Commissioners must vote to award the match in order to obtain the funding. She also

explains that a portion of the match (\$16,667.00) was included in the budget for this fiscal year, but since the Division of Aviation awarded an additional amount of funding totaling \$50,000.00, an additional match of \$5,556.00 of is required. Commissioner Tate will present the information to the Commissioners, and request the match.

REAPPOINTMENT CONSIDERATION FOR MEMBER HAITHCOCK AND CHAIRMAN GREGORY: After a discussion, Member Corbin makes a motion to re-appoint Member Haithcock and Chairman Gregory for additional 6 year terms. Member Schmitt seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent. Chair Gregory expresses his appreciation to the authority for their support.

BUDGET UPDATE: Member Haithcock states that the budget contains \$2,000.00 for the remainder of this fiscal year. He explains that there is no funding for anything extra during this fiscal year.

HANGAR UPDATE: Member Jenkins is not available, and Chairman Gregory states that he is aware that Mr. Jenkins is continuing to work with Mr. Drake in connection to the construction of a hangar at the airport. He also states that the county commissioners approved the loan of the funding to the MCAA to pay for the no-rise study, and that Lamar Sprinkle and Larry Lackey are developing the survey. Chair Gregory states that he will keep the authority informed of any developments.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Member Corbin states that a new Macon County flag is needed.

Chairman Gregory states that the airport grounds need mowing. Member Haithcock states that they are in the process of mowing with Chair Gregory stating that if any hay is bailed, it needs to be removed within 2 days. Chair Gregory will get in touch with Steve Ledford.

Member Haithcock states that the beacon light is illuminating, but is not turning. This light is 25 years old. Mr. Rysdon states that a refurbished one can be purchased for around \$13,000.00 and suggests purchasing one. Chair Gregory will speak with Steve Ledford about providing some figures.

Member Haithcock states that the MCAA must comply with the requirements of the SWPPP within 60 days. At this point, only a visual inspection is necessary.

Member Schmitt presents another estimate for refurbishing the hangar floor. Member Haithcock states that there is not enough money left in the budget to fund this particular project.

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

Respectfully submitted

Pete Haithcock
Secretary