

Macon County Airport Authority
Minutes for the Meeting Held May 31st, 2016

The Macon County Airport Authority holds its regularly scheduled meeting on May 31st, 2016. All members with the exception of Member Jenkins are present. Also present are Joe Collins, Legal Counsel; Jimmy Luther, Project Engineer; Teresa McDowell, Clerk; and Peggy Milton and Neil Hoppe, airport FBO.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD APRIL 26TH, 2016: After a discussion, Member Schmitt makes a motion to approve the minutes as forwarded. Member Rhodes seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent.

PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION: NONE

ENGINEERING REPORT/TAXIWAY PROJECT/BID OPENING: Project Engineer Jimmy Luther reports that there was one appropriate bid (Harrison Construction-APEC) submitted for the apron rehabilitation project, and this bid came in higher than the grant funding awarded. He asks for permission from the authority for latitude to negotiate with the contractor in order to bring the contract price within the grant amount awarded. The bid submitted totaled \$2,345,565.00, and the entire grant, including engineering fees, is for 2.5 million. Mr. Luther will discuss taking one connector out, as well as other non-substantial changes with the contractor, which will affect the cost. He continues by stating that the connector in the middle will have to be removed eventually, but will remain in place for a while. He states that everything is as originally planned except for removing the second taxiway. After further discussion, Member Haithcock makes a motion to allow Project Engineer, Jimmy Luther, to negotiate with the contractor to bring construction costs within the current grant amount awarded. Member Schmitt seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent. Mr. Luther continues by stating that, if the contractor agrees with the change, they can start the construction within thirty (30) days. Their contract allows a one hundred twenty (120) day completion window. The discussion continues with Member Schmitt stating that, if necessary, a phone poll of the MCAA can be conducted, or a special meeting can be called.

FOLLOW UP ON UPGRADE OF CAMERA SYSTEM (HIGH SPEED INTERNET): Member Rhodes states that Member Jenkins is in discussions with Tony Angel regarding putting a link on the Franklin Aviation website so pilots can access the camera view to determine the weather pattern and altitude. Ms. Milton states that she is scheduled to speak with Mr. Angel regarding another matter, and the authority asks her to follow up with Mr. Angel.

MAINTENANCE REPORT: Member Haithcock reports that in connection to the electrical easement for one of the obstruction lights, Duke will “get to it as soon as they can.” He continues by stating that E.T.E.C. is ready to repair the obstruction light as soon as Duke approves.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Member Haithcock states that there is a meeting scheduled for Friday at 12:00 noon in Statesville, N.C. regarding Region 3 safety inspections. Project Engineer Jimmy Luther will be attending.

Mr. Luther states that Todd Myers is leaving the Division of Aviation for a position with the Department of Transportation. He also states that Ms. Hunter is still on leave. Mr. Luther continues by stating that the Division of Aviation has been given twenty-one (21) million in grant funding.

Member Haithcock reports that budgetary issues are continuing to go well, with the exception of the line item for phone expenses which is over this year.

In connection to the advertising kiosk, Member Rhodes asks if this involves a flat screen TV attached to the wall. It is determined that if this is strictly a kiosk style, there will be computer monitors available, rather than a TV.

Member Schmitt states that excitement is rising regarding the "Fly-In" scheduled for later in the year and that the EA is available to mow grass etc. if necessary. It is determined that there will be more discussion regarding this matter during the next regularly scheduled authority meeting.

Chair Gregory states that the Macon County employees have done a great job at maintaining the airport grounds.

It is determined that a new county flag and a new windsock are needed for the airport. Mr. Hoppe states that he has a new windsock available.

Mr. Hoppe states that there was a large amount of traffic at the airport on the weekend. He reports that only two (2) tie downs were vacant.

Ms. Milton states that a regular user of the airport, D.B., has left on an "around the world" trip, and that his progress can be followed through a tracking website.

Member Rhodes expresses disappointment that an AWOS system cannot be installed at the Macon County Airport, and continues by stating that installation of this system will change the airport overnight for the better. Chair Gregory states that he will contact Parks Preston at the FAA to research this item more thoroughly.

There being no further business to discuss, Member Schmitt makes a motion to adjourn the meeting, with Member Rhodes seconding the motion. The meeting is adjourned at 4:50 through unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted:

Pete Haithcock-Secretary

