

Macon County Airport Authority
Minutes of the Regular Meeting Held on May 31st, 2011

The Macon County Airport Authority holds its regularly scheduled meeting in its offices at 1241 Airport Road, Franklin, North Carolina. All members are present. Also present are: Joe Collins, Legal Counsel; Eric Rysdon, Engineer; Neil Hoppe and Peggy Milton, airport FBO; Teresa McDowell, Clerk; Colin McCandless, The Franklin Press and Davin Eldridge, The Macon County News. After welcoming the members and guests, Chair Gregory calls the meeting to order at 4:08 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MEETING HELD ON APRIL 26TH, 2011: After a discussion, Member Schmitt makes a motion to approve the minutes as forwarded. Member Corbin seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent.

PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION: None

ENGINEERING REPORT UPDATE: Mr. Rysdon reports that the paving of the runway extension is complete and the painters are marking the temporary stripes. He also states that the electricity for the lighting should be back on tomorrow. Mr. Rysdon states that the project is “wrapping up” very well. He also states that density tests indicate that the pavement density is above ninety-six (96). Mr. Hoppe expresses concern about the runway closing and states that he cannot “kill” the nodum indicating a closed runway at this time. Mr. Rysdon states that he will speak with the contractor and see if safe landing can be established. The concern for a safe landing involves workers being located on the runway, in this case the electricians.

Mr. Rysdon also reports that he has approached Jennifer Fuller of the DOA in connection to the expense of filling the wildlife attractant area. He states that Ms. Fuller will get back with him this week in connection to making sure this component of the project fits in the grant project scope, and to make sure that expenses can be reimbursed through the existing grants.

Member Haithcock states that he will investigate the obstruction lighting issues, and will check to make sure there are no lines blown down in the woods as a result of the serious thunderstorms which recently passed through the area.

APPROVAL OF “THROUGH THE FENCE” POLICY: Mr. Collins reports to the MCAA that the FAA is now requiring a written “through the fence” policy, which may be submitted through a local resolution or a signed affidavit. Mr. Collins recommends the affidavit process. The policy addresses residential users of the airport passing through to access airport grounds, which is a process that the FAA wants to abolish. After a discussion, Member Schmitt makes a motion to allow Mr. Collins to prepare the affidavit and authorizes Chair Gregory to execute said affidavit. Member Corbin

seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent. Mr. Collins will see that the affidavit is submitted to the FAA.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Member Corbin states that the Macon County maintenance department needs to be informed that the mowing at the airport needs to be done as soon as possible. Chair Gregory will contact Steve Ledford of the maintenance department.

Member Corbin also states that farming continues on one of the pieces of property owned by the MCAA. He states that maintenance of the property as done by farming is a positive thing, but that the person farming the property needs to be notified of the actual property ownership. After further discussion, it is determined that Mr. Collins will research this matter, and write appropriate letters to parties once their identities are known.

Chair Gregory asks for costs from the engineer in connection to extending the city provided water to the airport property borders. Mr. Rysdon states that the cost is estimated to be around 1.15 million dollars. Member Jenkins states that he has had some discussions with Bill Gibson in connection to potential funding for this project. He states that Mr. Gibson will “shop” the project to funding providers during next year’s funding cycle. Member Jenkins also states that he will schedule another conference call with the interested parties to discuss this situation.

There being no further business, Member Corbin makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Schmitt seconds the motions and it passes by unanimous consent. The meeting is adjourned at 5:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Pete Haithcock
Secretary
Macon County Airport Authority

