

Macon County Airport Authority
Minutes of the Regular Meeting Held on June 26th, 2012

The Macon County Airport Authority holds its regularly scheduled meeting in its office at 1241 Airport Road, Franklin, North Carolina. All members are present. Also present are: Joe Collins, Legal Counsel; Bobby Koppers, County Commissioner; Neil Hoppe and Peggy Milton, airport FBO; and Teresa McDowell, Clerk. Chair Gregory welcomes all present and calls the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD ON MAY 29th, 2012: After a discussion, Member Corbin makes a motion to approve the minutes as forwarded. Member Jenkins seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent.

PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION: None

ENGINEERING REPORT: REVIEW OF THE APRON REHABILITATION PROJECT-DISCUSSION OF SUBMITTED BIDS: Project Engineer, Eric Rysdon is not available for this meeting, and Chair Gregory asks for a motion to adjust the agenda for the purpose of discussing the submitted bids for the apron rehabilitation project only. Member Corbin makes the motion, which is seconded by Member Jenkins. The motion passes by unanimous consent. A discussion is held which is in connection to the acceptance of submitted bids, which discussion also includes a possible project scope adjustment. Project Engineer, Eric Rysdon, had requested that bids from contractors include an asphalt option as well as a concrete option. The MCAA initially preferred the concrete option, but the discussion of bids includes an asphalt option which is less expensive than concrete initially, with any remaining funding to be utilized for a single point fueling system which would be located at the Macon County Airport. This is the preferred option of the MCAA based on the increased demand by jet pilots for this type fueling system. The approximate cost of the single point fueling system is \$80,000.00. At this time, Joe Collins contacts Mr. Viventi by phone for clarification for the preferred option, but he is unable to provide a definitive answer as to whether the project scope change will be allowed. Therefore Member Jenkins suggests that the meeting be continued until a definitive answer is obtained from the Division of Aviation regarding the proposed project scope change, with the understanding that the MCAA prefers the asphalt option, as long as it includes the single point fueling project, over the concrete option.

OBSTRUCTION REMOVAL REPORT: This report is tabled until the next regularly scheduled meeting.

UPDATE-RUNWAY LIGHTING REPAIRS: It is reported that the lighting is working properly so long as the lights are locked into the medium setting.

OTHER BUSINESS:

There is a discussion regarding the AWOS repairs, and it is determined that \$3000.00 of grant funding is available for potential repairs.

It is reported that the electric bill which has been averaging \$160.00 per month is now averaging \$400.00 per month. Member Haithcock will try to determine if the runway lights are responsible for the increase.

At this point the MCAA meeting for June 26th, 2012 is recessed until Tuesday, July 10th at 4:00 p.m.

Chair Gregory welcomes all present for the continuation of the June 26th, 2012 meeting that was recessed until today's date, July 10, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. The continuation is for the purpose of continuing the discussion of the apron rehabilitation project and of submitted bids. All members, with the exception of Member Haithcock, are present. Also present are Project Engineer, Eric Rysdon, County Commissioner Bobby Koppers; Legal Counsel, Joe Collins; Neil Hoppe, airport FBO; Teresa McDowell, Clerk; Tim Cochran, Jerry Anderson, Tim Norris, Bobbe Parker, Landon Gibson, Phillip Cochran, Charles Prince and Randy Roper, all of Watson Contracting.

The MCAA engages in a continuation of the discussion in connection to the apron rehabilitation project bid award. At this point, Mr. Phillip Cochran of Watson Contracting asks to speak to the MCAA. Watson Contracting submitted the lowest bid for the asphalt option of the apron rehabilitation project, but was the second lowest bidder for the concrete option, and he explains that he is fearful of legal ramifications if the sub-contractors from which he has requested a letter of intent are not utilized. Mr. Rysdon states that he has now heard back from the Division of Aviation, and that he has been told by the Project Manager, Dion Viventi, that the concrete option over asphalt option is the preferred method of rehabilitation and that the DOA wants to award the grant as bid, and does not want to include the single point fueling proposal in this grant. He also states that he was informed that single point fueling is a project that is grant eligible, but that the DOA does not want to "mix the two". Mr. Rysdon also presents a Life Cycle Cost Analysis and project recommendation in connection to the concrete option vs. asphalt option (Attachment 1), that supports his and the DOA's contention that concrete is the better option. Mr. Rysdon reviews the bids received for both options, and notes that Taylor Murphy is the lowest bidder for the concrete option, with Watson Contracting being the second lowest bidder. Mr. Rysdon states that the lowest responsible bidder is the usual choice in this process, and also states that the Division of Aviation will make

the final decision as to whether the lowest bidder is acceptable, based on the DBE goals and percentages, as well as job capabilities. It is determined that Watson Contracting has meet the DBE goals, but that Taylor Murphy has not, and this may be a consideration when the DOA is considering the correctness of the lowest bid.

After further discussion regarding the awarding of the bid, Member Corbin makes a motion to award the contract to the lowest bidder for the concrete component bid, Taylor Murphy, with the understanding that if the bidder is disallowed by the Division of Aviation, the bid should go to the second highest bidder, Watson Contracting. Member Schmitt seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent. At this point, Mr. Cochran expresses his disappointment that the bid has been awarded to an out of town contractor. Commissioner Koppers also expresses disappointment that the MCAA was unable to award the bid to Watson Contracting, and says that in speaking on the behalf of the County Commissioners, he would like to keep these grant dollars in the county, with local contractors, if at all legally and ethically possible.

There being no further business, Member Corbin makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Schmitt seconds the motion and the meeting is adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

Pete Haithcock
Secretary