

MACON COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY
Minutes for the Meeting Held June 28th, 2016

The Macon County Airport Authority holds its regularly scheduled meeting on June 28th, 2016. All members are present. Also present are: Jim Tate, Macon County Commissioner; Joe Collins, Legal Counsel; Jimmy Luther, Project Engineer; Lori Hall, Macon County Finance Director; Neil Hoppe, airport FBO; Teresa McDowell, Clerk; and Ryan Hanchett, The Franklin Press.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD MAY 31ST, 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. Chair Gregory expresses the appreciation of the authority to Commissioner Tate for his support and input.

PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION: None

ADOPTION OF THE FY 16-17 BUDGET: After a discussion, Member Haithcock makes a motion to adopt the FY16-17 budget as presented to the Macon County Commissioners in the amount of \$60,800.00. Member Jenkins seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent.

ENGINEERING REPORT/TAXIWAY PROJECT: Mr. Luther reports that the lowest bid received for the parallel taxiway project construction phase is over the grant amount awarded, once the engineering fees are processed. He asks the authority to grant permission to him to discuss this matter with the contractor, and the authority authorizes him to meet with the contractor in order to discuss adjusting the bid/change order to meet the grant allowance. Mr. Luther continues by stating that the environmental has been prepared and sent to the DOA staff, who in turn have forwarded it to the FAA in Memphis. He continues by stating that the notice to proceed cannot be issued until the EA is returned. Chair Gregory states that an EA has been prepared several times for the airport, and that the review should be minimal. He continues by asking Mr. Luther how this process can be expedited, and asks if it is appropriate for him to contact Jennifer Fuller at the DOA. Member Rhodes states that the asphalt work should be completed within sixty (60) days once it is started. Mr. Luther also states that LED lights will be installed as part of the project, and will be replacing the existing quartz lights.

UPDATE ON OBSTRUCTION LIGHTING EASEMENTS: Member Haithcock states that Eric with E.T.E.C. is working with Duke Power in connection to getting the easements for the obstruction lights finalized. He also states that Duke is willing to fix some of the lights and work on getting the power back on the turbo. He states that after this is completed, there will be two (2) lights that will need repairs. The authority members express their appreciation to Member Haithcock for his hard work regarding this project.

UPDATE ON KIOSK PROJECT: Member Jenkins states that the kiosk project should be completed in July. He also takes this opportunity to introduce Rose Bauguess, a Regional Planner with the Southwest

Commission, Region A. Ms. Baugess reviews the new and rather complicated process which is now being utilized by the Department of Transportation in order to process grant requests for various transportation improvements. She explains that this new process is a data driven process named the Strategic Transportation Investment (STI), and was developed with the goal of taking politics out of the consideration for transportation needs. The STI consists of three funding sources: 1. Statewide Mobility: 40% of Funds (6 Billion) focus on addressing significant congestion and bottlenecks, with these funds being earmarked for statewide consideration. 2. Regional Impact: 30% of Funds (4.5 Billion) focus on an improvement of connectivity within regions, with these funds dependent upon 70% data and 30% local input. 3. Division Needs: 30% of funds (4.5 Billion), with a focus on local needs. This selection is based on 50% data and 50% local input. Any project submitted will be score driven statewide which is based partly on methodology and partly on the geographic equity amount counties. Six (6%) percent of the available funds are earmarked for non-highway projects, but airports will be competing with roads, bike, and pedestrian needs. All projects are assigned points, and the points system will determine which project receives funding. The board for this district, District 14, will consist of approximately twenty-one (21) people, which include representatives from the local level. The representatives are Ronnie Beale, Macon County Commissioner, Bob Scott, Town of Franklin Mayor and Patrick Taylor, Town of Highlands Mayor. The MCAA members report that the highest priority project for the Macon County Airport is the runway extension, which has been assigned forty (40) points thus far. It is determined that local input is very important in connection to this new process. The Division Engineer for Division 14 is Ed Green. (Handout-Attachment 1-Made a Part of these Minutes)

DISCUSSION OF OPEN HOUSE/EA SPONSORED FLY-IN:

Andy Plouse, the President of the EA Chapter is present to discuss the potential fly-in that is being planned for the potential date of August 13th, 2016. Mr. Plouse states that this event has been scaled down due to the taxiway construction being scheduled for the same time period. This event will consist mostly of having airplanes on site, cooking burgers and possibly a silent auction for donated aviation items. At this point, Mr. Plouse states they are expecting thirty (30) to forty (40) planes, and that this event will involve "getting their feet wet". Hopefully, they can plan an open house and fly-in on a larger scale for October, 2016. Member Schmitt states that this event will be great for directing positive attention on the airport, and that the involvement of the MCAA will be minimal. Chair Gregory asks that Mr. Plouse bring the final details of the event to the MCAA when they have been established.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Plouse states that the EA Chapter members are on the waiting list for hangar space. Mr. Luther states that the DOA will not issue funding for hangars until all safety issues have been addressed. There is a discussion regarding the awarding of a maintenance contract to "Cuttin It Close" for continuous maintenance of the front area of the terminal building/mowing to the road. The contract amount is \$6,000.00 per year. Member Haithcock suggests that the MCAA obtain more bids regarding this matter in that the MCAA needs to be careful with the budgeted dollars. After further discussion, Member Jenkins makes a motion to accept the proposal of Daryl Jamison of "Cuttin it Close" provided that the authority can legally do so. Member Schmitt seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent. Ms. McDowell will forward a copy of the proposal to authority members.

There being no further business, Member Jenkins makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Schmitt seconds the motion which passes by unanimous consent. The meeting is adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Pete Haithcock-Secretary