

Macon County Airport Authority
Minutes of the Regular Meeting Held on June 28th, 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; Bobby Koppers, County Commission liaison and David Eldridge, The Macon County News. Also present are several citizens and dignitaries who are present for the ribbon cutting and dedication of the Macon County Airport runway extension area. The attached attendants' list indicates some, but not all, of the attendees.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MEETING HELD ON MAY 31ST, 2011: 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

RECESS FOR RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY: At 4:02 p.m., Member Jenkins makes a motion to recess the meeting to the runway extension site to facilitate a dedication and ribbon cutting of the runway extension. Member Corbin seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent. The runway has recently been lengthened to five thousand and one feet (5001'). Chair Gregory speaks to the attendees, expressing appreciation for the assistance that has been required in order to complete the project. He especially expresses appreciation for the assistance provided by Parks Preston of the FAA, as well as Macon County Commissioners. Chair Gregory also thanks the MCAA for their hard work. He expresses appreciation to the project engineer, Eric Rysdon and the Division of Aviation engineer, Jennifer Fuller and states that the project has been long term and that patience and perseverance has been necessary in order to see this project completed. Member Jenkins takes the opportunity to express appreciation to Chair Gregory, who has worked tirelessly on this project. After other attendees have been given an opportunity to speak, the group returns to the terminal building, where refreshments are served, and the meeting with the MCAA is called back to order.

OTHER BUSINESS: Project Engineer Eric Rysdon states that there should be two (2) additional invoices forthcoming from Buchanan and Sons. He also states that the filling of the wetlands area, for the purpose of wildlife control, continues to be a part of the Army Corp of Engineers permit which was approved for the runway extension and he reports that Chris Buchanan of Buchanan and Sons has agreed to fill the area for a cost of two hundred thousand thirty dollars (\$230,000.00) or less, and that there is no additional bidding process required. He states that the paving of the runway and other areas is on the FAA list of priority items.

Mr. Rysdon also states that the AWOS maintenance program should be done most any day. He states that technicians will be able to check the system, and that it is probable that an equipment upgrade is needed. Currently one monitor is out and one is “on the way out.” Maintenance or replacement for this system may come from the newest Vision 100 grants.

Mr. Rysdon presents a map for obstruction removal to Member Haithcock, who will be obtaining an estimate for the removal of the obstructive trees.

There being no further business, Member Corbin makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Haithcock seconds the motion and the meeting is adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Pete Haithcock
Secretary
Macon County Airport Authority