

**Macon County Airport Authority
Minutes of the Regular Meeting on July 28th, 2009**

The Macon County Airport Authority met on July 28th, 2009 in its offices at 1241 Airport Road, Franklin, North Carolina. Members Jenkins and Schmitt are absent. All other members are present. Also present are Eric Rysdon, W.K. Dickson; Joe Collins, Legal Counsel; Teresa McDowell, Clerk; Peggy Milton and Neil Hoppe, airport FBO; and Dolly Reed, interested citizen. Chair Gregory calls the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m.

MINUTES: Upon a motion by Member Corbin, seconded by Member Haithcock, the minutes of the regular meeting held on June 30th, 2009 are unanimously approved.

AGENDA ITEM #3: PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION:

Dolly Reed: Ms. Reed states that becoming involved with the issue of the runway extension and data recovery component has been the hardest mission from God. She also states that she has learned a lot about people during this process, some good and some bad. She states that Chair Gregory arranged for her to meet with the supervisor of the data recovery field work, and that she learned a lot about the data recovery process. She also states that her grandmother was a little girl during the Trail of Tears, and she knows about her people. She distributes some sketches she has drawn. She also asks for love and respect, and states that this will be the last Airport Authority meeting that she will attend.

AGENDA ITEM #4: ENGINEERING REPORT UPDATE: ERIC RYSDON: Mr. Rysdon states that since the June meeting, the erosion control plan has been approved. He states that the dirt can now be moved in order to complete all the stripping and mapping. He also states that they are reviewing the 404 permit this week, and it will be ready for submission early next week. He states that he will be meeting with Fish and Wildlife next week, to explain the process that will be implemented regarding overflow. The engineers utilize the DOT pipes and these pipes will always be the control flow, which will not exceed existing conditions. Mr. Rysdon also states that the proposed plan contains ways to insure that during construction, on-site inspectors will be making sure that the contractors give extra care during construction to prevent any sedimentation from entering the stream. Mr. Rysdon states that he will keep the authority advised as to any progress. Mr. Collins asks Mr. Rysdon for a potential timetable, regarding construction initiation. Mr. Rysdon states that if the process continues to go smoothly, advertisement for bids should be done by late fall, with a potential construction time table of April 1st, 2010. The earthwork and pavement components of the project should take about three (3) weeks to complete.

AGENDA ITEM #5: UPDATE ON TREE REMOVAL/LANDSCAPING ISSUES:

MEMBER HAITHCOCK: Member Haithcock states that he will check with Ed Carpenter to determine the status of the tree removal contract. Chair Gregory states that he would like to have crepe myrtle dwarf trees planted along the fence row. He states that he will get estimates for this project.

AGENDA ITEM #6: OTHER BUSINESS:

Member Haithcock states that the dues for the NC Association of Airports in the amount of \$40.00 are now due. Member Corbin makes a motion to pay the dues as referenced. Member Haithcock seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent.

FBO Neal Hoppe reports that the obstruction lights are all working. He also states that the pilots utilizing the airport are very happy with the GPS approach. He states that that the wind sock mechanism needs replacing, and that the state sends the wind sock itself, but the problem is with the mechanism that operates the wind sock. Mr. Rysdon will check into this issue and report back to the authority.

After a discussion with legal counsel, it is decided that there will be no response to a letter directed to the airport authority (as well as other agencies) which is believed to be slanderous in nature.

There being no further business to discuss, Member Corbin makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Haithcock seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent. The meeting is adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Pete Haithcock, Secretary