

Macon County Airport Authority
Minutes of the Regular Meeting on July 29th, 2008

The Macon County Airport Authority met on July 29th, 2008 in its office at 1241 Airport Road, Franklin, North Carolina. Chair Gregory called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m. Members Schmitt and Jenkins were absent. All other members were present. Also present were Eric Rhysdon, W.K Dickson; Monty Beck, AA legal counsel; Teresa McDowell, Macon County; and Neal Hoppe and Peggy Milton, airport FBO.

MINUTES: Upon a motion by Member Corbin, seconded by Member Haithcock, the minutes of the meeting held June 24th, 2008 were unanimously approved.

AGENDA ITEM #3: UPDATE ON ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES: POSSIBLE PAVEMENT RESTRUCTURING GRANT: Eric Rhysdon of W.K. Dickson reported that the plans and specs for the EA should be ready for review next week. He also stated that W.K. Dickson will start putting together the erosion control plans. Once these plans are developed, the archaeologist will need to be chosen. Mr. Rhysdon states that W.K. Dickson may subcontract with the Airport Authority in order to enable them to solicit bids, or they may proceed with a public notice for bid. There are no specific requirements for the archaeologist, except that he is NC certified. At this point, cost, qualification and schedule are the most important considerations in choosing an archaeologist. All other permitting, including the 401 and the 404, is delayed until the EA is approved. Mr. Rhysdon proposed a timeline of the end of the year for the 25% data recovery to be completed, the first of next year for receiving bids, and the commencement of actual construction in the spring. Mr. Rhysdon also commented on the possible pavement restructuring grant. He stated that, to his understanding, it is a state grant that has been developed in response to Macon County's and other airports' TIP study. He stated that Raleigh has requested a cost estimate for Macon County for the purpose of pavement restructuring, and hopefully the request is an indication that Macon County will receive a grant for restructuring purposes.

AGENDA ITEM #4: OTHER BUSINESS

At the suggestion of Monty Beck, the AA legal counsel, Member Haithcock made a motion to permit Chairman Gregory to sign the finalized MOA on behalf of the Airport Authority, upon presentation to him by the FAA. Member Corbin seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous consent.

FBO Neal Hoppe stated that fuel purchases were up by 50% this year. He also stated that this year has been the busiest of his experience. He is basing that statement on his experience as FBO for the previous ten years.

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At this time, there being no further business, Member Corbin made a motion to adjourn, with Member Haithcock seconding the motion. The motion passed by unanimous consent and the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pete Haithcock, Secretary