

Macon County Airport Authority
Minutes of the Regular Meeting Held on July 31st, 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; Eric Rysdon, Project Engineer; Dion Viventi, DOT Project Manager; Bobby Koppers, County Commissioner; Peggy Milton and Neil Hoppe, Airport FBO; Teresa McDowell, Clerk; Mitchell Smith and Tom Stovall. 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 JUNE 26TH, 2012 (CONTINUED ON JULY 10TH, 2012): After a discussion, Member Corbin makes a motion to approve the minutes as forwarded. Member Schmitt seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent.

PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION: None

ENGINEERING REPORT: Mr. Rysdon defers to Mr. Dion Viventi for a report from the DOT/DOA. Mr. Viventi states that 1) The contractor for the construction phase of the Apron Rehabilitation Project has been approved and the guaranteed funding is in place; 2) Bobby Walston of Visalis Services is scheduled to replace the monitors for the AWOS; 3) There is the potential to have a grant awarded for next fiscal year that is projected to be used to strengthen the overlay and the taxiway/runway. The funding should be available for design. Commissioner Koppers suggest that the match for the potential grant be discussed in the January, 2013 Commissioners Budget meeting. Chair Gregory states that when widening/strengthening the runway, the runway lighting issue needs to be addressed. He states that the wiring is old, and that it needs to be replaced. Mr. Viventi states that unfortunately, the lighting is not a priority project (it is not designated as a 200 Priority Level Project) at this time, but may be bid as an additional alternative. Member Corbin states that that the runway is still listed as four thousand four hundred (4400') feet in some publications/websites. Mr. Rysdon states that the updated information for airports is coming out next month (Airport Facility Directories) and he will follow up to make sure the appropriate runway length is included. Mr. Hoppe suggests that pilots check the nodums for information regarding runway length. Mr. Rysdon speaks to the potential widening of the runway to one hundred (100') feet, explaining that the class of aircraft landing at the airport falls into the C2 aircraft category, which includes the Cessna Citation. Mr. Hoppe states that two Cessnas landed at the airport yesterday. Mr. Viventi asks that Mr. Hoppe's operations report be submitted to his office in order to support the necessity of the runway widening. Chair

Gregory states that the authority will meet with Mr. Viventi at a later date to prioritize projects. Chair Gregory also expresses appreciation for the DOA's support. Mr. Rysdon and Mr. Viventi will also work together in order to set priorities.

Mr. Rysdon states that with the acceptance of the low bidder through the DOA, he will contact Taylor-Murphy to get the documentation together and to schedule the pre-construction meeting. Mr. Collins will review the documentation, and get back to Chair Gregory as soon as possible. The project should be started within two (2) weeks and should take one hundred twenty (120) days. The project area will consist of concreting the runway, with the area behind the buildings being asphalted. Any blacktop removed will be taken off-site, where it will be re-used.

OBSTRUCTION REMOVAL REPORT: Mr. Rysdon and Member Haithcock looked at the stakes at 25 North End. Mr. Rysdon states that this will be the priority area and will look at the opposite end of the runway in terms of obstruction removal at a later date. Chair Gregory expresses appreciation for the work done thus far.

OTHER BUSINESS: Mr. Rysdon presents Task Order #2-Apron Rehabilitation (Construction Phase Services) for execution by the authority. After a discussion, Member Corbin makes a motion to authorize Chair Gregory to sign said task order. Member Schmitt seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent.

Member Haithcock states that the airport grounds need attention, and that the authority wants to make sure the area looks good.

There being no further business, Member Corbin makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Schmitt seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent. The meeting is adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Pete Haithcock
Secretary