

Macon County Airport Authority
Minutes of the Regular Meeting on August 25th, 2009

The Macon County Airport Authority meets on August 25th, 2009 in its office at 1241 Airport Road, Franklin, North Carolina. All members are present. Also present are Joe Collins, Legal Counsel; Eric Rysdon, W.K. Dickson; Teresa McDowell, Clerk; Neil Hoppe and Peggy Milton, airport FBO; David Tell, Macon County News; and Colin McCandless, Franklin Press. Chair Gregory calls the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.

MINUTES: Upon a motion by Member Jenkins, seconded by Member Corbin, the minutes of the regular meeting held on July 28th, 2009 are unanimously approved.

AGENDA ITEM #3: PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION:

Colin McCandless: Mr. McCandless asks the MCAA to comment on the alleged meeting held on Wednesday, August 20th at the Macon County Airport. He is concerned as to whether this alleged meeting fell under the open meeting laws. Legal Counsel Collins explains that certain members of the Airport Authority hosted a site visit for the DOT and FAA, but there were only two (2) members of the MCAA present, therefore there was not a majority of authority members present. Also, it is explained that this was a site visit for these agencies, not a business meeting, and that there was no Macon County Airport Authority business discussed.

AGENDA ITEM #4: ENGINEERING REPORT UPDATE: Mr. Rysdon reports that the application has been submitted, along with the permits to the Department of Water Quality. He states that DWQ is looking at reducing the wetland area based on submitted soil samples. Mr. Rysdon states that he will know more about the proposed reduced wetland area by tomorrow. He also states that an on-site meeting with DWQ is tentatively scheduled for next week.

Mr. Rysdon also states that he is very pleased to see the quality of the job that TRC is doing in connection with the data recovery project. He states that he is also glad to see how pleased Russ Townsend of the EBCI is with the progress of this project.

Mr. Rysdon states that the AA needs to start thinking about borrowing soil for the fill site. He reports that around 150,000 cubic yards will be necessary for the job. Chair Gregory states that he had had a verbal commitment from Macon County in connection with utilizing dirt currently stored on the new library site. Mr. Rysdon states that he will need the commitment in writing. After this discussion, Member Corbin makes a motion to submit an official request to the Macon County Commissioners asking for permission for use of the excess dirt located directly on the south side of the library, said dirt to be available for use for the runway extension project. Member Jenkins seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent. Mr. Rysdon states that said dirt will be subject to impaction testing.

Chair Gregory also asks Mr. Rysdon to research obtaining permission for a data recovery site visit which will be set up for public school students. Mr. Rysdon states that the EBCI is agreeable to a site visit, but the associated Oklahoma Tribes are resistant. However, he states that the Oklahoma Chapter has given the EBCI decision making power over this project, and he will discuss this proposal in more detail with Russ Townsend. Chair Gregory states that he believes that this is a good event to sponsor, if it can be done properly. He also states that Tasha, Archeologist and Project Manager for TRC, is very knowledgeable about his project and can explain the details to a group. Mr. Rysdon states that this project is moving along very well, and will probably wrap up by mid-October. Chair Gregory states that the MCAA and County Commissioners should be commended for their patience and support in connection with this project.

AGENDA ITEM #5: UPDATE ON TREE REMOVAL: Member Haithcock reports that two (2) trees have been removed thus far. He also states that around one-half of the targeted area has been cleaned up. He also researched the cost of the crepe myrtle trees for the lining of the roadway to the terminal building. He states that the trees can be purchased for five (\$5.95) dollars and ninety five cents. Member Haithcock will continue following up on this project.

AGENDA ITEM #6: OTHER BUSINESS:

Chair Gregory makes a suggestions that someone needs to be hired to remove the weeds and grass from the planters in front of the terminal building. Member Haithcock will follow up on this suggestion.

FBO Hoppe states that economically, things are “softer” this year than last, but business continues to be good. He states that they have sold more jet fuel than AV gas this year. Mr. Hoppe also states that there have been many positive comments from pilots regarding the GPS system.

There being no further business to discuss, Member Jenkins makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Corbin seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent. The meeting is adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Pete Haithcock, Secretary