

Macon County Airport Authority
Minutes of the Regular Meeting Held on August 28th, 2012

The Macon County Airport Authority holds its regularly scheduled meeting in its office at 1241 Airport Road, Franklin, North Carolina. All members, with the exception of Member Jenkins, are present. Also present are: Joe Collins, Legal Counsel; Eric Rysdon, Project Engineer; Bobby Koppers, County Commissioner; Neil Hoppe and Peggy Milton, airport FBO; Teresa McDowell, Clerk; Tom Stowall and Rick Snyder. Chair Gregory welcomes all present and calls the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD ON JULY 31ST, 2012: After a discussion, Member Corbin makes a motion to approve the minutes as forwarded. Member Haithcock seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent.

PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION: None

ENGINEERING REPORT-APRON REHABILITATION PROJECT: Mr. Rysdon reports that the contractor, Taylor and Murphy Construction Co., Inc., mobilized equipment yesterday and he also reports that Watson Contracting, Inc. has been retained as the local subcontractor. He states that the loaner fuel trucks have arrived, and that the airport FBO will be able to continue to sale fuel during construction. Mr. Rysdon reports that the contractor is eager to get started and that the MCAA should be seeing good progress during the next couple of weeks. Mr. Rysdon reports that this project should be completed within one hundred twenty (120) days, if weather does not become a factor. Chair Gregory asks that if there are any problems/changes necessary during the construction phase, that work will be shut down immediately, and a change order be acquired by the MCAA before the project continues.

OBSTRUCTION REMOVAL REPORT: Member Haithcock reports that he has spoken with Wayne Lynch, whose property contains trees that must be removed based on the obstruction removal data. He states that there is no problem with removing trees from this property. He also states that he and Mr. Rysdon will work together to get the contractor to drop the trees, push out trees when possible, and grind the pine trees.

DISCUSSION OF LANDSCAPING ISSUES: Chairman Gregory states that he is disappointed in the appearance of the entry area to the airport and the front of the terminal building. Member Haithcock states that if the MCAA is not responsible for mowing fees, there should be funding available to landscape and clean up the referenced

areas. Commissioner Kupperts states that it is important to keep up the appearance of the airport and he will speak with County Manager, Jack Horton, regarding waiving the mowing fees so funding will be available for landscaping. He also states that there is an important event coming up in the near future, and dignitaries will be flying into the Macon County Airport. Chair Gregory states that the Manager/VP of Harrah's Casino will also be flying in to the Macon County Airport in order to determine the nature of the facilities and to determine if they can support casino traffic. Member Haithcock will get in touch with Paul Knoepp in order to facilitate the landscaping for as soon as possible.

DISCUSSION OF LIGHTING ISSUES: Chair Gregory states that it has come to his attention that several of the obstruction lights are inoperative, as well as the PAPI on the east side of the runway. Mr. Rysdon will check on the PAPI lights, and states that the company should be in the process of sending out new circuit boards.

OTHER BUSINESS: It is stated that the AWOS system has been approved for one (1) monitor, but needs two (2) in order to function correctly.

Mr. Hoppe states that they currently have to divert traffic behind the hangars because of a large gully wash. Mr. Rysdon will leave a note for the inspector and ask that the gully be temporarily repaired.

Mr. Hoppe also states that the gate is still inoperable. Chair Gregory will talk to Macon County maintenance regarding the repair.

There being no further business, Member Corbin makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Haithcock seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted:

Pete Haithcock
Secretary