

Macon County Airport Authority
Minutes of the Regular Meeting Held September 25th, 2007

The Macon County Airport Authority held its regular meeting on September 25th, 2007 in its offices located at 1241 Airport Road, Franklin, North Carolina. Chair Gregory called the meeting to order at 4:16 p.m. Members Jenkins and Corbin were absent. All other members were present. Also present were Steve Walker and Joseph J. Barkevich of W.K. Dickson; Monty Beck, Legal Counsel for the Airport Authority; Neal Hoppe, Airport FBO; and Teresa McDowell, Macon County.

MINUTES: No minutes were approved. The minutes for the July 31st, 2007 meeting will be addressed at the October 30th, 2007 meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #3: ACCEPTANCE OF VISION 100 GRANT FUNDING FOR 2008-GRANT #36237.1.9.1: Upon motion by Member Schmitt, seconded by Member Haithcock and unanimously approved by the Authority, the Vision 100 Grant funding for 2008 was accepted. The intended project scope will be discussed and decided upon at a future meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #4: UPDATE ON THE EA: Steve Walker from W.K. Dickson stated that he had received the FAA and DOA comments regarding the environmental assessment on today's date. He stated that he needed to address the comments, because the input from these parties will eventually become a part of the EA report. However, the Authority had previously requested that W.K. Dickson stop work on the EA until further notice. After a discussion, Member Schmitt made a motion to allow W.K. Dickson to complete work on the Environmental Assessment. Member Haithcock seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous consent. Steve Walker stated that the EA should be completed within the next month.

AGENDA ITEM #5: APPROVAL OF THE MOA WITH THE EASTERN BAND OF THE CHEROKEES: Chair Gregory presented the Authority a final draft of the Memorandum of Agreement between the FAA, the Macon County Airport Authority, NC State Historic Preservation Office, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma regarding the mitigation of adverse effects to 31MA77 to be incurred during the proposed Macon County airport extension project. Chair Greogory stated that all parties to the agreement have agreed to sign, with the exception of the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indians and the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma. Monty Beck, Legal Counsel for the Airport Authority had only one concern in regard to the Authority signing the MOA, which involved a graphic for the re-burial site that was referred to, but not included, in the Memorandum. After further discussion, Member Haithcock made a motion to authorize Chair Gregory to sign the Memorandum of Agreement on behalf of the Airport Authority, subject to review by the FAA, the Authority and the historic preservation office, and dependant upon no further changes being made. Member Schmitt seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous consent.

AGENDA ITEM #6: OTHER BUSINESS: FBO Neal Hoppe presented a report of necessary repairs needed at the airport. These repairs included 4 taxiway lights being inoperative, and an issue regarding the open culverts throughout the property allowing dogs access to the airport grounds. The Authority will speak with County maintenance for suggestions on how to remedy the culvert situation. The Authority will also speak to maintenance about leaving extra bulbs at the Airport. FBO Hoppe stated that he and his crew will be happy to install bulbs as needed, if the extra bulbs are made available. A safety issue regarding faded markings on the runway and taxiway was discussed. Steve Walker will contact the DOT regarding getting the markings re-painted.

There being no further business, Member Haithcock made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Schmitt seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous consent. The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pete Haithcock