

The Macon County Airport Authority  
Minutes for the Meeting Held September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017

The Macon County Airport Authority holds its regularly scheduled meeting on September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at the Macon County Airport. All members are present. Also present are: Greg Kershaw, W.K. Dickson; Lori Hall, Macon County Finance Director; Joe Collins, Legal Counsel; Teresa McDowell, Clerk; Peggy Milton and Neil Hoppe, airport FBO; and Ryan Hanchett, The Franklin Press. Chair Gregory welcomes all of those who are present and calls the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD AUGUST 29<sup>TH</sup>, 2017: After a discussion, Member Schmitt makes a motion to approve the minutes as forwarded. Member Rhodes seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent.

PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION: None

ENGINEERING REPORT: Mr. Kershaw is present to report on the progress of the taxiway project. He states that the lighting contractor will be finished by the end of the week. The taxiway can then be re-opened. He continues by stating that there are still some lighting issues that may not be quite ready, including the helipad, but that operations can continue without these. Mr. Kershaw continues by stating that the final inspection will be scheduled for late next week.

In connection to the ALP, the aerial data has been accessed, but it has not been analyzed as of yet. Mr. Kershaw reports that the obstruction removal project that the authority is requesting should be addressed in November. Chair Gregory inquires as to available grants through the Division of Aviation that can be utilized for obstruction removal, continuing by stating that there is a safety issue involved. Mr. Kershaw explains that there are normally grants available for obstruction removal projects. He continues by stating that once the obstructions are identified through the aerial survey, a work authorization can be developed, which will include bidding, advertising etc.

Mr. Kershaw continues by stating that there are STI funding sources available. These grants are competitive and the competition may include roadways, bridges etc. These projects are rated in a particular way, and if rated high enough, the local match may be waived. The airport has been approved for a runway extension project through this funding component, and the local match may be waived for this particular project. Mr. Kershaw suggests that the ramp extension project be included on the ALP, and that the timing is very good for getting these type projects funded 100% through the DOT. FBO Hoppe states that he had to turn pilots away during the eclipse because of the lack of parking available. He expresses that he certainly sees a need for a ramp expansion and he continues by stating that he is seeing more and bigger aircraft landing at the airport.

The discussion continues with the need for a single point fueling system being emphasized as something that is becoming more and more necessary. Mr. Hoppe states that several aircraft that are landing at the Macon County Airport can only be fueled using a single point fueling system. He continues by stating that there is an issue with the flowage rate from the fuel farm tanks, and that it is taking twice as long to fill as it has in the past. He thinks that there may be an obstruction in the pipe. He continues by stating that this issue has only come up since the apron construction project started. Mr. Kershaw states that he will research this with the contractor and if this issue resulted from the apron construction, Mr. Kershaw will meet with them regarding this matter. He continues by stating that the contractors will be responsible if it is found that the construction did cause the issue.

KIOSK REPORT: Member Jenkins reports that the kiosk was in working condition, but that the computer was mishandled which resulted in an outage. He states that it should be repaired "fairly shortly". Chair Gregory states that being able to sell ads on the kiosk will be a good source of income for the airport.

MAINTENANCE REPORT: Member Haithcock reports that there was an accident on the airport grounds, and that the fence was damaged. He states that he is unsure of the repair costs at this time. The driver's insurance should pay for any damages.

The nitrate water test was confirmed, and there is no nitrate present in the water supply.

Member Haithcock states that weed-eating in the front needs to be done one more time, and that one more mowing around the perimeter needs to be done.

There is rot around the windows in the upstairs of the terminal building. The windows are leaking.

Member Rhodes confirms that the water line area has been seeded for grass.

AWOS UPDATE: Member Jenkins reports that there may be a charge for adding the cameras to the Franklin Aviation website. There are some technical issues involved. Member Rhodes will research this issue and Member Jenkins will touch base with Tony Angel. The AWOS can be accessed "in the air" but not on the ground.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Ms. Hall suggests that the MCAA present a Capital Improvement Plan to Macon County, indicating any capital improvement projects that are on the TIP, which will need match money from Macon County.

There being no further business to discuss, Member Jenkins makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Rhodes seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent. The meeting is adjourned at 4:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Pete Haithcock, Secretary