

Macon County Airport Authority  
Minutes of the Regular Meeting on September 30, 2008

The Macon County Airport Authority met on September 30th, 2008 in its office at 1241 Airport Road, Franklin, North Carolina. All members were present. Also present were Eric Rysdon, W.K. Dickson; Monty Beck, AA Legal Counsel; Teresa McDowell, Macon County; Neal Hoppe and Peggy Milton, airport FBO; and Mark West of the Economic Development Commission. Chair Gregory called the meeting to order at 4:09 pm.

MINUTES: Upon a motion by Member Corbin, seconded by Member Haithcock, the minutes of the meeting held August 26th, 2008 were unanimously approved.

AGENDA ITEM #3: UPDATE OF EA: Eric Rysdon stated that the Airport Authority should have the final, executed MOA between the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indians and the Macon County Airport Authority by next week. The mitigation for the runway extension is in the final stages, and the finalized MOA will be included in the mitigation process. Once this is accomplished, the EA, with the accompanying MOA, will be forwarded to the Division of Aviation.

AGENDA ITEM #4: OBSTRUCTION REMOVAL FROM RUNWAY AREA DISCUSSION: Chair Gregory stated that he will contact Steve Ledford of the Macon County maintenance department regarding the removal of obstructive trees from both ends of the runway.

AGENDA ITEM #5: DISCUSSION OF PERIMETER FENCING WITH REGARD TO THE RUNWAY EXTENSION AREA: Chair Gregory stated that a criteria of the 5010 Airport Data Collection Program stated that there is a close-in obstruction to runway 25 due to a 5' fence located 162' +/- from the end of the runway and offset 77' +/- to left (pilot's approach view) as shown on the photograph enclosed.- Chair Gregory instructed Eric Rysdon to inspect the subject fencing, determine how to alleviate the problem, and report back to the Airport Authority. Mr. Rysdon stated that, during a discussion with JESM Consultant, James E. Capps, it was determined that it was permissible to wait until a contractor is on site in connection with the runway extension project, before correcting the fencing situation. Mr. Rysdon has stated he will determine the necessary corrections prior to that time.

AGENDA ITEM #6: UPDATE ON INSTALLATION OF PARKING LOT CURBS: Member Haithcock reported on the cost of installing parking curbs in the front parking lot. He stated that "rubberized" curbs are priced at \$34.00 each, but this figure does not include shipping. The curbs weigh about 34 pounds each, and for the front parking lot 48 curbs are needed. Therefore shipping costs could be significant. Member Haithcock stated that he will acquire costs for concrete curbs for comparison, and will report back to the Airport Authority at the next scheduled meeting.

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AGENDA ITEM #7: UPDATE ON RUNWAY STRIPING/TAXIWAY MARKINGS: Eric Rysdon reported that he has followed up on the scheduling of the runway striping with the DOT, and has asked them to make Macon County Airport a priority. He also stated that the necessary markings for the taxiway/accompanying areas should be completed during October of 2008.

AGENDA ITEM #8: OTHER BUSINESS:  
Member Jenkins introduced Mark West, the Chairman of the Economic Development Commission. After a discussion, Member Jenkins made a motion to offer the Economic Development Commission the airport authority office space located at

the Macon County Airport, for use by the future EDC Director, if desired. Member Corbin seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous consent. Eric Rysdon presented a report by FAA Procedures Specialist, Jeff Anderson regarding a possible partial night restriction for the approach to the Macon County Airport. After a discussion, Member Corbin made a motion to accept the recommendation of a component of this report, and restrict any circle landing approach to Runway 07 during identified night time hours. Member Haithcock seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous consent.

Chair Gregory asked for suggestions for a date for the Airport Authority Christmas dinner. After a discussion, it was decided that the dinner will be held on Thursday, December 4th, 2008 at 6:00 pm. It was also recommended that the staff of Fat Buddies Restaurant cater the event.

Eric Rysdon presented a potential airport area plan which included possible hangar sites. He provided copies to the authority for markup and future discussion. FBO Hoppe states that he has a list of around 40 names who would be interested in hangar space immediately. Member Jenkins suggested that W.K. Dickson start mitigation of chosen potential sites upon completion of the runway project. Chair Gregory asked that Member Jenkins and Member Schmitt research prices of various hangar styles and report back to the authority at the next scheduled meeting.

Peggy Milton presented a check from Franklin Aviation, Inc. to the Macon County Airport Authority representing payment of the contracted lease payment for the period of October, 2008 to September, 2009.

There being no further business, Member Schmitt made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Jenkins seconded the motion and with unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned at 5:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

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Pete Haithcock, Secretary