

Macon County Airport Authority
Minutes of the Meeting Held on March 26th, 2024

The Macon County Airport Authority holds its regularly scheduled meeting at the Macon County Airport. All members are present. Also present are Greg Kershaw, Project Engineer; Stuart Sloan, Legal Counsel; Jim Rogers, Member of the Public; and Teresa McDowell, Clerk. Chair Schmitt welcomes all present and calls the meeting to order at 4:11 pm.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 27TH, 2024: After a brief discussion, Member Rhodes makes a motion to approve the minutes as forwarded. Member Shuler seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent.

PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION: None

OLD BUSINESS:

ENGINEERS REPORT: Mr. Kershaw reports that the final inspection on fuel farm has been done. Chair Schmitt inquires as to whether the flow of gas has improved, because it has been very slow. Mr. Kershaw will make sure this is checked before the end of the warranty period. Mr. Kershaw also reports that per Martha Hodge at the Division of Aviation, a robust catex should be included on the hangar design project. Mr. Kershaw states that he is currently rewriting the project scope and should have a new description ready before the next meeting date.

FOLLOW UP ON HANGAR REPAIR FUNDING: Member Horton states that he has obtained a list of repairs needed for the downstairs area of the “old” terminal building, as provided by Jack Morgan, the project consultant. He has also asked Ronnie Beale, a licensed contractor to prepare an estimate of the cost involved. The estimate submitted is \$98,000.00 with a 15% overhead, bringing the total to approximately \$112,000.00. The grant involved in this upgrade will be monitored through Corley Bartholomew at Region A. Member Horton continues by stating that there are no formal bids necessary, and that bids should be obtained per Mr. Beale’s specifications. There will be a training offered on April 2nd that will provide more information regarding required documentation for this grant. The authority requests Ms. McDowell to attend the training. Chair Schmitt will provide a specifications list, utilizing both Mr. Morgan’s and Mr. Beale’s information.

FOLLOW UP ON REPORT OF THE VIRTOWER SOFTWARE CONTRACT: Ms. McDowell will contact the Division of Aviation to see if any other information is needed before the Virtower Software Contract invoice is paid. The amount is \$6,000.00, with the Division of Aviation providing half the cost of \$3,000.00 on a reimbursement basis.

REPORT ON POTENTIAL PROPERTY CLEARANCE: Member Haithcock reports that the Forest Service has cleared the northeast end of the runway up to a point. There was a delay based on equipment issues with the Forest Service. There is also an issue regarding a power company utility pole, which needs to be addressed.

UPDATE ON RUNWAY LIGHTS REPAIR/REPLACEMENT: There is a discussion regarding the runway lights and why they need frequent repairs. The lights available at the airport are “fairly new” and are treated with fire ant poison regularly, since some damage can be caused by an ant infestation. Ms. Crone will provide estimates on the repair of the lights.

NEW BUSINESS:

DISCUSSION OF NON-OPERATING RUNWAY CAMERAS: The cameras are currently in working order.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Member Horton and Member Haithcock will be attending the N.C. Airport Association meeting in Asheville this year.

There being no further business to discuss, Member Rhodes makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Horton seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent. The meeting is adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Pete Haithcock, Secretary