

Macon County Airport Authority
Minutes for the Meeting Held May 26th, 2020

The Macon County Airport Authority holds its regularly scheduled meeting on April 28th, 2020. All members are present. Also present are: Karl Gillespie, Macon County Commissioner; and Teresa McDowell, Clerk. Chair Schmitt calls the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: After a brief discussion, Member Rhodes makes a motion to approve the minutes as forwarded. Member Horton seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent.

PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION: None

APPROVAL OF THE FY-20/21 BUDGET: The authority has a discussion regarding the Budget Request for FY 2020-2021. There is some confusion regarding the responsibilities of the FBO vs. the responsibilities of the authority in connection to maintenance issues. Member Horton states that property maintenance etc. has to be taken care of, either by the authority or the FBO. Member Rhodes states that the obstruction lighting is important as well. The consensus is that, per the lease, the FBO is responsible for both the obstruction lighting and the grounds maintenance. Member Horton makes a motion to approve the county budget request for FY 2020-2021 as presented by Member Haithcock. Member Rhodes seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent. The approved budget for FY 2020-2021 is \$33,650.00. The required public hearing for the budget is scheduled for the next MCAA meeting to be held Tuesday, May 26th, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.

DISCUSSION OF RUNWAY ASSESSMENT LETTER: Chair Schmitt received a letter dated April 20, 2020 from the Department of Transportation that stated that the STIP project AV-5850 is being delayed because the documentation on file does not support the proposed runway extension in the next ten (10) years. It is determined that any missing documentation needs to be identified, and that this matter needs to be followed up with the engineer. There is further discussion regarding the archaeological analysis reporting that is due from TRC, and is an issue in continuing with the required MOA for the extension. Member Horton will contact Paul Webb of TRC for a status update.

ELECTION OF AUTHORITY CHAIRMAN/VICE CHAIRMAN: After a discussion, Member Rhodes makes a motion to nominate Vice Chairman Gary Schmitt to fill the unexpired term of Chairman vacated by Miles Gregory. Member Haithcock seconds the nomination. Member Schmitt is elected by acclamation. Member Haithcock makes a motion to nominate Member Jack Horton as Vice-Chair for the unexpired term vacated by Member Schmitt. Member Rhodes seconds the nomination and it passes by acclamation. Member Schmitt and Member Horton will serve for the unexpired time of six (6) year terms.

OTHER BUSINESS:

The bump in the runway continues to be a problem.

The CARE Act funding requires research in order to determine the best way to utilize the funds.

Commissioner Gillespie has had discussions with the Chief of the Eastern Band, which sound favorable in connection to moving ahead with the MOA and environmental mitigation.

Respectfully submitted:

Pete Haithcock, Secretary-Treasurer