

**MACON COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY
MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF
26 JANUARY 2016**

The Macon County Airport Authority holds its regularly scheduled meeting on January 26, 2016. All members are present. Teresa McDowell, clerk, is absent due to illness. Also present is engineer Jimmy Luther, W.K. Dickson.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes from the previous meeting are not yet available.

PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION: None

KIOSK ADVERTISING REPORT: Member Jenkins reports that the kiosk is up and running. In February, Highlands Media Works, and EDC purchased the hardware. Sponsors will pay for contents, and costs are \$350 for video, or \$150 per year. Tommy Jenkins will send an email to the members.

OBSTRUCTION LIGHTING REPORT: Member Haithcock reports that Duke Energy is going to reinstall the power line across the Rogers property. He states that they are also looking into new solar panels, and that he needs to confirm the amount of funds available. There is a continuing discussion with Duke over the ownership of the line, and it is noted that Duke may contribute by paying for the reinstallation including clearing the right of way. Chair Gregory asks for a time frame.

ENGINEERING REPORT: Mr. Luther reports that the mapping will be complete by April 1, and that he is hoping for good bids on the taxiway. He continues by stating that the direct connection between the apron and the runway will need to be addressed, and that the MCAA will need to try to obtain additional funds for this. It is now mandated, and the plans will need to be altered to include this. The taxiway LED lighting system will be included in the project.

CAMERA INSTALLATION: Richard Rhodes reports that the cameras and DVR's are installed. Lester Ramey, the installer, is also present at the meeting. He states that the upload through the internet is slow. There are four cameras, some of which need a slight location adjustment. The internet service is through Frontier. 1.6 is barely adequate. Tony Angel Media handles the website, and it is noted that faster internet is needed. Cameras are most helpful to inform pilots of weather conditions to help them decide whether to fly into Franklin rather than to assist with actual landing. The future of the airport is to develop additional night traffic. The main gate needs a push button procedure. A typical gate lets public out but requires a code to enter.

BUDGET REQUEST DISCUSSION: Lori Hall was not present. Pete Haithcock reported that this year the budget is on target. The propane costs are greatly reduced. The power bill for the beacon is approximately \$80.00 per month. The insurance has

been paid. There are no new expenditures expected. Chairman Gregory would like to allocate funds for mowing and maintenance. Richard Rhodes and Pete Haithcock prefer the contract approach. Tommy Jenkins suggested that the MCAA obtain quotes and build them into the budget request. Gary Schmitt agrees to talk to Commissioner Tate to get an estimate on landscaping. Tommy Jenkins believes that requests for proposals are the best approach. The county will be expected to continue mowing the runway area located inside the fence. A motion to receive bids was made by Gary Schmitt, and seconded by Richard Rhodes, and the motion passed by unanimous consent.

OTHER BUSINESS: There is a continued discussion on the possibility of obtaining single point fueling capacity. Neil Hoppe, FBO, agrees to get a quote from the current fuel supplier, Eastern Aviation, on the monthly lease for a tanker.

There being no further business to discuss, Richard Rhodes makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tommy Jenkins seconds the motion, which passes by unanimous consent. The meeting is adjourned at 5:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Pete Haithcock, Secretary