

**MACON COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY**  
**Minutes for the Meeting Held October 25, 2016**

The Macon County Airport Authority holds its regularly scheduled meeting on October 25, 2016. All members with the exception of Member Jenkins and Member Haithcock are present. Also present are: Joe Collins, Legal Counsel; Jimmy Luther, W.K. Dickson; Lori Hall, Macon County Finance Director; Neil Hoppe and Peggy Milton, airport FBO; Teresa McDowell, MCAA Clerk; Ryan Hanchett, The Franklin Press and Bobby Collins, Macon Media. Chair Gregory welcomes everyone and calls the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup>, 2016:** 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/TAXIWAY PROJECT:** Mr. Luther states that the construction beginning date for the taxiway rehabilitation project has been delayed until spring, 2017. There will be no increase in costs. McDowell returned the signed contracts in connection to this project to Mr. Luther. There is no activity on this grant at this time, so Mr. Luther had very little to report.

**MAINTENANCE REPORT:** Member Haithcock is not present and Chair Gregory asks that this agenda item be tabled until the next scheduled meeting.

**OBSTRUCTION LIGHTING REPORT:** Member Haithcock is not present to report on this matter. Ms. Hall states that she is in receipt of an invoice for the Fouts Lane obstruction light repair. She states that she will have Member Haithcock pre-audit this invoice, and then it will be processed. Chair Gregory asks that this agenda item be tabled until the next scheduled meeting.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

After a discussion, Member Schmitt makes a motion to accept the awarding of Grant #36237.1.NPE.16 in the amount of \$150,000.00, contingent upon the Macon County Commissioners voting for the \$16,667.00 required match. Member Rhodes seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent. It is reported that the NC Department of Transportation has awarded a grant in the amount of 4.5 million dollars for the runway extension project. This project was #1 on the DOT priority list. The Macon County Commissioners voted to award the match for this project. The funds will be available in 2020, and no action is required of the MCAA at this time.

Mr. Luther reports that the final invoice and close-out documents in connection to Buchanan & Son, Inc. have been forwarded, and that this matter should be closed in the near future. The MCAA is now awaiting acceptance of the DOA in connection to the close-out package. At that time the invoice for retainage will be paid, and a reimbursement will be issued.

Chair Gregory states that he has been approached by a pilot who hangars his plane at the airport, with concerns regarding the hangar roof leaking. Mr. Hoppe states that normally they apply a sealant and he will pursue this.

Chair Gregory also states that some pilots have expressed concerns in connection to the operating hours. Mr. Hoppe states that the operating hours are from 8:00 a.m. to dusk, and he does not

recommend flying in after dark. However, should it be necessary, he will be available to meet a pilot at the airport during off hours.

After a discussion, Member Schmitt makes a motion to have the MCAA Christmas Dinner on Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Member Rhodes seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent.

There being no further business, Member Rhodes makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Schmitt seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent. The meeting is adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Pete Haithcock-Secretary