

**Macon County Airport Authority
Minutes of the Regular Meeting on October 27th, 2009**

The Macon County Airport Authority meets on October 27th, 2009 in its office at 1241 Airport Road, Franklin, North Carolina. Members Haithcock and Jenkins are excused from the meeting due to illness and a conflicting business meeting respectively. All other members are present. Also present are Joe Collins, Legal Counsel; Eric Rysdon, W.K. Dickson; Teresa McDowell, Clerk; Neil Hoppe and Peggy Milton, airport FBO; Tony Wheeler, Macon County News and Mike Woods, Jim Garner and Jeff Cloer of Watauga Insurance Agency. Chair Gregory calls the meeting to order at 4:11 p.m.

MINUTES: Upon a motion by Member Corbin, seconded by Member Schmitt, the minutes of the regular meeting held on September 29th, 2009 are unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION: A public comment session is unnecessary for this meeting, in that there is no-one present who wishes to speak during the designated public comment session period.

AGENDA ITEM #4: LIABILITY/PROPERTY INSURANCE UPDATE: Mike Woods of Watauga Insurance Agency is present to update the MCAA on the current insurance policies held by the Macon County Airport Authority. Mr. Woods begins by thanking the MCAA for the opportunity to speak, as well as the opportunity to serve their insurance needs. Mr. Woods states that currently the MCAA, with Macon County as an additional insured, has liability insurance which will cover injuries arising out of activities at the Macon County Airport (other than injuries that result while in an airplane in motion.) Franklin Aviation also carries liability insurance which covers these type injuries and which will be exhausted prior to utilizing the MCAA liability policy. MCAA's policy is in the amount of two million (\$2,000,000.00) dollars. Each MCAA member is covered individually under this policy. Franklin Aviation also has hanger keeper insurance policies which cover four hangars, one (1) new in the amount of one hundred sixty seven thousand three hundred (\$167,300.00) dollars, three (3) old in the amount of one hundred twenty five thousand eight hundred (\$125,800.00) dollars each and the "old" terminal building which is in the amount of five hundred three thousand three hundred (\$503,300.00) dollars. Franklin Aviation also has a personal property insurance policy which is in the amount of one hundred twenty thousand eighty (\$120,080.00) dollars. Macon County's insurance policy covers the "new" terminal building. Mr. Woods states that the fuel farm is covered under an additional policy which covers leaks as part of a spill or damage to the farm, but does not cover any seepage into the ground or any resulting pollution. He states that the MCAA is in good order with the additional policy which is issued through Alexander Aviation. Mr. Collins, Legal Counsel for the MCAA, agrees that the coverage detailed above is adequate. Chair Gregory thanks Mr. Woods for reporting this information to the MCAA.

AGENDA ITEM #5: ENGINEERING REPORT UPDATE: Eric Rysdon reports that information has been submitted to the Corp. of Engineers and the Department of Water

Quality, and that after a couple of small changes, the permit will be going through the process. He will also check to see if it has been posted. He states that in connection with the stream monitoring for Fish and Wildlife, he is pleased with the results and should get the FONSI concurrence soon. He states that they will monitor above and below the airport property for erosion purposes, but they are not expecting any adverse effects.

Mr. Rysdon also reports that he will be attending the Storm Water seminar in Asheville tomorrow. He will report back to the MCAA regarding this matter.

Mr. Rysdon also states that, in connection with the archeologist piece of the runway extension project, the crew is in the final stages of and has tendered a completion date of November 20th, 2009. He states that they can start "moving dirt" as soon as all the permits are in hand. He also states that the actual construction project will be submitted as one bid. He states that the piping will go in first, followed by the fill-in for the displaced threshold. He states that the airport should not be completely shut down at any time during construction. However, should closing of the runway become necessary, it will be for a very short period of time. He also states that they will keep the FAA advised and will require forty eight (48) to seventy two (72) hours notification should the runway need to be shut down completely. He also states that the notam information utilized by pilots should notify them that the runway will have on-going construction at the extension site, but that there should still be thirty eight hundred (3800) to four thousand (4000) feet of usable runway available. Mr. Rysdon states that everything is progressing well, and that the timeline includes a construction start date of early spring, 2010.

Mr. Rysdon also states that he will have the GEO Technician and surveyor determine the quality of the dirt that is currently located at the "new library" site.

In connection with the potential public viewing day of the archeological site, it is desirable that the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indians submit an agreement in writing. Member Corbin states he wants to have a public viewing day in order to show the public the respect that has been shown in mapping the site.

AGENDA ITEM #6: UPDATE ON TREE REMOVAL/LANDSCAPING PROJECT: Member Haithcock is not available to present an update, however Chair Gregory states that the crepe myrtles have been planted, and he wants the MCAA to consider contracting with a landscaper to keep median planters in front of the terminal building cleaned up. Mr. Hoppe will consider sub-contracting with a potential landscaper. He will let the MCAA know at the next meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS: There is no other business to discuss during this meeting.

There being no further business to discuss, Member Corbin makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Schmitt seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent. The meeting is adjourned at 5:09 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Pete Haithcock, Secretary