Macon County Airport Authority
Minutes of the Regular Meeting Held on November 30, 2010

The Macon County Airport Authority holds its regularly scheduled meeting in its office at 1241 Airport Road, Franklin, North Carolina. All the following people are present: Chairman Miles Gregory, Harold Corbin, Bobby Kuppers, Gary Schmitt, Pete Haithcock; Neil Hoppe and Peggy Milton, airport FBO; Jennifer Fuller, DOA Project Manager; Joe Collins, legal counsel; Colin McCandless, The Franklin Press; and Davin Eldridge, Macon County News. Eric Rysdon, Project Engineer, was absent due to inclement weather; Teresa McDowell is on vacation and Tommy Jenkins is not present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 26, 2010: After a discussion, Member Harold Corbin makes a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Member Gary Schmitt seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent.

PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION: None

AMENDMENT TO PRIOR MINUTES: Mr. Collins, legal counsel, suggests that the August 31st minutes be amended to reflect clearly that the MCAA was the awarding agency for the runway expansion project bid. Member Harold Corbin makes a motion that the minutes be modified to reflect that Mr. Rysdon reports that based upon the directives established by the MCAA at its' August 31st meeting, the MCAA awarded the bid for the construction of the runway extension to Buchanan & Sons in the amount of 2.6 million dollars. From that point on, the remaining minutes would stand. This is just to clearly reflect that the MCAA was the awarding agency. Member Harold Corbin made the motion. Member Gary Schmitt seconds it, and it passes unanimously.

At the request of Chairman Miles Gregory, MCAA minutes should also reflect why the low bid was not accepted. According to Jennifer Fuller, Spur Construction, the low bidder was only qualified on the DOT records as a subcontractor and not a prime contractor so therefore it was not eligible for consideration. Thus, Buchanan & Sons became the lowest qualified bidder.

ENGINEERING REPORT: There was no engineering report due to Eric Rysdon's absence. Chairman Miles Gregory made general comments that the project was progressing ahead of schedule, that the pipe had been installed, and they were starting now on the second phase. TRC is the managing group. Tasha is going to be on-site to monitor the second phase. It started on November 29th. It appears right now that the work is ahead of schedule.

HANGAR PROJECT: No report from Eric Rysdon. General discussion. About 25,000 cubic yards of dirt from the school site is available. A Phase One Environmental assessment had been done which was completed about two weeks ago. There is no written report yet. It does appear that everything is going to check out ok. General consensus is that we need to pursue funding for the project of building the hangars. Commissioner Bobby Kuppers suggests that he would talk to Jack Horton or Evelyn Southards to find some ways for the project to be funded. Neil Hoppe indicates that twelve people are on waiting list for a hangar and two others who have larger planes who need an even larger facility. Chairman Miles Gregory suggests that an ad hoc committee be appointed to explore funding sources in order to obtain financing for the hangar project. Member Pete Haithcock makes a motion to approve establishing said committee, and to appoint Member Harold Corbin and Member Tommy Jenkins as the committee members. Member Gary Schmitt seconds this motion, and it passes unanimously. Presently, there is no real certainty as to cost of the hangars and the rentals.

There being no further business, Member Harold Corbin makes a motion to adjourn, with Member Pete Haithcock seconding the motion. The motion passes by unanimous consent and the meeting is adjourned about 4:35.

Respectfully submitted:

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Pete Haithcock
Secretary
Macon County Airport Authority