

Macon County Airport Authority
Minutes for the Meeting Held March 26th, 2019

The Macon County Airport Authority holds its regularly scheduled meeting on March 26th, 2019 at the Macon County Airport. All members are present. Also present are: Karl Gillespie, County Commissioner; Jimmy Luther, Project Engineer; Joe Collins, Legal Counsel; David Phillips, Airport Manager; Gwen Lassez, Drake pilot, Jacob Browning, The Franklin Press and Teresa McDowell, MCAA Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 27TH, 2019: After a brief discussion, Member Rhodes makes a motion to approve the minutes as forwarded. Member Schmitt seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent.

PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION: NONE

ENGINEERING REPORT: Both Mr. Luther and Member Haithcock attended the NCAA Conference in Pinehurst, NC on March 17th through the 19th, 2019. Attendance at this conference is educational and is useful when DOA funding is required. Both stated that the conference was well attended and informational.

It is reported that the first invoice has been received from TRC, and that per that billing, there has been very little progress on the lab analysis and cataloging tasks. Mr. Luther continues by reporting that TRC has to complete the tasks as outlined in the original MOA before a new MOA for any future project can be developed. These tasks include cataloging and mapping of the critical site. Mr. Luther also reports that he has not had any word on the progress of the MOA with the Eastern Band. He continues by stating that the DOA has also not heard back from them. He states that the FAA is the lead agency in this process. Chair Gregory states that he will contact the FAA regarding this matter.

UPDATE ON ROAD RELOCATION: Chair Gregory states that he has had contact with Senator Jim Davis, who stated that the Resolution In Favor Of Relocation of a Portion of State Road 1434, Airport Road, as approved by the MCAA, be forwarded to the DOT for consideration. It is suggested that local support be obtained from the Macon County Commissioners, Town of Franklin Alderman and the Town of Highlands Alderman. Member Rhodes asks if any excess dirt resulting from this project can be stored on airport grounds for future airport development, and is told by Mr. Luther that it could not be stored there.

MAINTENANCE ISSUES: Member Haithcock reports that DENR was at the airport today, and that the storm water checking data must be brought up to date. This data includes the days rainwater has been monitored, any new regulations, water runoff testing, etc. Member Haithcock continues by stating that the airport is a low producer of potential pollutants, but that the run-off from rain has to be tested regularly. After further discussion it was determined that the FBO should be responsible for the testing. Mr. Phillips presented a list of maintenance issues that need to be addressed, including repair of the leaking windows and replacement of floor tiles. After further discussion, Member Rhodes makes a

motion to direct the airport manager to arrange to have the windows repaired and the floor repaired. Member Schmitt seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent. It is suggested that three bids be obtained in connection to these jobs. The cost of repairs will be deducted from future rent payments.

UPDATE ON FUEL FARM: There is a discussion regarding the urgent need for repairs on the fuel farm. Issues include tank inspections and cleaning, corroded fuel tanks, curbside delivery is out of compliance because of filler vessels and the very slow pumping in connection to the Jet-A pump. Mr. Luther states that grant funding is available, but that the project needs to be on the TIP list and chosen by the DOA as a necessary project.

REPORT REGARDING SCC JUNIOR PILOT PROGRAM: Chair Gregory reports that Southwestern Community College is in the process of getting approval for a junior pilot program. Once finalized, a grant may be obtained for a flight simulator. Chair Gregory will check with the FAA regarding support for this type of program. AirTap will also assist.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Three names were recommended for Tommy Jenkin's replacement on the authority. They are: Stacy Guffey, Frank Montgomery and Janet Shuler. These names will be submitted for consideration by the Macon County Commissioners.

There being no further business, Member Schmitt makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Rhodes seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent. The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Pete Haithcock, Secretary