

**Macon County Airport Authority  
Minutes of the Regular Meeting Held on March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

The Macon County Airport Authority holds its regularly scheduled meeting in its office at 1241 Airport Road, Franklin, North Carolina. All members are present with the exception of Member Schmitt. Also present are: Joe Collins, Legal Counsel; Eric Rysdon, Project Engineer; Bobby Koppers, County Commissioner; and Teresa McDowell, Clerk. Chair Gregory welcomes all present and calls the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

Chair Gregory immediately asks that the meeting be recessed in order to participate in a flag raising ceremony in front of the terminal building. Attending this event are: Ronnie Beale, County Commissioner; Kevin Corbin, County Commissioner; Jack Horton, County Manager; Dave Peeler of W.K. Dickson, Boyce Dietz, representing Heath Shuler's office and all other attendees referenced above. During the flag raising ceremony, (which flags are raised by retired U.S. Marines), Chairman Corbin of the Macon County Commissioners presents a Macon County flag to the MCAA, on behalf of all five (5) Commissioners, Boyce Dietz presents an American flag which flew over the U.S. Capital Building provided by Heath Shuler's office and Member Corbin presents a North Carolina flag that was flown over the State Capital Building, as provided through Senator Jim Davis's office and Governor Bev Purdue's office. Member Corbin speaks of the tragedy of the fatal airplane crash of two weeks before, and states that these flags are raised in honor of those victims, as well as every person who has lost their lives defending this country. The MCAA expresses appreciation to Member Corbin for organizing this event, and states that the flags and poles look very regal and greatly enhance the appearance of the airport.

Upon the return of members and attendees to the office area, Chair Gregory reconvenes the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2012:** After a discussion, Member Corbin makes a motion to approve the minutes as forwarded. Chair Gregory asks that a change be made on page 2, paragraph 1, in reference to Chair Gregory's estimation of costs associated with the drainage system project. Member Jenkins then seconds Member Corbin's motion to approve the minutes, with this change, and the motion passes with unanimous consent.

**ENGINEERING REPORT:** Mr. Rysdon reports that the State is asking for the TIP to be submitted by 4/13/2012, and he presents the report to the MCAA for comments or corrections.

He also states that, in connection with the PAPI, the changes to be made are delayed because the runway length needs to be updated. Mr. Rysdon states that he has already provided the information to the necessary parties for the update.

Mr. Rysdon also addresses the fact that a pilot who will be flying into the Macon County Airport regularly needs access to single point fueling, and is willing to share the cost of obtaining it. Mr. Rysdon will research potential equipment needed and the associated cost.

Mr. Rysdon reports that there will be a webinar offered which will assist staff that is currently involved in the current grant process/maintenance system, in understanding the electronic system which will be required by the DOA in the near future. Ms. McDowell will sit in on the Webinar.

In connection to the apron rehabilitation project, Mr. Rysdon reports that there is a very good price available on concrete at the present time, and he explained the potential apron rehabilitation plan. He states that they will be to the point in the process that they can begin taking bids in May, 2012.

**PRESENTATION OF BIDS FOR DRAINAGE PROJECT:** Chair Gregory presents the bids he has received in connection to the drainage project to Mr. Rysdon, for opening. The bids include: Appalachian Construction (Gary Scott) \$51,691.02; Tony Shuler Grading \$82,702.00 and Parrish Contracting \$94,326.00. Mr. Rysdon will analyze the bids and check for errors and report back to the MCAA. The bids are now in the hands of the engineer for further review.

**TREE REMOVAL PROJECT:** Member Haithcock states that he is confident that this project will proceed smoothly.

**INSTALLATION OF BLINDS REPORT:** Member Jenkins reports that the blinds are ordered and should be installed in April, 2012.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Mr. Rysdon states that runway lights are all operational.

In connection to the mowing situation, Chair Gregory states that the options are purchasing equipment and hiring someone to mow or pay the county maintenance department to do the mowing. The information needed is: a. equipment costs; b. manpower cost; c. more information on the used equipment sold through the Georgia facility; and d. what equipment is needed. These items are things that must be considered in connection to the option of internalizing the mowing process. Mr. Rysdon will do more research on this matter.

There being no further business, Member Corbin makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Jenkins seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent. The meeting is adjourned at 5:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Pete Haithcock, Secretary