

**MACON COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY**  
**MEETING HELD May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

The Macon County Airport Authority holds its regularly scheduled meeting on May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at the Macon County Airport. All members with the exception of Member Haithcock are present. Also present are Paul Webb, TRC; Karl Gillespie, County Commissioner; Joe Collins, Attorney; David Phillips, airport FBO; Jake Tallent, Macon County Airport; and Teresa McDowell, Clerk. Lori Carpenter, Finance Director joins the meeting via phone. Chair Schmitt calls the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MEETING HELD APRIL 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2020:** After a brief discussion Member Rhodes makes a motion to approve the minutes as forwarded. Member Horton seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent.

**PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION:** There are no members of the public present. However, Agenda #6-**FBO MONTHLY REPORT AND REQUEST FOR WATER TESTING UPDATE (July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 thru December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019)** is moved into this slot. FBO Phillips presents the FBO report. Mr. Phillips reports that two reports per year are required in connection to the contract between MaconAir and the authority. In connection to maintenance issues, hangar doors are falling off the tracks, and this is being addressed in house. Some fence areas in need of repairs are allowing animal access to the airport in certain areas. The trees are growing up and covering up the obstruction lights surrounding the airport. So far repairs to the airport have totaled \$18,500.00. He continues by stating that all hangars are currently full with a waiting list of 37 interested parties. Mr. Phillips also presents reports to include 2019 Record of Macon County Airport; the MaconAir Rent Calculation; and the Deferred Maintenance Detail. He also states that the airport financial reports are available to designated personnel via e-mail. Mr. Phillips continues by stating that water testing is up to date and the results are posted on the wall in the kitchen area. He states that over-all usage of the airport facilities has been less this year than other years because of the corona virus outbreak.

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR FY-BUDGET:** Chair Schmitt opens the public hearing for the FY2020-2021 budget. There is no one present, and Chair Schmitt closes the hearing at 4:30 p.m.

**PRESENTATION OF ARCHEOLOGY FINDINGS DRAFT REPORT BY TRC ENVIRONMENTAL (PAUL WEBB):** Paul Webb of TRC Environmental reports on the status of the environmental mitigation in connection to the original runway extension which was completed in 2008. He reports that there was a gap of 7-8 years when negotiations in connection to the completion of the lab analysis of data recovered at the runway site was not funded or addressed. Mr. Webb states that the original plan required percentage of mitigation was increased to 25% mitigation, which resulted in more material than anticipated. The increase in mitigation was done in order to defuse tribal concerns. The MOA at the time required a field analysis, the curation of artifacts and a public interpretative display. In 2014 more funding was requested, but not made available at that time. In 2018 90% of the funding was issued through the DOA, with a 10% match approved by Macon County Commissioners. Mr. Webb continues by stating that work has resumed on this project, and that the final draft should be completed within 30 days. At

that point a meeting should be scheduled for presentation to the authority, W.K. Dickson, the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) office, the FAA and the Eastern Band. It is necessary to have concurrence from the SHPO office, the FAA and the Eastern band and concerned tribes. Mr. Webb continues by stating that he will assist with coordination with the tribes, more specifically Steven Yorka and Russ Townsend, and that Aaron Braswell with the FAA is the lead agency official with which to communicate. Mr. Webb continues by stating that the anticipated final report will be 700-800 pages long, so difficult to disseminate to all those involved. There is no need to present this report to the Macon County Commissioners at this time. Mr. Webb states that he is hopeful the formal presentation can take place on June 30<sup>th</sup> at the next authority meeting. Mr. Webb will be present, and have a power point presentation available. This meeting may need to take place remotely based on the COVID-19 restrictions. Mr. Webb also states that the final payment on this stage of the project was paid on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020.

There being no further business to discuss, Member Rhodes makes a motion to adjourn the meeting, with Member Horton seconding the motion. The motion passes unanimously, and the meeting is adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Pete Haithcock, Secretary