

Macon County Airport Authority
Minutes of the Regular Meeting Held on May 26th, 2015

The Macon County Airport Authority holds its regularly scheduled meeting on May 26th, 2015. All members are present. Also present are Legal Counsel, Joe Collins; Macon County Commissioner, Jimmy Tate; Project Engineer, Jimmy Luther; FBO Neil Hoppe and Peggy Milton; and Ryan Hatchett, the Franklin Press. Chair Gregory welcomes everyone present, and calls the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD APRIL 28TH, 2015: After a discussion, Member Schmitt makes a motion to approve the minutes as forwarded. Member Rhodes seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent.

PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION: None

ENGINEERING REPORT: BEACON LIGHTING-AWOS SYSTEM UPDATE: Engineer Luther reports that the grant has been executed that is to be utilized for funding of the obstruction lights repair/replacement, the AWOS replacement, and the rotating beacon replacement. He believes that given the fact that the items to be replaced principally were “off the shelf” type items, that the time line after the purchase order is issued should be six to eight weeks. He is optimistic that these projects can be successfully completed in the very near future. Although there was originally the idea to temporarily fix the component of the AWOS system which deals with altitude, because of the potential \$30,000.00 cost involved, the repair will not be done, and the entire system will be replaced. He reminds the board that there was a quote issued by Walter Whiteside, which consists of \$9,000 for the cost of the rotating beacon and for the replacement of the beacon. There has been a cost benefit analysis done which shows, as expected, that it is better to replace than to repair.

UPDATE OF OBSTRUCTION LIGHTING: Member Haithcock states that the MCAA is still waiting for funding to be formally put into the Airport Authority account, in order to proceed on the obstruction lights repair/replacement. There are nine tower sites, including the beacon site. The location of some of these sites still needs to be determined. The present system has twelve batteries, per unit, at \$129 per battery. The question is should the lights be changed in order to utilize LED or lithium batteries? The electrician is ready to proceed once the funding is assured.

DISCUSSION OF PAVEMENT CRACKS ON RUNWAY: Chair Gregory states that there is an issued with the newly installed asphalt, which includes elongated joint splits in some areas. Mr. Luther reminded the board that the project was still under warranty, which is defined as a one year warranty from the date of acceptance. He believes the asphalt was installed in the fall of last year. Engineer Luther and Member Rhodes are going to look into the matter. If necessary, Engineer Luther will contact the contractor.

DISCUSSION/PLANNING OF OPEN HOUSE/DISCUSSION OF PAINTING/REMOVATING HANGAR: Chairman Gregory leads a discussion in connection to holding an open house type reception at the airport, and includes a discussion in connection to a potential upgrade/repair of the hangar building. Everyone involved seems to be on board. Commissioner Tate believes it would be good to make some personal contact as well as advertising this event. There have been some discussions about trying to get the hangar repaired first. It is unsightly, especially from the runway. It would take about \$8,000 to have the hangar repainted. After a discussion, Members Rhodes and Schmitt agreed to serve on a subcommittee to formalize some of the necessary plans, with a tentative date set for September, 2015. Mr. Collins will check on the need and cost for event insurance.

OTHER BUSINESS:

There is a discussion, continued from earlier meetings, about the need to trim around the perimeter fence. Chair Gregory states that the overgrowth around the fence is getting bad. Options are discussed, with Member Jenkins agreeing to meet with Commissioner Tate and County Manager Derek Roland to see if they can assist with this maintenance issue.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting is adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pete Haithcock
Secretary
Macon County Airport Authority