

Macon County Airport Authority
Minutes for the Meeting Held June 26th, 2018

The Macon County Airport Authority holds its regularly scheduled meeting on June 26th, 2018 at the Macon County Airport. All members are present. Also present are: Lori Hall, Finance Director; Karl Gillespie, County Commissioner; Jimmy Luther, W.K. Dickson; Joe Collins, Legal Counsel; Paul Webb, TRC; Neil Hoppe and Peggy Milton, airport FBO; Teresa McDowell, Clerk; Ryan Hanchett, The Franklin Press; and Jessi Stone, Smoky Mountain News. Chair Gregory welcomes all of those present, and calls the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MEETING HELD MAY 29TH, 2018: 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

APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FY17-18 BUDGET, AND ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE FY 18-19 BUDGET: After a discussion, Member Rhodes makes a motion to adopt the ordinance amending the budget in the amount of \$86,853.00. Member Schmitt seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent.

After a discussion, Member Schmitt makes a motion to accept the FY 18-19 budget ordinance in the amount of \$62,200.00. Member Rhodes seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent. (Copies of both documents attached)

TRC UPDATE ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT: Mr. Webb is in attendance in order to present information in connection with a new work authorization which is needed in order to complete the EA and the MOA as developed with the original runway extension. This project is an older project and the component of the data and environmental analysis is incomplete. Mr. Webb is asking for an additional grant of \$193,360.00. Chair Gregory expresses frustration that it has taken so long to complete this component, and Member Rhodes questions why a change order was not developed at the time the project was current in order to finish the environmental assessment. Mr. Webb states that all of the requirements under the original contract were completed, but that the archaeological site associated with the extension was more diverse than originally thought, and has turned out to be one of the most important two or three projects in the entire state. Mr. Webb continues by stating that the FAA, SHPO, and the Eastern Band are all involved in this project, and that a new MOA is being required by the FAA. Further discussion determines that in order to fulfill the current work authorization NPE grants will be necessary, and the Commissioners will need to approve a match. Ms. Hall reports that a match of \$33,334.00 will need to be requested. The completion of this component of the original MOA is required by both the FAA and the DOA, in that the lack of this may affect the 4 million dollar grant from the FAA, which requires no matching funds from Macon County. After further discussion, Chair Gregory suggests that Member Schmitt and Member Rhodes attend the Commissioner's meeting in order to request the required matching funds, with Member Haithcock making the motion. Member Rhodes seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent. Commissioner Gillespie will put this request on the agenda and Member Schmitt and Member Rhodes will attend the commissioners' meeting scheduled for July 10th, 2018 to ask for the matching funds.

ENGINEERING REPORT: Project Engineer Jimmy Luther is present and Chair Gregory begins this segment by asking about the possibility of extending the runway on the west end if possible. He continues by stating that he has spoken with the FAA and that they are willing to work on narrowing the approach cone in order to allow this to happen. Chair Gregory continues by stating that he wants to do everything possible to see the extension is added on the west end. Mr. Luther states that the engineering plans call for four alternatives for extension, with two developed for each end. He continues by stating the FAA will be involved during the approach development. Mr. Luther continues by stating that he has forwarded the four alternatives to the FAA, and may need to get their input before committing to any of the alternatives.

MAINTENANCE UPDATE: Member Haithcock states that there is an electrical issue with the door hangar switch. He continues by stating that "Dirt Plus" is contracted to clean up stream banks, and that the culvert on the grounds is backed up.

REPORT ON OPEN HOUSE: Member Schmitt and Member Rhodes state that they are very happy with the outcome of the Open House. They report that there were 500-600 people in attendance, and that the entire event went smoothly. They extend their thanks to the EAA for their assistance and Chair Gregory thanks them for their hard work.

DISCUSSION REGARDING PAINTING AND UPGRADING HANGAR: Chair Gregory states that the "big" hangar on the grounds does not make a good impression, and that the entire building needs repairs and painting. Member Schmitt states that he presented an estimate for approximately \$8,000.00 for painting at an earlier meeting. Member Rhodes suggests that this project should be tabled for the near future.

OTHER BUSINESS: Mr. Collins has forwarded a letter to Spatco regarding the repairs needed for the fuel line. A copy of the letter is attached.

The new vault building is going to be 10X12 and has been relocated to a location next to the fuel farm.

There being no further business to discuss, Member Jenkins makes a motion to adjourn the meeting and Member Schmitt seconds it. The motion passes unanimously, and the meeting is adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Pete Haithcock, Secretary