

MACON COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY
Minutes for the Meeting held July 26th, 2016

The Macon County Airport Authority holds its regularly scheduled meeting on July 26th, 2016. All members with the exception of Member Schmitt are present. Also present are: Jim Tate, Macon County Commissioner; Lori Hall, Macon County Finance Director; Joe Collins, MCAA Legal Counsel; Neil Hoppe and Peggy Milton, airport FBO; Teresa McDowell, Clerk; Ryan Hanchett, The Franklin Press; and Rob Brunell, Macon County EAA. Chair Gregory welcomes everyone and calls the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD JUNE 28TH, 2016: After a discussion, Member Jenkins makes a motion to approve the minutes as forwarded. Member Rhodes seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent.

PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION: NONE

POTENTIAL WAAS APPROACH REPORT: Chair Gregory reports that he has spoken with John Walker of the FAA regarding the potential installation of a WAAS (Wide Area Augmentation System). Mr. Walker informed Chair Gregory that there are issues with the high terrain surrounding the airport and that the current available technology does not support installing this type system at this point. However, he stated that with future improvements, the installation of this system may be supported. Mr. Walker continued by informing Chair Gregory that an obstruction/elevation survey would be the initial step in accomplishing this project and that the cost of this type of survey is estimated at \$80,000.00 to \$100,000.00. Member Rhodes requests that Mr. Walker attend a future MCAA meeting to explain the requirements to the authority, because he is very interested in obtaining such a system and states that installing an AWOS approach will have positive effects for the airport and pilots. Member Jenkins agrees with Member Rhodes, and Chair Gregory states that he will contact Mr. Walker regarding scheduling him for a meeting.

ENGINEERING REPORT/TAXIWAY PROJECT: There is not an engineer attending the meeting today, but Chair Gregory states that he has spoken with Jennifer Fuller, a Civil Engineer with the Department of Transportation, regarding the necessary mitigation process for the taxiway project. Ms. Fuller has informed Chair Gregory that “an okay” from the Eastern Band is necessary in order to start construction and that although a letter requesting an agreement has been forwarded, she has not heard from them yet. The authority expresses concern that the costs of asphalt etc. may continue to increase and that a delay in the start of this project will only result in more expense. It is determined that further action by the authority may be necessary, and Chair Gregory states that, with the authority’s approval, he will contact Russ Townsend, of the EBC to speak with him regarding this issue. After further discussion, Member Rhodes makes a motion to authorize Chair Gregory contact Russ Townsend to discuss this issue further. Member Jenkins seconds this motion and it passes by unanimous consent.

MAINTENANCE REPORT: Member Haithcock reports that “Cuttin it Close” landscaping staff has done mulching and weed-eating and will apply herbicide. He continues by stating that he received the contract today. After a discussion, Member Rhodes makes a motion to authorize Chair Gregory to execute the contract, as long as the Pre-Audit Certificate is affixed and the effective date of July 15, 2016 is included.

Member Jenkins seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent. The authority determines that payment for the contract will be based upon the contract date and will be valid from 7/15/2016 through 7/15/2017. Member Haithcock continues by stating that some of the ceiling panels in the terminal building need replacing, and that he will do that, and that the air conditioner has been fixed at no cost. Member Haithcock continues that in connection to the obstruction lights, one of the lines from the tower is down, and that he will contact Jerry Wright of Duke Energy regarding getting the new line installed.

DISCUSSION OF OPEN HOUSE/EAA SPONSORED FLY-IN: Rob Bruner is present as a representative for the EAA and states that the organization members have determined that the planned fly in will be advertised to the surrounding chapters and locally and will be called the Ruby Fly-In in honor of a similar event that was held in the past. He states that the event has been tentatively scheduled for August 13th, 2016. He confirms with the authority that the areas outside the gates can be used for parking. Mr. Bruner continues by stating that the EAA has adequate insurance for this event. He also reports that this event will be fairly simple, with music, and a BBQ, along with plane displays.

DISCUSSION OF DRAKE HANGAR POTENTIAL WATER-HOOK-UP: Member Rhodes reports that he has been approached by the Drake firm regarding potentially hooking into the airport well. This would involve running a waterline along the back side of their hangar, and that a yard hydrant will be installed at no cost. This hook-in should not increase the use of water. Member Rhodes continues by reporting that all materials and labor will be provided. There is a discussion regarding the output of the well, and a testing process to determine that there is enough water output to provide for this purpose. It is determined that Holland Well Drilling should do a "water flow test" on the well to ascertain the potential water supply. After further discussion, Member Jenkins makes a motion to give Chair Gregory authorization to execute an agreement with Mr. Drake to hook-in to the well at his expense, plus provide the hydrant for airport use. This authorization is contingent upon Holland Well Drilling presenting a positive report regarding water provision via the well (which is utilized by the terminal building only). Member Haithcock seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Member Jenkins reports that the advertising kiosk project is almost complete, and should be operating by the next meeting date.

Member Rhodes asks about the possibility of getting an automatic gate at the main entry, and states that it is a safety/security issue. Project Engineer, Jimmy Luther, will be asked to research this matter, including cost.

FBO Hoppe reports that the telephone line for the AWOS system is inoperative. He states that he called the technician and that the card which needs to be replaced is located in the back office closet, but he does not have access to that area. Member Haithcock will check with the DOT because most AWOS costs are covered at the state level.

There being no further business to discuss, Member Jenkins makes a motion to adjourn the meeting, which motion is seconded by Member Haithcock. The motion passes unanimously, and the meeting is adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Pete Haithcock-Secretary