

**Macon County Airport Authority
Minutes of the Regular Meeting Held on July 30th, 2013**

The Macon County Airport Authority holds its regularly scheduled meeting in its office at 1241 Airport Road, Franklin, North Carolina. All members with the exception of Member Schmitt are present. Also present are Joe Collins, Legal Counsel; Neil Hoppe and Peggy Milton, airport FBO; Teresa McDowell, Clerk; Bob Scott, Town of Franklin Alderman/REACH representative; and Travis Tallent, Macon County News. Chair Gregory welcomes all present, and calls the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING HELD JUNE 25TH, 2013: After a discussion, Member Corbin makes a motion to approve the minutes as forwarded for the June 25th, 2013 regularly scheduled meeting. Member Jenkins seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent.

PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION: Mr. Bob Scott is present and reports that the REACH board is interested in utilizing the “big hangar” at the airport for a USO themed fundraiser to benefit the domestic violence prevention agency, REACH of Macon County. Mr. Scott states that the fundraiser will also be dedicated as a tribute to veterans. He inquires as to whether the airport authority could contract to have the floor of the hangar cleaned and painted in anticipation of this event. Mr. Scott also states that the hangar could be used for other events in the future. Mr. Scott asks Joe Collins, who is the Mayor of Franklin, if the Town of Franklin can also be involved. Chair Gregory states that Member Schmitt did obtain estimates for cleaning and sealing the floor of the hangar, with the minimum bid being around six thousand (\$6,000.00) dollars. Member Pete Haithcock, the Treasurer of the airport authority, states that the authority budget will not support this expenditure. The general consensus is that the REACH agency is welcome to use the facility, but that other avenues need to be explored in connection to funding the floor project. Chair Gregory states that the floor of the hangar is in bad shape because oil from aircraft over years of use has permeated a large area of the floor. He asks Mr. Scott if he knows of any volunteers or agency which can assist. Mr. Scott responds that it is difficult to get volunteers for this type of undertaking. Mr. Scott suggests having the dance on the ramp. Chair Gregory states that he will contact the Job Corp. staff for possible assistance with the floor cleaning. Mr. Collins suggests that the ramp and terminal building be used for this event. After further discussion, Member Jenkins makes a motion to authorize Chair Gregory to contact the Job Corp. staff for potential assistance in cleaning and resurfacing the “big hangar” floor, specifically for the purpose of hosting the REACH sponsored fund raising dance and veteran tribute. Member Corbin seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent.

BID OPENING: W.K. DICKSON STAFF: The staff from W.K. Dickson is not available for a bid opening. The bid opening is scheduled for August 6th, 2013 at 1:00 p.m.

ENGINEERING REPORT: Project Engineer, Eric Rysdon is on vacation and is not available for this meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Member Haithcock presents the new location information for the FAA.

Member Haithcock reports that the AWOS system has been repaired, that the new gate part has been ordered and that in connection to the PAPI lights, the FAA has to do the certification before they can be turned on.

Member Haithcock also reports that Macon County staff is continuing to mow the “big, open” areas of the airport, but are not able to do the area around the terminal building, gates etc. At this point Chair Gregory presents a proposal in connection to purchasing a mower to assist Macon County staff with the upkeep of the airport area, specifically around the entrance and the terminal building. Chair Gregory states that the curb appeal of the airport is very important, and the current area maintenance is barely adequate. Chair Gregory states that he and Member Corbin have looked at some potential mowers and have been offered a bargain through the Kubota Tractor Company on a tractor, which could be financed interest free for five (5) years. He wants the authority to consider purchasing a mower/tractor for assisting county maintenance staff in upkeep of the airport grounds.

After further discussion, Member Corbin makes a motion to continue this regularly scheduled meeting until August 6th, 2013 at 1:00 p.m for the purpose of continuing the discussion of purchasing the mower/tractor and to open the bids through W.K. Dickson for the Runway Widening project, said meeting to be continued in the conference room at the Macon County Airport. Member Jenkins seconds this motion and it passes by unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted

Pete Haithcock, Secretary