

Macon County Airport Authority
Minutes of the Regular Meeting Held on August 26th, 2014

The Macon County Airport Authority holds its regularly scheduled meeting on August 26th, 2014 in its office at the Macon County Airport. All members are present. Also present are Jimmy Luther, Project Engineer, W.K. Dickson; Joe Collins, Legal Counsel; Jim Tate, Macon County Commissioner; Neil Hoppe and Peggy Milton, airport FBO; Teresa McDowell, Clerk; Travis Tallent, Macon County News; Ryan Hanchett; The Franklin Press; and Bobby Coggins, Macon Media.com. Chair Gregory welcomes everyone present and calls the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MEETING HELD JULY 29TH, 2014: After a discussion, Member Schmitt makes a motion to approve the minutes as referenced and forwarded. Member Rhodes seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent.

PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION: None

ENGINEERING REPORT: UPDATE OF RUNWAY WIDENING PROJECT: Jimmy Luther, Project Engineer, presents a report regarding the runway widening project. He states that all closure is complete, with the exception of three and one-half to four (3.5 to 4) hours needed to apply the temporary markings. He also reports that the edge lights are being installed. Mr. Luther states that the contractor has reported that the project will be complete in approximately one and one-half (1.5) weeks, with the final inspection being done at that time. Mr. Luther states that he will prepare a punch list, the contractors will deal with anything on that list, and that they will then do the final completion documents and close the project. Mr. Luther states that the project is expected to come in under budget, and that there may be as much as one-hundred thousand (\$100,000.00) dollars left of the funding allotted for this project. As a rule, this funding will be returned to the Division of Aviation for redistribution. Mr. Luther continues by stating that there is an overage on "days of work" needed to complete the project as determined in the contract and that there may be penalties involved. He will inform the MCAA of any penalties at the next meeting. The runway lighting and taxiway lights are being re-installed, and Mr. Hoppe asks that he be kept informed of the date of the installation completion, so he can "call back" the NOTAM.

Mr. Luther also states that the taxiway design project is underway, and the project will involve chip seal and overlay, as well as new taxiway lighting, which will be LED lighting.

OBSTRUCTION REMOVAL CERTIFICATION: Mr. Luther reports that the survey in connection to the taxiway rehabilitation project, is expected to begin soon, with the surveyor visiting the site during the upcoming week. Chair Gregory expresses concern regarding the delay in getting the obstruction removal certification in place, and requests that Mr. Luther and Member Haithcock discuss this issue with DOA Project Manager, Basil Yap, at their earliest convenience.

2015 MAINTENANCE REPORT: Member Haithcock states that the Macon County Maintenance Department continues to mow the grass, but that the fence still needs to be cleared through weed removal and that round-up needs to be applied for future weed prevention. Member Haithcock suggests that a side arm mower can be used to clean up the creek beds, and that this project should be scheduled in the fall. Chair Gregory states that the MCAA is in need of an employee who would work part-time doing mowing and grounds maintenance, and hopes that such a position can be included in

the MCAA budget for next fiscal year. Chair Gregory states that the lack of funds allowable for grounds maintenance continues to be a problem.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Chair Gregory states that the airport authority continues to request the necessary funding for utilization of a WAAS approach, because of the terrain-tree issue surrounding the airport. Member Haithcock states that there are a number of trees that need to be removed in order to successfully utilize this air navigation aid.

Chair Gregory presents a letter in connection to the awarding of Grant #36237.1.NPE.14, which is the 2014 Non-Primary Entitlement (NPE) funding awarded by the Department of Transportation, Division of Aviation. Chair Gregory continues by stating that this funding will be used for safety issues, and he suggests utilizing this funding for replacement/repair of the beacon and obstruction lighting. Chair Gregory continues by stating that he suggests getting an estimate from a contractor to determine the costs of this project. Chair Gregory continues by stating that there are seven (7) obstruction lights located on the tops of surrounding mountains, none of which works properly and after a discussion, it is determined that the MCAA is thought to be responsible for their upkeep. However, Chair Gregory continues, it is not necessary to pinpoint a project for this funding at this time. The funding is awarded for "airfield improvements" and a more particular project goal can be decided in the future. After a discussion, Member Schmitt makes a motion to accept Grant #36237.1.NPE.14 for the use of airfield improvements, more specifically to address safety issues. Member Jenkins seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent.

Mr. Collins presents a proclamation in honor of Harold Corbin which recognizes Member Corbin as an eternal friend of the Macon County Airport. Member Jenkins makes a motion to accept the proclamation as presented. Member Schmitt seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent. The proclamation is then signed by MCAA members.

Mr. Hoppe states that a wonderful donation has been made to the airport by the family of J.B. Coram. This donation involves original documents from the Wright brothers, and includes a telegraph in connection to the first flight. These documents are thought to be very rare. If the documents are not displayed, they are to go back to the donating family. The members of the MCAA want to make sure that the display area for these documents is secure, and will discuss the manner of displaying the documents at a later date. The members express their gratitude for such an appropriate and generous donation.

Member Haithcock reports that in connection to the AWOS system, the part is ordered and it is working fine.

Mr. Hoppe asks the MCAA if they want to grant permission for use of the terminal building again this year for a polling place in November. The MCAA agrees that this use is approved.

There being no further business, Member Jenkins makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Schmitt seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent. The meeting is adjourned at 4:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Pete Haithcock, Secretary

