

**MACON COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY**  
**Minutes of the Meeting Held August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

The Macon County Airport Authority holds its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at the Macon County Airport. All members with the exception of Member Horton and Member Haithcock are present. Both Member Horton and Member Haithcock are excused from today's meeting. Also present are Greg Kershaw, W.K. Dickson; Lori Carpenter, Finance Director; Sabrina Crone, Airport Manager; Stuart Sloan, Legal Counsel; and Teresa McDowell, Clerk. Chair Schmitt welcomes all present and calls the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES HELD ON JUNE 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2024 AND JULY 30<sup>TH</sup>, 2024:** After a brief discussion, Member Shuler makes a motion to approve both sets of minutes as forwarded. Member Rhodes seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent.

**PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION:** None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**ENGINEERS REPORT:** Mr. Kershaw reports that they should be ready to proceed with the CATEX which is necessary for the hangar project and the potential land acquisition. He states that he should have information from the Division of Aviation regarding the land acquisition by next week.

**BRUSH CLEARING REPORT (WILDLIFE/CLEAN-UP-DEFERRED MAINTENANCE):** Mr. Kershaw reports that the wetlands were mitigated five years ago so the airport can proceed with the needed bush-hogging and ditch cleaning as discussed in the earlier meeting. Ms. Crone reports that she has a quote of \$18,000.00 for the wetland clearing. There are other obstructions removal that may be combined with this, and even though there are grant dollars available, the amount of \$8,025.00 is currently owed to Walker and Whiteside for the runway lights replacement/repairs. The remaining \$31,450.00 may be available for use for other projects including possibly combining with the FBO for the wetlands and obstruction clearing. A defined scope for the obstruction removal must be developed and Member Haithcock will research to determine the potential quotes for the clean up.

**UPDATE ON RUNWAY LIGHTS REPAIR/REPLACEMENT:** Ms. Crone reports that all the subject lights are now in working order.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**RILES PROPERTY DISCUSSION/CONTRACT/COMPACTION ISSUE:** Chair Schmitt reports that an appraiser can be hired for approximately \$2,500.00, and this would indicate that the authority has done their due diligence indicating their interest in the property. Purchasing property is very

complicated and requires an appraiser that is approved by the Division of Aviation. The cost of this approved appraiser would be approximately \$6,000.00. Mr. Kershaw states that there are companies with available augers which could determine the impaction quality of the soil. This might have to be paid directly from the authority's budget. The discussion continues by stating that if the property owner could choose his own appraiser, paid by the authority, to help determine the fair market value this should indicate good faith to him. This issue will be scheduled for further discussion next meeting.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Ms. Crone states that both of the **air conditioner units** need to be replaced. She offers two quotes for replacement. After a discussion, the AC Unit is determined to be a capital improvement and Member Shuler makes a motion to amend the budget up to \$30,000.00 in order for the authority to purchase the units. Member Rhodes seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent. The quoted amount and business chosen for installation is AllService Heating and Air with a quote in the amount of \$27,879.00. This cost leaves the difference between the cost of the AC units and the funds in the grant of \$3,661.00, and Member Shuler makes a motion to keep these funds in the budget. Member Rhodes seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent.

Member Rhodes states he has had some complaints regarding the **appearance of the landscaping** in front of the terminal building. Ms. Crone has researched this and is currently looking over a decent quote to upgrade the area.

There being no further business to discuss, Member Rhodes makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Shuler seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent. The meeting is adjourned at 5:01.

Respectfully submitted:

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Pete Haithcock, Secretary