

MACON COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY
Minutes of the Meeting Held July 28th, 2020

The Macon County Airport Authority holds its regularly scheduled meeting on July 28th, 2020 at the Macon County Airport. All members with the exception of Member Horton, who is out of town, are present. Also present are Karl Gillespie, County Commissioner; Joe Collins, Legal Counsel; Jimmy Luther, Project Engineer; and Teresa McDowell, Clerk. Chair Schmitt welcomes all those present and calls the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD JUNE 30TH, 2020: After a brief discussion, Member Rhodes makes a motion to approve the minutes as forwarded. Member Shuler seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent.

PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION: None

ENGINEERING REPORT: Mr. Luther reports that there is a revenue stream available for the new fuel farm project. He continues by stating that the design process is ongoing, and that construction should start in the spring of 2021. He also states that a local match is required for this grant. He states that there are three (3) NPE Federal grants available and they will be combined to complete the fuel farm design and construction. NPE grants are \$150,000 per grant, with a match of \$16,667.00 per grant required from local government. County Commissioner Karl Gillespie states that he will speak with the commissioners about the availability of the local match for this project. The discussion continues with a review of the potential CARES ACT funding. The funding is very specific as to certain expenses accrued during the COVID pandemic, and includes items such as operational expenses. It is discussed that it is somewhat difficult to fit the needs of the authority solely into these requirements. The deadline for filing for this funding is December 31st, and it is determined that more research is necessary to determine the potentially allowable costs. Some suggestions include the legal counsel's salary, the clerk's salary and liability insurance. Ms. McDowell will contact Caleb Whitley regarding items that may be covered.

MAINTENANCE ISSUE REGARDING HANGAR DOORS: There is a discussion regarding the on-going issue with the repair of the hangar doors. There have been problems regarding keeping the doors in the frame. Because of the ongoing expense of repairing the hangar doors, there is a discussion regarding tearing down the current hangars, and building a new hangar building. Mr. Collins states that a contract can be developed for building new hangars, and the discussion should include comparing the expense with the condition of the existing hangars and the life expectancy of both the existing hangars and new hangars. The discussion continues with how to handle the revenue stream which is currently submitted to the FBO through hangar rentals. Mr. Luther takes this opportunity to caution that any contract must adhere to the grant assurances which is a requirement of any grant, and which cannot be violated. He continues by stating that the FAA would need to sign off so that any activity of this type would not jeopardize federal dollars in the future. Research into this matter will continue.

RELOCATION OF THE HIGHWAY: A discussion is held as to whether funding which has been earmarked through the Department of Transportation for the highway relocation project is still available. The consensus is that the funding continues to be included in the DOT budget. There is discussion regarding

whether once the road is moved, if the area vacated would be suitable for hangar construction. It is agreed that the property would have to be mitigated. Research on this project will continue.

OTHER BUSINESS: None

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

Respectfully submitted:

Pete Haithcock, Secretary