

**Macon County Airport Authority**  
**Minutes of the Regular Meeting Held on January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

The Macon County Airport Authority holds its regularly scheduled meeting in its office at 1241 Airport Road, Franklin, North Carolina. All members are present. Also present are Legal Counsel, Joe Collins; Project Engineer, Eric Rysdon; County Commissioner, James P. Tate; Airport FBO, Neil Hoppe and Peggy Milton, and Clerk, Teresa McDowell. Chair Gregory welcomes all present, and calls the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE SPECIALLY CALLED MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013:** After a discussion, Member Schmitt makes a motion to approve the minutes for the January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013 specially called meeting as forwarded. Member Corbin seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent.

**PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION:** None

**ENGINEERING REPORT-APRON REHABILITATION PROJECT:** Project Engineer, Eric Rysdon, reports that progress on the apron rehabilitation project construction is continuing, and that the apron/taxiway lighting will be completed this week. He also states that the construction staff will be “doing two pours” today, and will be ready to continue on Thursday and Friday, in that rain is expected for the next couple of days. He states that the concrete should be done next week and if the weather is favorable, the asphalt tie-in will be done as well. In connection to the old lighting, Mr. Rysdon states that the old light circuit will probably not be operable, but that cable for the new lighting will be pulled and left on the ground for as long as it takes to acquire the new lights. He states that Project Manager, Dion Viveni, is aware of the lighting situation, and has stated that installation of the new lighting is planned for the same time as when the taxiway is rehabilitated. He states that the plan is to do the runway and taxiway lights at the same time. FBO Hoppe is keeping interested parties informed of when the lights are inoperable.

Member Haithcock suggests that the temporary gate at the construction site be replaced with a permanent gate which is not being utilized at this time. Mr. Rysdon agrees and states he will ask the construction crew to move and erect the permanent gate. The gate will be monitored for security reasons, and keys will be distributed to necessary parties, or the gate-lock will be of the type that would require approved users to have their own access code.

Mr. Rysdon presents copies of the adjusted TIP. The list of TIP projects are adjusted as follows: the airport lighting project has been adjusted to include the taxiway lighting; estimated costs of land acquisition; fueling system addition; layout with options for

hangar space; and removal of runway rehabilitation and widening. Mr. Rysdon states that the TIP can be adjusted at any time since it is now available in electronic form.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

FBO Hoppe states that the PAPI lights are off because they have not been certified. Mr. Rysdon will contact and check on the progress of the certification. Mr. Hoppe states that a nodum has been issued in connection to the lighting.

Mr. Rysdon states that he has touched base with John Walker regarding the WAAS approach, and that there are some obstructions on the airport approach path. It is the consensus of the Board that this option should continue to be pursued.

In connection to the hilltop clearing lights, there has been an open nodum issued which states they are not working. County staff has been working on the lights, but the weather has delayed the repairs.

Member Corbin states that he has access to a new American and North Carolina flag, and that he will have them hung after the weather clears.

At 4:26 p.m., Member Corbin makes a motion to convene to executive session to discuss a contractual matter. Member Schmitt seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent.

After a discussion, Member Jenkins makes a motion that the MCAA re-convene in open session. Member Schmitt seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent. The Authority returns to open session at 4:55 p.m.

Upon reconvening, Member Corbin makes a motion to authorize Chair Gregory and Member Jenkins to continue with negotiations for the purpose of securing property contracts between Franklin Aviation and Drake Enterprises in connection to the potential construction of hangars. Member Schmitt seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent.

There being no further business, Member Jenkins makes a motion to adjourn. Member Schmitt seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted:

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Pete Haithcock  
MCAA Secretary/Treasurer