

Macon County Airport Authority
Minutes of the Regular Meeting on December 30th, 2008

The Macon County Airport Authority met on December 30th, 2008 in its office at 1241 Airport Road, Franklin, North Carolina. Members Haithcock and Jenkins were absent. All other members were present. Also present were Eric Rysdon, WK Dickson; Monty Beck, Legal Counsel; Tony Wheeler, Macon County News; Neal Hoppe and Peggy Milton, airport FBO; Teresa McDowell, Clerk; and Jerry Ollis, Macon County Bank representative. Chair Gregory calls the meeting to order at 4:09 p.m.

MINUTES: Upon a motion by Member Corbin and seconded by Member Schmitt, the minutes of the meeting held November 25th, 2008 were unanimously approved.

AGENDA ITEM #3: DISCUSSION REGARDING HANGAR CONSTRUCTION LOAN: Jerry Ollis, Area Commercial Relationship Officer for Macon Bank, is present to discuss a possible corporate, construction loan, said loan to be utilized for construction of a corporate hangar at the Macon County Airport. In connection with possible revenues, FBO Hoppe states that he has a waiting list for hangar space, and that his hangar operates at 100% capacity. Mr. Ollis suggests obtaining further data about the Airport Authority, including past income and potential revenue from hangar rentals, and providing said information to Macon Bank. FBO Hoppe will provide a list of potential renters and revenue realized by his existing hangar. Chair Gregory states that he will speak with Project Manager, Jennifer Fuller, regarding the possibility of having a portion of Vision 100 funds designated for the hangar construction project. Mr. Ollis expresses interest in working with the Airport Authority in providing the loan, upon review of data presented. After further discussion, Member Corbin makes a suggestion that Chair Gregory and Member Jenkins research the requirements for the potential loan, as well as meet with Mr. Ollis to further discuss potential loan details. Member Corbin also suggests that Chair Gregory and Member Jenkins report their findings at the next scheduled Airport Authority meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #4: DISCUSSION REGARDING CONSTRUCTION OF T-HANGAR: This item has been tabled until more information is acquired.

AGENDA ITEM #5: UPDATE ON EA: Mr. Rysdon of W.K. Dickson states that the EA has been submitted. He also states that initial comments by the Corp of Engineers were submitted to the Clearinghouse on the 5th or 6th of December. Currently they are waiting on approval from the Clearinghouse. Mr. Rysdon also states that four submittals have been received by W.K. Dickson for the data recovery component of the runway project. Mr. Rysdon is to forward said submittals to Steve Claggett for review and comments. Mr. Rysdon states that the plan for the data recovery component includes: a. Receiving a final response from the bidders; b. Steve Claggett to submit comments; c. Authority to review and select the company to do actual work; and d. Determination of estimated cost. Mr. Rysdon also adds that they are currently using an informal bidding process, but will have to move to a competitive bidding process if the bids are over \$500,000.00.

Mr. Rysdon also states that the mitigation for the wetlands is ongoing and he has received change requests to include potential hangar sites. Mr. Rysdon also states that the NCEEP has accepted the recommendation from the Corp of Engineers to allow a purchase by the Airport Authority of other wetland areas to exchange for any areas used for construction sites. Member Corbin states that the County (at one time) owned some designated wetland area that possibly could be used in the exchange. He and Chair Gregory will check into any potential exchange wetlands owned by Macon County. Mr. Rysdon will check with Julie Ball regarding the rules of exchanging wetland areas. Mr. Rysdon also states that they are ready to submit normal erosion control plans, and in connection with the water quality component, that they are continuing to check

into the use of a sweeper. He states that it is still unclear of how the sweeper regulations will be enforced, and he will keep the authority informed on this subject.

AGENDA ITEM #6: DISCUSSION OF NC STORMWATER PROJECT: Mr. Rysdon states that to be in compliance with the Stormwater Project, the entire airport will have to be looked at for drainage issues. This project will also address the fuel contained at the airport, and will include the development of a plan to address any potential fuel spills. Mr. Rysdon states that any workshops dealing with this subject are yet to be scheduled. Until these workshops are scheduled, the engineers will not know what is required, and that a plan will be developed once the process has been determined.

AGENDA ITEM #7: DISCUSSION REGARDING THE CONTRACT FOR TREE REMOVAL IN FRONT OF THE TERMINAL BUILDING: After a brief discussion, Member Corbin makes a motion to table this item until the next scheduled Airport Authority meeting. Member Schmitt seconds the motion, which passes by unanimous consent.

AGENDA ITEM #8: DISCUSSION REGARDING HIRING OF LEGAL COUNSEL: After a discussion, Member Corbin makes a motion to allow Chair Gregory to submit no less than two and no more than six names as a potential replacement for Legal Counsel, Monty Beck. The names are to be submitted at the next regular Airport Authority meeting. Member Schmitt seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent.

AGENDA ITEM #9: DISCUSSION AND VOTE FOR THE APPROVAL OF 2008 VISION 100 GRANT: After a discussion, Member Corbin makes a motion to approve acceptance of the 2008 Vision 100 Grant (36237.1.10.1), in its entirety, provided through the Department of Transportation, Division of Aviation. Member Schmitt seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent.

AGENDA ITEM #10: UPDATE ON REPAIR OF OBSTRUCTION LIGHTS: Chair Gregory states that King Electric has examined the obstruction lights and has determined that power surges are causing the damage to the lights. He states that King Electric will be installing surge protectors on each light, at the cost of \$150.00 per light.

AGENDA ITEM #11: OTHER BUSINESS: No other business matters are discussed.

There being no further business, Member Corbin makes a motion to adjourn. Member Schmitt seconds the motion and the meeting is adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Pete Haithcock, Secretary