

Macon County Airport Authority
Minutes for the Meeting Held February 26th, 2019

The Macon County Airport Authority holds its regularly scheduled meeting on February 26th, 2019 at the Macon County Airport. All members are present. Also present are Joe Collins, Legal Counsel; Lori Hall, Macon County Finance Director; Jimmy Luther, W.K. Dickson; Karl Gillespie, Macon County Commissioner; David Phillips of FBO MaconAir; Gwen Lassez; and Jake Browning, The Franklin Press. The meeting is called to order at 4:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 27TH, 2019: Minutes of the meeting held November 27th, 2018 are read and approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION: None

APPROVAL OF 2019 AUDIT CONTRACT: After a discussion, Member Schmitt makes a motion to award Martin Starnes the 2019 audit contract, which is in the amount of five thousand (\$5,000.00) dollars. Member Rhodes seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent.

ENGINEERING REPORT: Mr. Luther reports that the parallel taxiway project is being closed, and that only one more drawdown is necessary. The required Memorandum of Agreement for the Eastern Band continues to be an issue, with phone contact being made between the FAA and the DOA concerning this, but that the results of that call are not available. Chair Gregory expresses the frustration of the continuing delay in completing this project, and states that it is problematic because it is hard for the authority to move forward with any projects until this is completed. Jared Penney has left the Division of Aviation and has been replaced by Caleb Whitdy.

DISCUSSION OF ROAD RELOCATION PER DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION: Chair Gregory reports that Senator Jim Davis has been in touch with him regarding moving the airport road in order to unite all airport owned property. He states that this involves the three (3) acres and the one hundred (100') foot strip owned by the airport on the west side. He continues by stating Senator Davis states that he is in a better position to help with this project at this time, and has asked that the authority send him a resolution of approval and desire that the roadway gets relocated. After further discussion, a motion is made by Member Schmitt to direct Counsel Collins to draft the resolution. Member Rhodes seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent.

FUEL FARM REPAIR DISCUSSION: A discussion is held regarding the fuel farm. It is reported that it is not in compliance in many ways, including piping, filters, offload pumps, switches, cross contamination issues and underground piping. Eastern Aviation supplies the fuel, and they are insistent that substantial repairs are made. Mr. Luther reports that NPE funding can be used for design, but not construction, and that this could be a project which costs between five hundred thousand (\$500,000.00) dollars and one million (\$1,000,000.00) dollars. Mr. Luther is directed to develop a work authorization as the first step in designing a revamped fuel farm.

MAINTENANCE REPORT: It is reported that MaconAir continues to make repairs which will be deducted from the rent obligation, and that it is apparent that the staff is working diligently on getting the building and grounds in better shape.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- A. The kiosk is not working as hoped. It is suggested that Premier Marketing take over the management of the kiosk.
- B. Maintenance is on schedule as noted above.
- C. Chair Gregory states that there is a desire that the town, county, and MCAA come together to discuss obtaining a dedicated water line to the airport, and says that he is optimistic in connection to obtaining grant money for this project. Mr. Luther states that the grant could be limited to the tapping in of an existing line which runs along the airport.
- D. There is a discussion regarding the desire of the MCAA to develop a SWCC junior pilot program, with the possibility of obtaining a simulator at the airport. Commissioner Gillespie is on the Southwestern Commission board and he expresses a willingness to speak with members to see if they can help. Everyone agrees that this would be a very positive step for the airport.
- E. Member Jenkins has submitted his Letter of Resignation effective this date. He had been on the authority since 2004, and regards were expressed for his dedicated service. The protocol for replacement is to submit two (2) names to the commissioners, and they will choose one. Stacy Guffey has presented his name at this time.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting is adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Pete Haithcock, MCAA Secretary