

Macon County Airport Authority
Minutes of the Regular Meeting Held on March 26th, 2013

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 26TH, 2013: After a discussion, Member Schmitt makes a motion to approve the minutes as forwarded for the February 26th, 2013 regularly scheduled meeting. Member Corbin seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent.

PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION: None

ENGINEERING REPORT-APRON REHABILITATION PROJECT-UPDATE ON WIDENING OF RUNWAY AND LIGHTING MATTER: Mr. Rysdon reports that the apron rehabilitation project is close to being complete. He states that the project should be wrapped up, with seed and grass taking hold on the disturbed areas, within a “couple of days”. He also states that the lighting on the far end should be completed shortly. Chair Gregory states that hay bales need to be removed from the obstruction area, and he will speak with Mr. Ledford regarding the removal. Member Schmitt states that the obstruction lights are not working, and that the pilots cannot taxi around the far side of the hangar because of a dip located there. Mr. Rysdon states that the dip will be repaired, and he also states that the obstruction lighting is being repaired by county staff, but the weather has not been cooperative, making it difficult for the repairs to be made. Mr. Rysdon addresses the issue of paving to the threshold of the potential new hangar building, and states that the ramp will need to be paved in conjunction to the actual construction of the hangar. He also states he will be contacting Jim Huntington, Flight Inspector with the FAA in connection to the inoperable PAPI lights.

In connection to the runway widening project, Mr. Rysdon reports that the surveyor is gathering data and should be finishing up on Friday. The design should be wrapped up within the next couple of months. He states that he will be talking to contractors upon completion of the design phase of the project, in order to get the actual construction component scheduled. Mr. Rysdon reports that the widening project will be done in two phases, with one-half being completed, then the other one-half being completed, and then the paving of the entire runway to be done at the same time. Chair Gregory states that

the project should be completed as soon as possible, because he does not want airport activity and business disturbed any more than necessary.

CONSIDERATION OF MCAA BUDGET: Chair Gregory states that he has some reservations in connection to the budget, in that he thinks there should be an increase in funding over last year. He asks that this agenda item be postponed until the next meeting. The consensus of the authority is to postpone this item until the next scheduled meeting for consideration and vote.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Chair Gregory states that the area of the potential hangar construction has been noted as being located in the flood plain. He states that “quite a lot” of the airport property is shown as being located in the flood plain. He also states that there is a meeting scheduled with Phil Drake, inspectors, and Member Jenkins for discussion of this issue. Mr. Collins states that an engineering report to rebut the presumptive flood plain location will probably be necessary. Mr. Rysdon states that he will consult and seek the advice of his colleagues regarding this issue.

Mr. Collins states that the assignment contract to NMH as provided by Traveler’s has been reviewed and is in the process of being finalized.

Mr. Rysdon states that in connection to the damage done to Mr. Roger’s plane, no paperwork or data has been submitted as of yet. He states that Taylor-Murphy should have insurance that will cover this type of incident and that he will get the paperwork to them.

Mr. Hoppe states that Town Alderman, Bob Scott, has asked that the airport grounds be utilized in connection with an USO style fund raiser to benefit REACH. Chair Gregory states that it is fine with the authority, and FBO Hoppe states that he thinks it will be good exposure and good public relations to allow the airport to be used for this fundraiser. He states that the floors in the hangar should be cleaned and coated prior to the event. Member Schmitt will check on the cost of doing this.

There being no further business, Member Corbin makes a motion to adjourn. Member Schmitt seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent. The meeting is adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Pete Haithcock
MCAA Secretary/Treasurer