

**Macon County Airport Authority  
Minutes of the Regular Meeting Held on April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

The Macon County Airport Authority holds its regularly scheduled meeting in its offices at 1241 Airport Road, Franklin, North Carolina. All members are present. Also present are: Joe Collins, Legal Counsel; Bobby Koppers, County Commission Liaison; Teresa McDowell, Clerk; and Davin Eldridge, Macon County News. After welcoming the guests and members, Chair Gregory calls the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MEETING HELD ON MARCH 29<sup>TH</sup>, 2011:**

After a discussion, Member Corbin makes a motion to approve the minutes as forwarded. Member Schmitt seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent.

**PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION:** None

**ENGINEERING REPORT UPDATE:** Mr. Rysdon presents the engineering report and states that the contractors are currently in the process of putting down stone, and that Rhodes Brothers will be doing the paving of the airport extension. The sub-contractors will be utilizing two (2) pavers, which should eliminate any potential pavement joints. Mr. Rysdon reports that there will be a thirty (30) day temporary runway closing for full paint application and that the paving and painting should be done by June 1, 2011.

Mr. Rysdon also reports that a notice of intent in connection to the storm water discharge permit and spill protection plan needs to be developed. This is required by DENR. Mr. Rysdon is in the process of developing a scope for the project. He states that there is training available, which helps set up a chain of command of who to contact if a problem develops. Chair Gregory states that the MCAA will comply with DENR's request.

Mr. Rysdon states that the next pay request from the DOA needs to be made from Grant #36237.1.9.1, in order to utilize funding which will be eliminated at the end of the fiscal year if not utilized.

Mr. Rysdon also states that he and Member Haithcock will be coordinating the contractor and the insurance company in order to repair the section of the perimeter fencing which was damaged in a car accident.

**UPDATE ON HANGAR PROJECT:** Member Corbin submits a report in connection to construction of hangars. He states that the cost of one (1) sixty by sixty (60X60) hangar, including pad is fifty thousand three hundred and thirty dollars (\$50,330.00). He also states that the corporate airplane space contained in the hangar can be rented for six hundred dollars (\$600.00) per month, with three spaces available, for a total rental charge

of eighteen hundred dollars (\$1,800.00) per month. Chair Gregory states that a set of specifications is needed, and is usually provided by metal building contractors. He also states that the potential source of funding for the hangars is a bank loan, and that letters of commitments will need to be submitted to the bank. Chair Gregory also states that there is no grant funding available for this project. The MCAA determines that a work session is necessary in order to have input and narrow down necessary construction specifics, which may include electrical requirements, thickness of the slab, footings, etc. Mr. Rysdon states he will obtain a set of specifications and will distribute it before the work session is scheduled. He will also “put some numbers” together in order to determine potential costs of site development. After this discussion, Member Corbin makes a motion that the MCAA endorse the concept of constructing a sixty by sixty (60X60’) corporate hangar, in order to start exploring the financing procedures by the next scheduled meeting, and to collect letters of commitment in order to present for financing purposes. Member Schmitt seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent. Mr. Rysdon states that he will contact Chair Gregory upon obtaining sample specifications, and a work session will then be scheduled. Member Schmitt, Member Corbin, FBO Hoppe and Mr. Rysdon will be involved in the work session.

**DISCUSSION REGARDING OBTAINING CITY PROVIDED WATER:** Chair Gregory states he has contacted the FAA and that there is funding available to install a water system that would support a sprinkler system on the airport grounds, but not outside of the airport boundaries. Therefore, Chair Gregory states, another source of funding must be found to extend the city provided water project from Riverbend Road (where is it scheduled to end) and the airport. Chair Gregory states this project is important in that it will address potential safety issues at the airport, and will give the opportunity of a tie-in to the new school currently under construction. Engineer, Eric Rysdon, provides a tentative estimate of cost for this project at 1.3 million dollars. Member Jenkins and Mr. Rysdon will be researching potential revenue.

**APPROVAL OF COUNTY BUDGET-FY-2011-2012:** Member Haithcock presents the budget for the upcoming fiscal year. He states that it is similar to last year’s budget, with the total budget being forty seven thousand dollars (\$47,000.00). After a discussion, Member Haithcock makes a motion to approve the budget. Member Schmitt seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent.

**BOARD RE-APPOINTMENTS:** After a discussion, Member Jenkins makes a motion to endorse the re-appointment of Member Gary Schmitt. Member Corbin seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent. The reappointment is for a six (6) year term.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** None

There being no further business, Member Corbin makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Jenkins seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent. The meeting is adjourned at 5:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Pete Haithcock  
Secretary  
Macon County Airport Authority