

**Macon County Airport Authority**  
**Minutes for the Meeting Held June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

The Macon County Airport Authority holds its regularly scheduled meeting on June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at the Macon County Airport. All members are present. Also present are: Karl Gillespie, Macon County Commissioner; Lori Hall, Macon County Finance Director; Jimmy Luther, Project Engineer; Teresa McDowell, Clerk; Luke Barber, The Franklin Press; Pepper Moffitt; and Josh Drake, representatives for David Phillips. Chair Gregory welcomes all that are present, and calls the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR MEETING HELD MAY 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2019:** After a brief discussion, Member Schmitt makes a motion to approve the minutes as forwarded. Member Rhodes seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent.

**PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION:** None

**BUDGET APPROVAL:** The FY 2019/2020 MCAA budget is discussed. The Macon County Commissioners had approved an amount of \$33,650.00. The budget has been reduced since FY 2018/2019 based on the New FBO, MaconAir, being held responsible for more maintenance issues. Currently there is \$90,000.00 in the fund balance, which is typically used for capital projects. After this discussion, Member Schmitt makes a motion to approve the budget as provided. Member Rhodes seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent. Commissioner Gillespie states that the Commissioners will probably approve additional funds under unforeseen circumstances.

**REAPPOINTMENT OF MILES GREGORY AND PETE HAITHCOCK TO THE AUTHORITY:** After a discussion, Member Rhodes makes a motion to re-appoint both Miles Gregory, as Chairman and Pete Haithcock, as Secretary/Treasurer of the Macon County Airport Authority for the upcoming six (6) year term. Member Schmitt seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent. Mr. Haithcock and Mr. Gregory's name will be forwarded to the Macon County Commissioners for their approval.

**ENGINEERING REPORT:** Mr. Luther reports that, hopefully, he will be receiving feedback from the FAA regarding the MOA within the next week. He also states that he has not received any information from the DOA regarding the MOA and the affectation of other projects.

He also states that plans for the storm water training continue and that storm water monitoring will need to take place semi-annually and after a weather event in the future. He tentatively sets the training for June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019. He continues by stating that this training is not grant eligible.

Chair Gregory continues to express frustration at the lack of progress on the MOA and lab analysis components as required for the MOA. He states that currently there are 5.3 million dollars earmarked for projects at the Macon County Airport, with the projects being put on hold until the MOA is developed and signed. Member Horton asks that the file on this matter be forwarded to him.

Mr. Luther reports that the parallel taxiway is completed and the project is closed.

**UPDATE ON ROAD RELOCATION:** Chair Gregory states that Senator Davis has informed him that 2.2 million dollars in funding has been set aside for the road relocation project. These funds will be provided through the Division of Transportation, and do not require a local match.

**MAINTENANCE ISSUES UPDATE:** Member Haithcock reports that the airport manager has stated that things are going well. In connection to the obstruction lights, Duke should be notified if there is a lightning strike. The AWOS is working and a discussion as to whether insurance is necessary on the system is brought up. The state has resumed responsibility for the AWOS systems across the state, possibly eliminating the need for additional insurance. He continues by stating that there are funds available in the local budget to get the creek bank cleared. Commissioner Gillespie states that he has been approached regarding designating an area outside the fenced- in area of the airport as a recreation area. He continues by stating that by providing a picnic table and garbage cans, that citizens can then use the area to observe aircraft at the airport. He also states that there is a possibility that the area could be incorporated into the Macon County Recreational Park system for maintenance. He suggests an area located at the construction gate. Member Rhodes states that he thinks that this is a great idea, and that the area could resemble a small park. It is the consensus of the board that this is a good idea, and Chair Gregory appoints Member Rhodes and Member Schmitt to research this issue and bring more information back to the authority.

**OPEN HOUSE DISCUSSION:** A discussion is held regarding a good date for the open house, with a potential date of October 12<sup>th</sup>, with an October 26<sup>th</sup> rain date being determined as the best date. It is further discussed that 10:00 am is a good start time. Advertising should be done a couple of weeks prior to the date. Member Rhodes reports that the airport manager will be responsible for most everything, with the exception of food, and his employees will help with the parking etc.

**DISCUSSION OF POTENTIAL CITY WATER PROVISION:** Chair Gregory states that he wants to acquire more information regarding having the Town of Franklin water system extended to the airport. He continues by stating that this project will require coordinating with the Town of Franklin. Currently the 8" water line ends on Riverbend Road. This project would benefit not only the airport, but residences along the way. Extending the water system to the airport will help with any potential fire safety factor. Chair Gregory asks Member Horton to research this issue, and he agrees stating that he will bring information to the next meeting.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** None

There being no further business to discuss, Member Schmitt makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Rhodes seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent. The meeting is adjourned at 5:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Pete Haithcock- Secretary

