

**Macon County Airport Authority  
Minutes for the Meeting Held August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

The Macon County Airport Authority holds its regularly scheduled meeting on August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at the Macon County Airport. All members except for Chair Gregory, who had a doctor's appointment, are present. Also present are: Karl Gillespie, County Commissioner; Pepper Moffitt, Drake Enterprises; David Phillips, airport Manager; Lori Hall, Finance Director; and Teresa McDowell, Clerk. Vice Chairman Gary Schmitt welcomes all present and calls the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR MEETING HELD JULY 30<sup>TH</sup>, 2019:** After a discussion which includes a direction to correct an error in the minutes, Member Rhodes makes a motion to approve the minutes with the noted change. Member Haithcock seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent.

**PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION:** None

**ENGINEERING REPORT:** Project Manager Jimmy Luther is unable to attend the meeting today because of a medical procedure. This agenda item is tabled until the meeting scheduled for September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

**FUEL FARM UPDATE:** This agenda item is tabled until the meeting scheduled for September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

**STATUS OF MOA:** This agenda item is tabled until the meeting scheduled for September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

**STATUS OF STORMWATER TRAINING:** Mr. Phillips and Member Haithcock report that DENR has allotted thirty (30) days to get the training/testing of personnel who will be doing the stormwater tests in place, in order to bring the testing up to date.

**MAINTENANCE ISSUES:** Member Haithcock reports that the established wetland at the airport should be bush-hogged as soon as it dries up. He continues by stating that a side arm mower needs to be used to clean the knoll and the creek banks. He states that an unknown to the authority person is farming on the airport property, and it needs to be determined who it is and who gave him permission to do this. He states that at the very least, a lease needs to be developed with this person if he continues to farm this area. Airport Manager David Phillips reports that Mr. Jimmy Goodman, who has been hired to do maintenance at the airport, is doing a good job of keeping up with all the mowing, and that the grounds look good. Member Horton states that a new county flag has been hung in front of the terminal building. Member Haithcock states that a point of contact regarding wildlife hazards on the airport grounds needs to be determined. He continues by stating that a "Managing Wildlife Hazards at Airports 2019 Training" regarding this matter will be held on October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at Hickory Regional Airport, in Hickory, North Carolina and that some of the members/airport staff need to attend. He also states that fence repair will be starting this fall. Member Haithcock speaks to the insurance currently associated with the airport. He states that the MCAA should be mindful of having double coverage, and he will check with Mike Woods at Wayah to determine the policies the MCAA holds. Member Horton states that it is important that he makes sure that the MCAA members are covered under a liability policy, and states that there is an "errors and omissions" policy for protection and he would like to review whether the authority has one in place. It is determined that Member Horton and Member Haithcock will set up a meeting with Mike Woods of Wayah Agency to review insurance needs and coverage.

**FINALIZE OPEN HOUSE PLANS:** This item was tabled until the September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019 meeting.

**UPDATE ON LEASE CORRECTION:** Member Horton emphasizes that the incorrect recording of the lease between the authority and MaconAir must be remedied. He states that items such as the deferred maintenance schedule must be determined as well as other matters contained in the original lease but not included in the recorded document.

**WATER SYSTEM EXTENSION UPDATE:** Member Horton reports that he met with the Town Manager, Summer Woodard, regarding expanding the municipal water supply to the Macon County Airport. Member Horton presents a detailed, informational report to the MCAA, including the fact that a three (3) way agreement between Macon County, Town of Franklin, and the MCAA will be necessary. He continues by stating that the cost of an individual hook-up is \$2,300.00, and this cost may deter individuals from wanting to participate. He also continues by stating that information would need to be provided by the project engineer in order to determine the details. The Municipal Water Supply to Macon County Airport as prepared by Jack Horton is attached and made a part of these minutes (Item 1).

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** At this time Member Rhodes makes a motion to move into executive session in order to discuss a potential real estate acquisition. Member Haithcock seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent. The authority moves into executive session at 4:50 p.m. After a discussion, Member Horton makes a motion to return to regular session. Member Haithcock seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent. The authority returns to regular session at 5:04 p.m. No action was taken.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Member Haithcock questions as to whether the NCAA annual dues can be paid, and is told that the authority voted to pay these dues last month.

There being no further business to discuss, Member Rhodes makes a motion to adjourn the meeting, with Member Schmitt seconding the motion. The meeting is adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Pete Haithcock, Secretary