

Macon County Airport Authority
Minutes of the Regular Meeting Held on September 30th, 2014

The Macon County Airport Authority holds its regularly scheduled meeting on September 30th, 2014 in its office at the Macon County Airport. All members with the exception of Member Haithcock, who is excused, are present. Member Haithcock is excused because of an out of town trip. Also present are Jimmy Luther, Project Engineer, W.K. Dickson; Joe Collins, Legal Counsel; Jim Tate, Macon County Commissioner; Teresa McDowell, Clerk; Peggy Milton and Neil Hoppe, airport FBO; Steve Ledford, Macon County Maintenance; Bobby Coggins, Macon Media.com; Ryan Hanchett, The Franklin Press; Travis Tallent, Macon County News, and Norelle Kirkland, interested citizen. Chair Gregory welcomes everyone present and calls the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MEETING HELD AUGUST 26TH, 2014: After a discussion, Member Rhodes makes a motion to approve the minutes as referenced and forwarded. Member Schmitt seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent.

PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION: Ms. Norelle Kirkland is present and issues congratulations to the MCAA for the “fast, professional and gorgeous” job that has been done in connection to the runway widening.

ENGINEERING REPORT: UPDATE OF RUNWAY WIDENING PROJECT: Mr. Luther presents a report regarding the runway widening project and states that the contractors should be at the airport on Sunday to do the temporary markings, with the permanent markings being done at a later date. He continues by stating that the runway widening project will be completed, after the marking is done, with the exception of the final inspection and any “punch list” items.

OBSTRUCTION LIGHTING-ROTATING BEACON DISCUSSION: In connection to the obstruction survey, Mr. Luther states that a 50-10 inspection done in 2010 indicated obstructions, and those obstructions, as well as additional obstructions, are present at the current time. He states that there are obstructions on each end of the runway, as well as the 50/10 obstructions. Mr. Luther continues by stating that the obstruction removal is a grant eligible project, and he will speak to the DOA regarding getting this particular project funded. The MCAA continues by stating that they may solicit bids for this project in the meantime. Mr. Luther states that the PAPI’s cannot be certified until the obstruction removal is completed, and he inquires as to whether there is a height zoning ordinance in place. It is determined that all the obstructions that need to be removed are not necessarily located on airport authority property. Chair Gregory asks that Mr. Luther start seeking funding for this project, and he will start speaking with adjoining property owners.

In connection to the obstruction lighting, Steve Ledford, the Macon County Maintenance Department Head is present and states that the county maintenance department staff does not climb towers. Chair Gregory states that he has attempted to call Blanton Electric (the original contractors) but that they have gone out of business, and that the MCAA will continue to try to solicit an individual or company that does this type work. The MCAA also discusses the beacon light, with the estimated cost of replacement being \$25,000.00. Upon installation, it should be fairly maintenance free. Mr. Ledford

states that the beacon light will probably have to be removed and re-set by a crane. Chair Gregory asks that Mr. Ledford try to determine what it will take locally to get this project done, and to determine if a new beacon light or a refurbished light is most appropriate. Mr. Luther will contact Walker & Whiteside, a company who may have a refurbished light in stock. Mr. Ledford states that he will assist with this project. The beacon light is determined to be 36" in diameter, and weighs approximately 450 pounds. Ms. McDowell states that the MCAA will have funding left in their 2013 NPE grant which they can use for lighting if approved by the DOA. She states that there will be approximately \$129,000.00 available, after invoicing is paid to finish the apron rehab project, the No-Rise study re-payment, and the AWOS invoice repayment. Chair Gregory emphasizes that the light project is a huge priority for the MCAA.

MAINTENANCE REPORT: Member Haithcock is not present at today's meeting and this agenda item is postponed to a future date.

FUNDING/GRANT REPORT: Ms. McDowell presents a report to the MCAA in connection to current and future projects grant funding. She states that the grants associated with the DOT-MCAA are as follows:

36237.1.11.3: Runway Extension Grant: This grant is currently open and any funding in this grant is being utilized for TRC for the data analysis of the environmental mitigation for the runway extension.

36237.1.14.1: This grant is the 2013 NPE grant. Additional funding in the approximate amount of \$129,000.00 will be available after the apron rehabilitation project costs, the No Rise study costs and the additional AWOS invoice is paid. The match has been voted on and approved by Macon County Commissioners.

36237.1.13.2: This grant is for the runway widening project. It is an open grant, and this project is almost completed.

36237.1.14.2: The scope of the project for this grant is Rehabilitate Runway 7/25 & Parallel Taxiway. This funding has been awarded and accepted by the MCAA. It has not been approved by the Macon County Commissioners for the 10% match of \$250,000.00. The amount of the grant that has been awarded is \$2,250,000.00.

36237.1.NPE.14: This is the 2014 NPE grant. It has been awarded by the DOA (\$150,000.00), but the match has not been voted on by the Macon County Commissioners (\$16,667.00). The project scope has not been determined as of yet.

ADVERTISING UPDATE: Member Jenkins states that the idea of a kiosk type advertising center with a digital rotating screen has been discussed, and that he thinks it is a good concept. He states that the purpose is to highlight major businesses and opportunities in the area, as well as to sell advertising for interested parties. Member Jenkins continues by stating that the EDC may have some available funding for this project, and that he will continue to solicit private partners. He will update the MCAA on any progress at the next meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Hoppe asks for any update regarding the single point fueling upgrade. Chair Gregory explains that there is no funding for this type project at this time, but continues by stating that this is a priority for the MCAA and that they will continue to research funding for this project.

There being no further business to discuss, Member Jenkins makes a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:46 p.m. Member Rhodes seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted

Pete Haithcock, Secretary