

MACON COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 24, 2020

The Macon County Airport Authority holds its regular meeting on November 24th, 2020. All members with the exception of Member Rhodes are present. Also present are Joe Collins, Legal Counsel; Karl Gillespie, County Liaison; Jake Tallent, FBO Liaison; and Teresa McDowell Clerk. Chair Schmitt calls the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MEETING HELD OCTOBER 27TH, 2020: After a discussion Member Shuler makes a motion to approve the minutes as forwarded. Member Haithcock seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent.

PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION: None

DISCUSSION OF POTENTIAL RELINQUISHMENT OF 2017 NPE FUNDING: A discussion is held regarding the relinquishment of NPE funds (\$150,000.00) for FY 2017. The MCAA is unable to spend these funds prior to the expiration date of May 2021, for various reasons to include the continuation of discussions regarding the signing of the MOA by representatives of the Eastern Band. It is actually more advantageous for the MCAA to relinquish the funds to another airport, because that comes with the expectation that the funding will be restored in the future. It is reported that Project Engineer Jimmy Luther has a recommendation of which airport should receive these funds. After further discussion, Member Horton makes a motion to relinquish the 2017 NPE funds to another airport as recommended by Project Engineer, Jimmy Luther. Member Haithcock seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent.

OTHER BUSINESS:

A COVID-19 survey was passed to Mr. Tallent for completion.

Mr. Tallent reports that there is an interest through the FBO in getting the hangar building painted and re-roofed. No research has been done as of yet regarding potential cost. After further discussion, the authority authorizes Mr. Tallent to proceed with obtaining costs for the project which will then be presented to the authority.

It is determined that there will not be a Christmas Dinner this year based on the COVID 19 protocol.

It is determined that the December meeting will be postponed, and the next meeting will occur on the last Tuesday (1/26/21) in January, 2021.

Mr. Collins reports that he continues to work on the lease changes as required by the DOA.

The payment of an insurance bill for Wayah Insurance in the amount of \$1200.00 for Board coverage is approved.

Member Haithcock will pass the economic survey to EDC Director, Tommy Jenkins. The figures are reduced this year which is expected based on the issues associated with the COVID 19 pandemic.

This is the last meeting that Commissioner Gillespie will attend as the liaison to the Macon County Airport Authority, in that Mr. Gillespie has been elected as a N.C. Representative. The authority thanks Mr. Gillespie for his work and attention to the airport. Mr. Gillespie states that he thanks the authority and believes in the airport as an economic tool.

Respectfully submitted:

Pete Haithcock, MCAA Secretary