

**Macon County Airport Authority
Minutes of the Regular Meeting Held on March 29th, 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 with the exception of Tommy Jenkins. Also present are: Joe Collins, Legal Counsel; Bobby Koppers, County Commission Liason; Teresa McDowell, Clerk; David Eldridge, Macon County News; and Colin McCandless, The Franklin Press. After welcoming guests and members, and expressly thanking Commissioner Koppers for his support, Chair Gregory calls the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 22ND, 2011: After a discussion, Member Corbin makes a motion to approve the minutes as forwarded. Member Haithcock seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent.

PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION: None

ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT #36237.1.12.1 (Vision 100-2011): After a discussion, member Corbin makes a motion to accept the referenced grant which has been awarded to the MCAA by the DOT in the amount of one hundred eighteen thousand four hundred forty two dollars (\$118,442.00). The grant project scope will be approved upon actual utilization of the grant. Member Haithcock seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent.

ENGINEERING REPORT UPDATE: Eric Rysdon, Project Engineer, is unable to attend today's scheduled meeting, but sends a report via e-mail. The report states that the contractor has shifted the runway threshold to approximately one thousand feet (1000') which will reduce the overall runway length to just under three thousand four hundred feet (3400') until the paving of the runway is completed. The report states that the embankment is extremely close to its final grade and the contractor is going to begin stabilization of completed areas. It also states that the electrician has begun installation of the new duct banks for the airfield cables and new airfield lighting.

Mr. Rysdon's report also indicates that the portion of the perimeter fence that was an obstruction of the approach to runway 25 has been adjusted, which adjustment has been forwarded to the State Division of Aviation inspector.

The report states that Bryan Thompson of US Fish and Wild Life has been to the construction site to inspect and is pleased to see that the underground detention units were installed and that one area near the stream had not been stabilized. The contractor has since completed the stabilization of the area.

Mr. Rysdon's report concludes by stating that the inspections are very positive. Chair Gregory states that Buchanan & Sons are doing an outstanding job on the runway extension project.

UPDATE ON HANGAR PROJECT: Member Corbin states that it is imperative that at least one hangar be constructed as soon as possible. There are people on a waiting list for hangar space. It is decided that a corporate hangar should be constructed first. Chair Gregory states that he has received a call regarding a right to first refusal of hangar space and asks Joe Collins, Legal Counsel, if the MCAA can commit to this type of agreement. After determining that any monies for hangars is outside the perimeter of grant monies, Mr. Collins suggests that the MCAA get the letters of commitment together to be used as potential collateral for loan purposes. It will be necessary to move twelve thousand (12000) to fifteen thousand (15000) cubic feet of dirt from the school project to prepare the pad for the hangar site. Lewis Penland will move the dirt for free. There will be very little engineering needed to prepare the site. Chair Gregory states that he will contact Project Manager, Jennifer Fuller to ask if grant monies are available for compacting the dirt at the site and to put in drainage.

DISCUSSION REGARDING OBTAINING CITY PROVIDED WATER: Chair Gregory initiates a discussion regarding obtaining city provided water from the current stopping point (Riverbend Road) to the airport. He states that availability of water addresses a safety issue at the airport regarding potential fire damage. Currently there is not an adequate water system present at the airport. Commissioner Koppers states that the new school located in the area is committed to on-site wells and a septic system at this time, and will not be utilizing city provided water. Chair Gregory asks if the county might be willing to match any potential federal grant with the traditional ten percent (10%) if funding is made available, with Mr. Koppers stating he cannot guarantee anything, but encouraging Chair Gregory to approach the FAA in connection to obtaining funding to increase the water availability by two (2) miles in order to connect with the airport. Upon further discussion, Member Haithcock makes a motion to authorize Chair Gregory to request funding from the FAA in connection to expanding municipal water from the scheduled stop at Riverbend Road to the Macon County Airport. Member Corbin seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Member Haithcock states that Paul Knoepp Landscaping (Knoepp Landscaping, 174 Shady Hollow Road, Otto, NC 28763-Phone #828-369-0027) is responsible for cleaning up the area around the creek. He states that they did a good job and would like to have them maintain the area in front of the terminal building, to include doing weed control and mulching. Member Haithcock states that the expense involved is thirty five (\$35.00)

dollars initial fee per day plus twenty (\$20.00) per hour. They would want to contract for the maintenance to be done twice per month.

Member Haithcock also states that Amerigas has matched the bid that was offered from the other gas company and will continue to provide gas to the airport.

There being no further business, Member Corbin makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Haithcock seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent. The meeting is adjourned at 4:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Pete Haithcock
Secretary
Macon County Airport Authority