

**MACON COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY**  
**Minutes of the Meeting Held May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022**

The Macon County Airport Authority holds its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022 at the Macon County Airport. All members with the exception of Member Rhodes, who is experiencing medical issues, are present. Also present are Ronnie Beale, Macon County Commissioner; Lori Carpenter, Macon County Finance Officer; Joe Collins, Legal Counsel; Jimmy Luther, Project Engineer; Sabrina Crone, Macon County Airport employee; and Teresa McDowell, Clerk. Chair Schmitt welcomes all present and calls the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m.

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR FY 2022-2023 BUDGET:** Chair Schmitt opens the public hearing in connection to the FY 2022-2023 budget at 4:07 p.m. There are no speakers at the meeting. At 4:11 p.m. Chair Schmitt closes the public hearing. The FY 2022-2023 budget is in the amount of \$38,100.00.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MEETING HELD APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2022:** After a brief discussion, Member Shuler makes a motion to pass the minutes as forwarded. Member Horton seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent.

**PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION:** None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**COPY (OR ORIGINAL) OF DRAKE LEASE REVISION REVIEW:** Mr. Collins presents a copy of the revised lease with Drake Enterprises, and an original of the Management Agreement with Macon Air, LLC. Both of these documents have been approved by the DOA and the FAA, and will conclude the franchise with Drake Enterprises/Macon Air. Chair Schmitt signs the Management Agreements. These documents will be filed in the Macon County Airport Office at the airport.

**ENGINEERS REPORT:** Per Mr. Luther, there is no update at this time on the fuel farm project. There is not an update on the tank delivery.

**UPDATE OF MCAA CODE OF ETHICS:** Member Horton states that the presentation of the code of ethics did not take place at the Commissioners' Meeting and will be scheduled for the meeting on June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022. The authority is awaiting one signature on the resolution to present the code of ethics, which should be obtained by the scheduled meeting date.

**DISCUSSION OF SCHEDULING MEETING WITH CHIEF SNEED AND RUSS TOWNSEND, EASTERN BAND OF THE CHEROKEES AND REPORT ON ROAD RELOCATION BY THE N.C. DOT:** Commissioner Beale reports that there will be engineers from the Division of Transportation available for the next MCAA meeting. There are funds available for emergency repair of the subject bridge. Currently the MCAA has a transitional right-of-way, but the moving of the road

which is a part of this project is not shown on the ALP plan, but should be addressed as part of the bridge removal.

Mr. Beale also suggests various dates to meet with Chief Sneed and Russ Townsend of the EBCI. The dates he suggests is June 8<sup>th</sup>, with a potential makeup date of June 15<sup>th</sup>. Hopefully a lunchtime meeting can be scheduled on one of these dates, with a tour of the airport to follow. There is a discussion regarding the future extension of the runway. This is a DOT project, with 100% of the funding being provided for the project. The required MOA is discussed, with the hope expressed that this issue will soon be settled, so the project can be cleared for a start date. Funding for future plans for hangars is also discussed. Dan Rogers is still willing to build hangars and any building of hangars is a very important future plan for the authority.

**FINANCIALS SIX MONTHS REPORT:** FBO Phillips is not available for the meeting. Ms. Sabrina Crone presents the monthly reports.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**REVIEW OF ENGINEERING RFQ'S-RECOMMENDATION FOR CONTRACT AWARD:** After a careful review of forwarded engineering RFQ's, the MCAA votes to retain the engineering firm W.K. Dickson for engineering services. After a discussion, Member Horton makes a motion to retain W.K. Dickson as the engineering firm for the next five years. Member Haithcock seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

There is a conversation regarding honoring past Chairman, Miles Gregory and Vice-Chairman Harold Corbin who were both an integral part in developing the airport. Commissioner Beale recommends having a plaque developed, with a dedication of a room or lobby of the airport terminal building in their honor. Mr. Beale will provide information regarding ordering plaques.

Legal Counsel Joe Collins presents his resignation as the Legal Counsel of the Macon County Airport Authority. Appreciation of Mr. Collins services to the authority are expressed.

Member Haithcock presents a newspaper article regarding the Macon County Aviation Club and expresses a desire for the authority to get involved with this organization.

There being no further business to discuss, Member Haithcock makes a motion to adjourn the meeting, with Member Shuler seconding the motion. The motion passes unanimously and the meeting is adjourned at 5:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Pete Haithcock, Secretary