

**Macon County Airport Authority**  
**Minutes for the Meeting Held July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

The Macon County Airport Authority holds its regularly scheduled meeting on July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at the Macon County Airport. All members are present. Also present are: Jimmy Luther, Project Engineer; Joe Collins, Legal Counsel; Lori Hall, Finance Director; David Phillips, airport Manager; Teresa McDowell, Clerk; Pepper Moffitt, Drake Enterprises employee; and Luke Barber, The Franklin Press. Chair Gregory welcomes all that are present and calls the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES HELD JUNE, 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2019:** After a brief discussion, member Rhodes makes a motion to approve the minutes as forwarded. Member Schmitt seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent.

**PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION:** None

**ENGINEERING REPORT:** Jimmy Luther, Project Engineer reports that there has not been much work accomplished in connection with the MOA with the authority and the tribes. He states that any information provided by TRC in connection to the lab analysis has been forwarded to the DOA. He continues by stating that about 8% of the contract with TRC has been accomplished.

A. Mr. Luther states that in connection to the fuel farm, organized data has been forwarded to the DOA, and that there should be a feedback in connection to this provided soon.

B. Mr. Luther reports that the SWPPP plan is being developed and that the payment for this particular project will have to come from local funds. There is no funding through the DOA available for this project. He continues by stating that the cost for the training will be: \$6,962.00 for training, \$2,748.00 for the update, and \$2,922.00 for the project manager for a total cost of \$12,632.00. After a discussion, Member Haithcock makes a motion to move funding from the fund balance to pay for this project, and to authorize Chair Gregory to sign the work authorization when presented. Member Schmitt seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent. It is determined that an airport employee is the best choice to do the storm water monitoring in that someone employed at the airport would be on site after a rain event.

**MAINTENANCE ISSUES UPDATE:** Member Haithcock reports that the door upstairs has been replaced and repaired in order to stop the leak. The obstruction lights are all working, and they are in the process of obtaining bids for repair/replacement of the hangar doors.

**OPEN HOUSE:** It has been determined that October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019 is a good choice for the open house date, with October 26<sup>th</sup> being set as the potential rain date. Member Rhodes reports that Manager Phillips will be providing personnel to assist with parking and other matters. Mr. Phillips also inquires about having aircraft available during the event. Member Haithcock will provide him with the contact information of the National Guard in Raleigh, NC for possible aircraft provision. Chair Gregory states that Curtis Blackwell has agreed to perform. The Open House is scheduled to start around 10:00 a.m. and end around 3:00-4:00 p.m.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Macon County Commissioners have agreed to provide authority members a stipend of \$50.00 per meeting. There are eleven (11) meetings throughout the year. After further discussion Member

Haithcock makes a motion that the stipend should be paid whether or not a member attends the meeting. Member Schmitt seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent. Member Haithcock provides the necessary W-9 income tax forms.

Member Horton expresses concern regarding the airport authority lease which is recorded in the Register of Deeds Office, Macon County. He states that there is information missing from the recorded document, including the actual payment to be made to the authority by the lessee. He also reports that the recorded document is missing some of the pages. Mr. Collins states that he will re-record the lease with all the payment information included, along with any missing pages.

Member Horton has been researching the possibility of having the Town of Franklin water line extended to the airport. He has reviewed historical documents which provide two (2) possibilities for extending the line. One is to pick up the waterline at the Riverbend Road. The cost was estimated at 3 million dollars in 2009 and 2010. The other is to cross Riverbend and Hwy. 28 to access the school and the airport. This cost was estimated at around 3.6 million dollars. There are positives in connection to extending the water line including better fire safety at the airport, and support from homeowners along the route. The items to consider include: 1. How much water is needed (Consultation with the Town of Franklin is needed); 2. Who it will serve; 3. The Cost; and 4. How to pay for it. Currently, this is not an affordable option through Macon County. After further discussion, a there is a consensus that this is a worthwhile project to pursue, and that Member Horton will work with an engineer through W.L. Dickson who specializes in water and sewer work. Member Horton will continue to collect data regarding this issue and will provide it at the next scheduled meeting.

A discussion regarding the potential recreation area at the airport is held. Both Member Schmitt and Member Rhodes think this is a good idea. Mr. Luther will check the ALP plan to research a potential location.

In connection to the road movement, Chair Gregory states during the actual construction, two curves will be straightened, and that after the road is moved, there will be around three (3) nice acres for future development for the airport.

After a brief discussion, Member Haithcock makes a motion to pay the annual NCAA fee in the amount of \$20.00. Member Schmitt seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent.

There being no further business to discuss, Member Rhodes makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Schmitt seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent. The meeting is adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Pete Haithcock, Secretary