

Macon County Airport Authority
Minutes of the Regular Meeting Held July 31st, 2007

The Macon County Airport Authority held its regular meeting on July 31st, 2007 in its offices located at 1241 Airport Road, Franklin, North Carolina. Chair Gregory called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. Member Jenkins was absent. All other members were present. Also present were Steve Walker and Eric Rysdon of W.K. Dickson; Monty Beck, Legal Counsel for the Airport Authority; Neal Hoppe and Peggy Milton, Airport FBO; Tom Hagan and Ed of the Smoky Mountain Flying Club, and Teresa McDowell, Macon County.

MINUTES: Upon motion by Member Corbin and seconded by Member Schmitt, the minutes of the regular meeting held June 26th, 2007 were unanimously approved.

AGENDA ITEM #3: APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY WITH TIPPETT/PENLAND: Monty Beck, Legal Counsel for the Airport Authority presented a resolution which authorized Chairman Gregory to sign a deed in connection with a property exchange transaction. This transaction involves the Authority acquiring a 2.89 acre parcel in exchange for a 1.94 acre parcel, together with an additional payment of \$23,200.00. After a discussion, Member Schmitt made a motion to authorize Chair Gregory to sign said resolution as presented, on behalf of the Airport Authority. Member Haithcock seconded the motion, and it passed by unanimous consent.

AGENDA ITEM #4: AUTHORITY APPROVAL FOR DOT EASEMENT SIGNATURE BY CHAIRMAN: After a discussion in connection with an easement agreement from the Airport Authority to the DOT for the purpose of re-routing a road bordering airport property, Member Haithcock made a motion to authorize Chair Gregory to sign said easement on behalf of the Airport Authority. Member Schmitt seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous consent.

AGENDA ITEM #5: EXECUTIVE SESSION-CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT AND LAND PURCHASE: Member Corbin made a motion that the Authority convene to executive session at 4:25 to consider a matter involving a Memorandum of Understanding and the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indians. After a discussion, Member Corbin made a motion that the Authority re-convene in open session at 4:55. Member Schmitt seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous consent. Chairman Gregory announced that no action was taken in executive session.

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AGENDA ITEM #6: OTHER BUSINESS: Tom Hagan of the Smoky Mountain Flying Club asked the Authority to consider giving the club permission to place a 36" X 48" bulletin board alongside the existing bulletin board which currently hangs in the terminal building hallway. The bulletin board would be utilized to post notices in connection with the Smoky Mountain Flying Club, as well as other notices of interest to pilots. Chair Gregory stated that the Authority would take this matter into consideration.

Member Haithcock stated that the Airport Authority needed to approve the payment of dues to the North Carolina Airports Association as well as

approve the joining of the Association. After a discussion, Member Haithcock made a motion that the Macon County Airport Authority join the North Carolina Airports Association, as well as pay any associated dues. Member Schmitt seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous consent. Steve Walker of WK Dickson led a discussion regarding the potential mitigation of wetlands located on the Macon County Airport property. He stated that WK Dickson is currently in negotiation with Lori Beckwith of the Corp of Engineers regarding a solution for the areas included in the mitigation project. The engineers will keep the Authority informed of any progress.

The Authority discussed the long-term lease proposal submitted by the Smoky Mountain Flying Club. The Authority determined that they cannot intelligently address the proposal until the conclusion of the EA mitigation for the wetlands, the runway extension project status is better determined and the provision of a long term plan which would address the proposed Flying Club hangar project area. The Authority will further consider the proposal at some future date.

There being no further business, Member Corbin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Schmitt seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous consent. The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pete Haithcock