

Macon County Airport Authority
Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on August 25th, 2015

The Macon County Airport Authority holds its regularly scheduled meeting on August 25th, 2015. All members, with the exception of Member Haithcock Jenkins are present. Member Jenkins arrives after the start of the meeting. Also present are Jim Tate, County Commissioner; Lori Hall, Finance Director; Teresa McDowell, Clerk Joe Collins, Legal Counsel; Greg Kershaw, Engineer; Neil Hoppe and Peggy Milton, airport FBO; and Ryan Hanchett, The Franklin Press. Chair Gregory welcomes everyone present and calls the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD ON JULY 28TH, 2015: After a discussion, Member Rhodes makes a motion to approve the minutes as forwarded. Member Schmitt seconds the motion and the minutes are approved by unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION: None

OPEN HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT: Member Rhodes and Member Schmitt present a report regarding the Macon County Airport open house which was held on Saturday, August 15th, 2015. Both Member Rhodes and Member Schmitt report that they are very pleased with the turnout of interested citizens and the success of the open house over all. Member Rhodes reports that over one thousand (1,000) people attended the event, and that many of them had very positive opinions about the airport. Member Schmitt states that he was actually surprised at the turn out, and pleased at how complimentary and nice citizens were in connection to the airport terminal building and property. He states that he hopes that attendees “spread the word”, and that he and Member Rhodes think that this should be an annual or semi-annual event. Member Schmitt states that the next time this type of event is held, that more hotdogs will be needed. Member Schmitt and Member Rhodes also express their appreciation to airport FBO’s Neil Hoppe and Peggy Milton for helping to make the event such a success. Chair Gregory compliments Member Rhodes and Member Schmitt on the very successful event, and thanks them for their hard work.

ENGINEERING REPORT: AWOS/Rotating Beacon: Engineer Greg Kershaw is present as a representative for Jimmy Luther and W.K. Dickson. He states that the beacon light should be on site as of August, 28th, 2015, with the installation planned for the week of September 8th, 2015. He continues by stating that the inspector is scheduled to be at the airport on September 14th, 2015. Roger Pendergrass, a local contractor, has been hired to install the light. This project requires special equipment, which Mr. Pendergrass owns. Also, the AWOS project is proceeding as expected, and should be completed in the very near future.

OBSTRUCTION LIGHTING REPORT/MAINTENANCE REPORT: Member Haithcock is not available for this report. Chair Gregory states that ETEC continues to work on the lights and that currently, three (3) are fully functioning. Work will continue on the other lighting until they are repaired or the funding is spent.

ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT #36237.1.NPE.15: After a discussion, Member Schmitt makes a motion to accept the grant as referenced, which grant is the NPE funding for 2015, and is in the amount of \$150,000.00. A ten (10%) percent match is required and will have to be voted on by the Macon County

Commissioners. The members concur that acceptance of this grant is dependent upon the match being approved.

OBSTRUCTION REMOVAL DISCUSSION: EAST END OF RUNWAY: Chair Gregory states that he has been contacted regarding the trees in front of the creek on the east end of runway approach 25 and the concerns that some pilots have regarding these obstructions. Chair Gregory questions Mr. Kershaw about the availability of funding for this type obstruction removal. These trees are not included on the map that was formulated in connection to the obstruction removal on the other referenced grounds. After further discussion, Mr. Kershaw states that the concept of obstruction removal includes aerial photography to define the scope of the project, with said description being issued in order to receive a grant for this type project. Member Rhodes states that a WAAS approach on either end of the runway is the goal. Mr. Kershaw continues by stating that he thinks that grant funding is available for this type project. Chair Gregory continues by stating that he will contact Member Haithcock regarding this project and will let him know that he has been appointed by the Board to research this issue.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Member Rhodes states that he would like to see the MCAA purchase video cameras which would be pointed toward each end of the runway, and which will enable a pilot who utilizes the internet to actually have a view of the runway and weather conditions during real time. He continues by stating that this would be a great asset for the airport, without spending a great deal of money. He continues by stating that this addresses a potential safety issue. Member Rhodes and Member Schmitt will research this issue regarding potential costs.

FBO Hoppe states that he would like to see the PAPI lighting and WAAS approach are made a priority through the MCAA and the DOT.

FBO Hoppe states that protocol calls for the flags out front to be lit at night. He suggests solar power lights. Member Jenkins will talk to Steve Ledford about obtaining these type lights.

FBO Milton states that she was very pleased with the open house, and it appeared that the children in particular had an especially good time.

There being no further business to conduct, Member Jenkins makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Schmitt seconds the motion and the meeting is adjourned at 4:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Pete Haithcock, MCAA Secretary