

Macon County Airport Authority
Minutes for the Meeting Held September 25, 2018

The Macon County Airport Authority holds its regularly scheduled meeting on September 25th, 2018 at the Macon County Airport. Members Rhodes and Jenkins are not present. All other members are present. Also present are Karl Gillespie, County Commissioner; Jimmy Luther, Project Engineer Lori Hall, Finance Director; Joe Collins, Legal Counsel; David Phillips, future Airport Manager; Teresa McDowell, Clerk, and Ryan Hanchett, The Franklin Press.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MEETING HELD AUGUST 28TH, 2018: After a brief discussion, Member Schmitt makes a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Member Haithcock seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent.

PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION: Mr. David Phillips is present. He explains that he will be the airport manager once the new FBO's lease period begins with a subsidiary of Drake Enterprise. Mr. Phillips states that there are some positive changes in store for the airport including the use of fuel trucks for providing fuel for jets, which will allow the jets to remain stationary while being fueled. He states that the fuel trucks will be contracted for five (5) years. He continues by stating that there will be high speed internet provided, and that the live cameras already in place will be better utilized. He also states that a landscaping crew will be coming on October 2nd, to work on the terminal building areas. Mr. Phillips inquires about a potential grant for replacing the fuel farm, with Mr. Luther stating that this type project is covered under potential DOA grants. Mr. Phillips continues by stating that he is looking forward to a good working relationship with the airport authority. Chair Gregory states that the airport authority is also looking forward to that and thanks Mr. Phillips for working with them. Member Schmitt also states that Mr. Phillips is the pilot for Drake Enterprises, and will be the airport manager, and comments on the "many hats" that Mr. Phillips will be wearing.

ENGINEERING REPORT: Project Engineer Jimmy Luther is present and states that the electrical vault building project is only waiting on Duke Energy to finish their part of the project. Mr. Luther also states that he and the authority are waiting on the Work Authorization to be returned signed, in order to set up the component of the grant that is set out in the Work Authorization. That will then complete all the requirements for the runway extension project that was mostly completed several years ago.

MAINTENANCE REPORT: Member Haithcock states that Dirt Plus has done some maintenance on the airport grounds since the last meeting, but he has not received the invoice as of yet. He also states that the Macon County Maintenance Department has done some mowing. Member Haithcock asks what the process will be in connection to the propane, with the decision that the propane will be pumped out, and the authority and the FBO to be reimbursed for their respective shares. Member Haithcock also points out that some issues, including the storm water issues, runway potential wildlife issues and fuel certificates have not been fully addressed in the lease. He continues by stating that these issues need further discussion.

OTHER BUSINESS: Chair Gregory states that this meeting is the last that Neil Hoppe and Peggy Milton will be attending as the airport FBO. He expresses appreciation to them for their years as FBO, and thanks them for doing a good job. At this point, Vice-Chair Gary Schmitt presents a plaque to Peggy and Neil, expressing appreciation for their years of service to the Macon County Airport.

There being no further business to discuss, Member Haithcock makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Schmitt seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent. The meeting is adjourned at 4:19.

Respectfully submitted:

Pete Haithcock, Secretary-Treasurer Macon County Airport Authority