

**MACON COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY**  
**Minutes of the Meeting Held September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

The Macon County Airport Authority holds its regularly scheduled meeting on September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at the Macon County Airport. All members with the exception of Member Horton, who is out of town, are present. Also present are Joe Collins, Legal Counsel; Lori Carpenter, Finance Director; Jake Tallent, FBO liaison; Jimmy Luther, Project Engineer; and Teresa McDowell, Clerk. Chair Schmitt welcomes all present and calls the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER, 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020:** After a brief discussion, Member Rhodes makes a motion to approve the minutes as forwarded. Member Shuler seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent.

**PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION:** None

**ENGINEERING REPORT:** Mr. Luther states that the State Aid spending plan is currently waiting on approval through the Division of Aviation. Projects prioritized last year do require a match, but the 2020-2021 funds do not. However, the awarded funds are small in comparison, in that North Carolina will receive only \$666,000.00 from the FAA, and these funds have been earmarked for unclassified airports. There are only two of these in N.C., and the Macon County Airport is not one of them. Chair Schmitt reports that the FAA has determined that the Macon County Airport will receive no NPE funds for FY2020 but will receive a total of \$600,000 for FY2021 which includes deferred FY2018, FY2019, FY2020 and new FY2021 funds.

Mr. Luther explains that, in connection to clearing property, the authority can have the property owned by them cleared, but the clearing cannot include any easement or adjoining property. NPE funds can be utilized for this matter. A project of this type would be in hold status based on the Memorandum of Understanding with the Eastern Band not being finalized.

**REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL REPORTS:** Mr. Tallent reports that the hangars are full, and the hangar doors are still in the process of being repaired. The financial report is tabled until the next meeting so that Member Horton can be present for this discussion.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Mr. Collins reports that progress is being made in the upgraded lease development.

Ms. Carpenter states that a budget amendment is needed for a \$2,000.00 appropriation for the stormwater training class. The total amount for the cost of the training is \$9,086.00. Member Rhodes makes a motion to approve the budget amendment as noted. Member Haithcock seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent.

Member Rhodes expresses concern regarding the condition of the runway in certain areas, stating there are a lot of cracks in the runway, and in one area, there is a shoulder drop off. He continues by stating that a load of dirt would probably solve the issue of the dropoff.

There being no further business to discuss, Member Rhodes makes a motion to adjourn. Member Haithcock seconds the motion and the meeting is adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Pete Haithcock, Secretary