

Mt. Vernon Airport Authority  
Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners  
Held September 12th, 2017 at 6:00 PM

Present: Michael Ancona	Chairman
Eddie Lee	Vice Chairman
Ryan Wellmaker	Secretary
Gary Chesney	Treasurer
Marty Cox	Commissioner

Staff: Chris Collins  
Sheila Jolly-Scrivner

Guests: Josh Jones, Travis Morse, Steve Willis, Mike & Carla Payne, Don Lewis & Ruth Anne Strawn.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

Don Lewis noted the recent 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Midwest LSA Expo was one of the best. He visited with attendees from Chicago, Colorado, Oklahoma, Wisconsin, Georgia, and Ohio. There were planes from as far away as California and Arizona.

Carla Payne mentioned there was an attendee from Peru.

Mr. Collins mentioned that one Romanian built aircraft company CEO showed up in an actual product and was a hit on the flightline. Mr. Collins provided a more detailed recap of the event in Other Business.

**REPORTS**

**Minutes**

Minutes were presented for the August 8th, Meeting for approval. There being no changes to the minutes, motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as presented. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor.

**Treasurers' Reports**

There being no concerns with the Treasurer's Reports, motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurer's Reports as presented. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor of the motion.

**Bills for Approval**

There being no questions or concerns with the Bills for Approval, motion was made and seconded to approve the bills as presented. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Mr. Collins notified the Commissioners the airport's Annual Transportation Improvement Program Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1:30 p.m. at the Illinois

Department of Transportation Division of Aeronautics Offices in Springfield, Illinois. Lunch with IDA and Hanson officials will occur prior to the meeting.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Lake Project**

Mr. Collins presented updated costs for the Lake Dam Northeast Overflow Culvert Project. Round Table Design used some of the old elements (from the original 1974 plans) and some new modern design elements in an enhanced plan to repair the worn out culvert. Corrugated pipe, one seep collar, and flared ends were included as in the original plans. The 2017 piping will be aluminized steel but will also include a filter diaphragm component around the seep collar. Mr. Collins explained filter diaphragms use a combination of clay, sand, and compaction to combat seepage. The total project cost was \$29,676. Round Table Design's portion was \$3500. The piping, seep collar and galvanized flared ends totaled \$6676. Schierbaum Excavating's updated cost was \$19,800. Mr. Collins noted that the material used on the flared ends was not aluminized as the pipe itself. The material supplier mentioned that aluminizing adds another \$1000 to each end. It is an acceptable practice by State, County, and municipalities to use corrugated steel on the ends and take the savings. Mr. Collins recommended moving forward with the total cost of \$29,676. Discussion ensued. Motion was made by Commissioner Lee and seconded by Commissioner Wellmaker to approve the project costs as presented. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor.

### **Airport View Update**

Mr. Collins highlighted the capabilities of the newly installed Airport View System. Four camera sponsors stepped up and helped get things going ahead of the Midwest LSA Expo. Jacob Peed, Airport View Representative, plans to submit a nationwide media release very soon using Mt. Vernon Outland Airport as an example for other airports to follow. Mr. Collins mentioned that he and Mr. Peed have only scratched the surface of Airport View's capabilities. Local airport news, NOTAMS, construction updates, and other relevant information can be uploaded to the Airport View site. Mr. Collins noted he enjoys watching the sun rise and sun set in time lapse, inviting the Commissioners to tune in as well!

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **EAA Ford Tri-Motor**

Mr. Collins presented a flyer for the EAA Ford Tri-Motor Tour Stop at Mt. Vernon Outland Airport scheduled for Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>. EAA owns two beautifully restored 1929 airliners and both aircraft tour the country throughout the year providing flights in mostly larger markets. Mr. Collins stated that, excluding the metro east airports, this is the first appearance of an EAA Ford Tri-Motor south of Springfield. Mr. Collins expressed excitement that the scheduled dates coincide with the Mt. Vernon Fall Festival. He noted that one or the evenings will feature a car show and drive-in movie provided by Kash Helicopter Services.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Collins noted the recent Midwest LSA Expo was very successful and several sales were logged. The weather was beautiful all three days. Attendance at the seminars was excellent. The camping area included more campers than normal. And the airport sold double the amount of Mo-Gas when compared to previous years. Mrs. Scrivner read a Thank You letter from a new exhibitor praising the airport (see attached). Mr. Collins mentioned the Global War on Terror Traveling Wall of Remembrance that was erected on Saturday during the Midwest LSA Expo. He praised the local HOOHAH Group for bringing it to the airport and for the programs on Sunday (Gold Star & First Responder Salute) and Monday (Remembering 9/11). Thanks to Mike Bullard and many other volunteers, over 800 area kids toured the Wall of Remembrance and Jefferson County Hall of Honor. Mr. Collins noted these area kids saw history come alive at the airport on September 11, 2017!

With no Executive Session items, no Other Business, and no further items for discussion on the Agenda, motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

