

Hangar door brings winter benefits

Last year's door project allows for work during current winter conditions

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MT. VERNON — One year after opening bids for a hangar project, the Mt. Vernon Outland Airport is reaping the results.

In January 2015, the airport sought new bids on a project to install a new door in the FBO (fixed-based operator) hangar. This year at last week's full meeting of the Board of Commissioners, Airport Director Chris Collins updated the board, stating that the

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DOOR DISCUSSION — The Mt. Vernon Outland Airport Board of Commissioners discusses the fixed-based operator hangar door last week. The newly-installed door allows work within the hangar during winter.

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door has enabled work in the hangar during the current winter weather.

"It's days like today and yesterday that we are thankful that door is over there because they're able to work out there in regular clothing and with no wind infiltration coming around the seals and it's warm," said Collins. "Then you go [into another hangar] and the heaters are running full blast and it's 35 degrees. We do have one final change order with the floating door. It's \$3,690. That's for the additional trips up here to try to engineer that door into the old building. The change was approved by [engineer] Brian Edmonds."

The board voted its approval of additional work on the door project.

The previous FBO hangar door was be demolished in September with the entrance around it fixed for the installa-

tion of a new door.

Collins explained in a previous meeting that the grandiose plan is, "taking the existing door structure we have and removing the old sliding door that is already contained in there. We're going to put two new vertical beams and a header beam and attach the floating door there. What that does is give the building an additional seven feet of depth and probably 72 feet of width across so we're gaining extra square footage."

In Edmonds' estimation, the old door was not repairable, indicating that the door has deteriorated over time.

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- The airport will seek a contractor to help clear visibility on one of the runways. "In the next couple of weeks we'll be gearing up to trim some trees on the approach to Runway 5," said Collins. "We've got three property owners that have generously allowed us to come on their property and trim trees to FAA [Federal Aviation Administration] specs ... 12 trees in total." 1-19-16

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