

Airport board owes Ill.

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MT. VERNON — The Airport Authority Board owes \$19,786.28 to the state for overpaid property tax reimbursements.

"[There's] still no official contact from the Illinois Department of Revenue with a plan of action. [However,] with our strong surplus each year, this overpayment does not affect our bottom lines," Chris Collins, the airport director, said.

Collins added that the overpayment is for three years.

According to an April 19 Illinois Department of Revenue press release 6,500 districts are affected and the overpayment was due to a misallocation of funds in the Personal Property Replacement Tax Fund in 2014.

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According to the release, the PPRT was implemented during the Quinn administration and the PPRT are revenues collected by the state and paid to local governments to replace money that was lost when the 1970 Constitution amendment abol-

ished the ability of local governments to impose personal property taxes on corporations, partnerships and other business entities.

Other districts that owe the state include Mt. Vernon Township High School at \$85,443.13, Mt. Vernon City Schools District 80 at \$43,116.46 and the City of Mt. Vernon at \$25,231.75.

The tentative 2015-16 airport budget was also provided at the meeting.

Total revenues for the 2015-16 fiscal year are

estimated at \$513,210 and expenditures totaled \$511,415.

Some of the revenues include property taxes at \$123,128, aviation fees at \$78,878 and rental income at a total of \$81,076.

Expenditure items include salaries at \$170,000, insurance at \$90,000 and utilities at \$63,500.

In other business, the board:

Voted on board officers. Mike Ancona was elected the chairman of the board, Eddie Lee was appointed vice chair-

man, Gary Chesney was elected treasurer and Joe Bob Pierce as secretary;

Approved the payment of \$12,591 to Hanson Local Professional Service for three separate projects;

Tabled a discussion on a new Airport Lake boat stand and sign by St. Louis Thunderboaters; and

Approved The Great Benjamin's Circus to set up at the airport for public performances on Friday, May 20 and Saturday May, 21.

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