

# Hangar project to begin next month

*Development on  
Mt. Vernon Outland  
Airport's hangar door  
set for Sept. 14*

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MT. VERNON — A date was set Tuesday night by the Mt. Vernon Outland Airport Authority Board of Commissioners to begin work on the FBO (fixed base operator) hangar door, a project which has been under discussion since 2014.

The current FBO hangar door will be demolished in September with the entrance around it to be fixed and a new door installed.

"We are to go onboard for starting that project the Monday after the Light Sport Expo, which would be the 14th of September," updated Airport Director Chris Collins. "So I've got [Engineer] Brian [Edmison]'s plans here, which are pretty much the same ones we looked at early on with the project. This is the 'grandiose plan' where we fix the building how we want it and get additional square footage."

Collins explained in a previous meeting that the grandiose plan is, "taking the existing door structure we have and removing the



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**FURTHER DEVELOPMENT** — Mt. Vernon Outland Airport Director Chris Collins, LEFT, and Airport Board Commissioner Greg Martin, RIGHT, meet with the airport Board of Commissioners on Tuesday night. During the meeting, board discussion included updates on the FBO (fixed-base operator) hangar door project.

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."

The winning bid from Bevis Construction, Inc. in Mt. Vernon for the first portion of the hangar project was approved by the board on Tuesday.

"I have a contract here between the Airport Authority and Bevis Construction, which was the winning bidder of about \$38,000 ... Bevis' bid is to dress up the front,

do all the demolition," Collins explained.

An additional cost will be required for the installation of the door itself. Together both portions of the project are estimated to cost around \$60,000 and will be funded by the airport's Capital Development Campaign.

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

When the time comes for installation, the board seeks to install a hydraulic door rather than a sliding door due to the speed of the hangar door opening and closing.

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