

Airport board OKs further funds for lake project

Funds to go toward culvert project

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MT. VERNON — The Mt. Vernon Airport Authority Board of Commissioners gave the go ahead for additional funding for its lake culvert project during its monthly meeting Tuesday evening.

Mt. Vernon Outland Airport Director Chris Collins requested an additional \$1,030 for more aluminized coating to avoid any potential corrosion issues in the future.

"The piping engineer had mentioned that all these municipalities had taken the cheaper stance on this," Collins said. "So when Kevin [Phillips of Round Table Designs] called back, we both decided that end on the other side that is always under water, it would be a good idea to have the same metal properties."

The airport board approved the \$29,976 culvert project during its September meeting. The existing culvert is old and several sections are in need of replacing, according to Sentinel archives.

The project had previously included about \$19,000 in excavation work, \$6,600 for the pipe and accessories and about \$10,500 for the design. Collins had told the board during the September meeting that an improved design incorporated was needed.

"It is a project that has been needed to be done for years," Collins had said during the meeting.

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"We have tried to what I have called 'put a bandaid on it,' our maintenance guys for years. It has gotten so bad that something needed to be done."

Collins said Tuesday the aluminized piping for the lake culvert project is scheduled to begin on Oct. 20 and work will begin as soon as the piping comes in.

"We want to do this right," he said. "We don't want to

worry about it again in another 15 or 20 years."

IN OTHER BUSINESS:

- The board of commissioners heard an introduction of a possible five t-hangar project for the airport.

- The recent Ford Tri-Motor event on Sept. 28 was a success. Collins said there were 23 flights total, just a few flights short of the event in Dekalb.

- The board discussed options for replacing the roof at the airport fire station, which is also known as the Mt. Vernon Fire Department's Summersville station.

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