

Mt. Vernon Airport Authority  
Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners  
Held October 12, 2010, at 6:00 PM

Present: Michael Ancona	Chairman
Greg Martin	Vice Chairman
Paul Dickerson	Secretary
Joe Bob Pierce	Commissioner

Absent: Gary Chesney                      Treasurer

Staff: Chris Collins  
Mary Barnett-Johnson

Guests: See Attached

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There being none, Chairman Ancona moved forward with the meeting.

**REPORTS**

**Minutes, Treasurer's Reports, & Bills for Approval**

The monthly minutes (presented for the September 14, Meeting), Treasurer's Reports, and List of Bills were presented for approval. There being no changes to the minutes and no concerns with the Treasurer's Reports or List of Bills, motion was made and seconded to approve all as presented. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

There being none, Chairman Ancona moved forward with the meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**New Hangar**

Mr. Collins briefed the Commissioners as to where the project stands to date. The concrete floor has been poured and most tasks have been completed prior to the erection of the building. The building permit has been issued by the City of Mt. Vernon. Mr. Collins noted that on the aircraft ramp extension and vehicular parking lot portions of the project, progress is being made as well. The aircraft ramp has been formed and awaits concrete. Staged pouring should begin later in the week. Crews have been mapping out the vehicular parking lot and should begin removing the top soil soon also. Chairman Ancona noted that steel components are scheduled to be delivered on Monday, October 18<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Martin complemented the contractors as he stated the site is very clean. Mr. Collins noted that the contractors (from two different companies) are getting along very well.

**SPCC/Mobile Fueler Containment Project**

Mr. Collins noted that the flatwork for the project is underway. The footings have been dug, formed, and poured. Next up is the actual pouring of the floor. This should occur later in the week. Mr. Collins stated that he, Ron, and Ted are making preparations for the erection of the canopy structure.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Fly-In and Veterans Reunion.**

Mr. Collins asked the Commissioners for financial assistance with the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Little Egypt Fly-In and Veterans Reunion. For the past several years the airport has provided the food for the pilots and passengers flying in. The promotion is an incentive for aviators from other airports to come to Mt. Vernon. Mr. Collins asked the Commissioners to approve a Not-to-Exceed expenditure of \$500 to be used to purchase the required food items, soft drinks, and condiments. Motion was made by Commissioner Pierce and seconded by Commissioner Dickerson to purchase the requested items for a Not-to-Exceed \$500. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor.

### **Airport Website Overhaul**

Mr. Collins stated that for the last few months he has been contemplating an overhaul of the airport's website. The existing site is simple, very informative, and up to date. However, it lacks sophistication needed to market the airport in the future. Mr. Collins noted that he has been talking to the webmaster that manages the Midwest LSA Expo site and there is interest to take over the airport website. The Midwest LSA Expo is one of the finest sites in aviation. Some information regarding cost to take over the airport website is in hand but not finalized. Mr. Collins turned and addressed Mr. Don Lewis, the current webmaster, and stated that Mr. Lewis volunteered to be webmaster for the airport in 2004. Mr. Collins told Mr. Lewis that he has done a fantastic job with the airport's website. The idea for an overhaul using the professional webmaster was not an easy considering the exceptional job Don has done. If the Commissioners decide to take the site several steps forward, the airport should do so. Mr. Collins asked the Commissioners if they would like him to seek a cost to overhaul the site and an estimated annual cost for hosting and updating. Discussion ensued and the Commissioners agreed that costs should be sought. In the end, it will be Mr. Collins' decision. The Commissioners stated that they are for anything to market and promote the airport.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Although no items of Other Business were presented, Chairman Ancona provided some timely comments regarding the airport. He stated that the airport now has three major aviation events behind it, a large new hangar being erected, and a ramp extension underway – hats off to management, staff, tenants, and volunteers!

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There being no items to discuss in Executive Session, Chairman Ancona moved forward with the meeting.

There being no further business to discuss under Other Business, no further items for discussion on the Agenda, and no items to be taken from Executive Session, motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.