

Mt. Vernon Airport Authority  
Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners  
Held October 14, 2014 at 6:00 PM

Present: Michael Ancona	Chairman
Greg Martin	Vice Chairman
Eddie Lee	Secretary
Gary Chesney	Treasurer
Joe Bob Pierce	Commissioner

Absent: None

Staff: Chris Collins  
Sheila Jolly-Scrivner

Guests: Emily Roth & Don Lewis

#### **PUBLIC INPUT**

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

#### **REPORTS**

##### **Minutes**

Minutes were presented for the September 9, Meeting for approval. There being no changes to the minutes, motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as presented. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor.

##### **Treasurers' Reports**

There being no concerns with the Treasurer's Reports, motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurer's Reports as presented. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor of the motion.

##### **Bills for Approval**

There being no questions or concerns with the Bills for Approval, motion was made and seconded to approve the bills as presented. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

There were no items of Correspondence. Mr. Collins reminded the Commissioners of the airport's Annual TIP Meeting scheduled for Thursday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. at IDOT, Division of Aeronautics in Springfield.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

##### **Security Cameras**

As directed by the Commissioners at the September Meeting, Mr. Collins presented prices for additional equipment to bolster the airport's security camera system. The proposed new equipment consists of three additional indoor cameras for the Koziara

Terminal, one outdoor camera for maintenance, and a real time television monitor for the airport authority office. Mr. Collins noted the total cost for all items is \$2320. Motion was made by Commissioner Chesney and seconded by Commissioner Lee to approve the expenditure of \$2320 with Electronic Architechs. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor.

### **Balloons Over Mt. Vernon/EAA Young Eagles**

Mr. Collins provided an update on this weekend's big event at the airport. The popular balloon glow will occur at dusk on Friday Night. The United Way is heavily involved with the glow and their various beneficiary organizations will have booths for spectators to visit during the official hours of 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. A tethered balloon operator will be selling rides just east of A-1100. Sixteen balloons will launch from the airport just after dawn on Saturday morning. Following the launch, the United Way and Wilkey's will team up to provide a pancake breakfast on Saturday morning in the Koziara Terminal Lobby. The breakfast will feature celebrity pancake "flippers" hoping to raise money for United Way Programs. EAA Young Eagle Flights will be offered to community youth beginning at 9:00 a.m. and ending at 2:00 p.m. The balloons will try to fly over the fall festival parade at approximately 4:00 p.m. The launch site will be determined by the wind direction on that day. Mr. Collins noted that he is concerned with the wet weather and the forecast for more rain in the days remaining before the event. He noted that the contingency parking plan used during the Salute to Freedom will most likely be implemented. Mr. Collins asked for the Commissioners to help park cars with Commissioners Lee, Chesney, and Chairman Ancona pledging to help.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Health Insurance**

Mr. Collins stated a renewal proposal was received for the airport's group the same date as the September Meeting. Due to the timing of the renewal, the Commissioners approved the new rate individually. Mr. Collins officially presented the new numbers. It appears the monthly rates for all four employees increased – one significantly. The expiring rate was \$1908 per month. The renewal rate is \$2127 (an increase of \$264) per month. Mr. Collins noted agent Diana Thomas sought other quotations, but none were lower. Mr. Collins directed the Commissioners to the last page of the insurance segment. It appears the airport received a savings of \$2236 over the last year due to the lock in of the rates at the timing of the purchase and new ACA rules preventing rate increases at mid-stream. Motion was made by Commissioner Lee and seconded by Commissioner Martin to approve the renewal with Health Alliance and Agent Diana Thomas. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor.

### **Snow Removal Equipment**

The second item of New Business is Snow Removal Equipment. Mr. Collins stated he is continually trying to upgrade the equipment fleet and this year his target is the airport's Sweepster Snow Eliminator (Tow Behind Runway Sweeper). Although conditions have to be right for it's use (dry snow), the Sweepster is a handy piece of equipment to have. The unit is also used to sweep the movement surfaces of dust, dirt, and other particles during the other seasons. Currently, the individual three feet diameter brushes are worn down. Mr. Collins presented a quotation to replace the 72 wafer brushes. The total cost

is \$1025.28 plus shipping. Mr. Collins noted he would like to place an order so the equipment can be ready by the snow season (the quotation indicates a 25 day lead time). Motion was made by Commissioner Chesney and seconded by Commissioner Martin to approve the quotation with United Rotary Brush for \$1025.28. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor.

On a related note, Mr. Collins mentioned a presentation by Cryotech Deicing Technologies at the recent Illinois Public Airport Conference that got everyone's attention. An FAA approved liquid anti-icer/de-icer is now available in the region to remove ice in the event an aircraft operation had to be conducted. Mr. Collins stated he may come back to the Commissioners at a future meeting to seek permission to procure this type of product as currently the airport has no means to remove ice other than mother nature.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Chairman Ancona mentioned the Land Acquisition line item listed under Executive Session. He stated he did not see any need to take the matter into Executive Session as he was opposed to purchasing the small parcel offered recently to the airport. Chairman Ancona asked Mr. Collins to explain how the opportunity surfaced and if there had been any new developments since he created the pros and cons list presented to the Commissioners in the board booklets. Mr. Collins stated that a neighbor at the extreme south end of County Farm Lane was recently married and will be moving to his new wife's house (the couple no longer need the 1.5 acre tract that is contingent with the airport's property line). Mr. Collins stated there have been no new developments. Discussion ensued with the Commissioners agreeing the airport did not need additional land to maintain.

### **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.