

Mt. Vernon Airport Authority
Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Held October 11, 2016 at 6:00 PM

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

Staff: Chris Collins
Sheila Jolly-Scrivner

Guests: Sean Singleton, Travis Morse, Mike & Carla Payne, Tyson Rush, Don Lewis, & Ruth Anne Strawn.

Note: Everyone was informed in advance to assemble at the intersection of Illinois Highway 15 and the Maintenance Road. Mr. Collins called the roll. He then revealed a new sign at the intersection – it displayed ***Firebaugh Drive***. Mr. Collins provided a Press Release (attached) to the media and explained the MVAA Commissioners voted to name a road after retired Airport Manager Max Firebaugh several years ago. With the development of Innovation Park, which was the very place Max started his career; it became clear this was the road to dedicate to Max. It is where the past meets the future. Mr. Collins noted *“when people pass this intersection and see this sign, I hope they think about this kind and caring man.”*

After reconvening in the regular board room, Chairman Ancona welcomed everyone to the meeting. He asked for a moment of silence for Steve Watts. Steve passed away on Tuesday, September 27th. He was 69 years old. Chairman Ancona stated *“Steve was an all-around good guy. The airport won’t be the same without him.”*

PUBLIC INPUT

Hearing none, Chairman Ancona moved forward with the meeting.

REPORTS

Minutes

Minutes were presented for the September 13th, 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 being none, Chairman Ancona moved forward with the meeting.

Mr. Collins reminded the Commissioners of the TIP (Transportation Improvement Program) Meeting. The Meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 24th at 1:30 p.m. at IDOT, Division of Aeronautics in Springfield, Illinois.

OLD BUSINESS

KT Suite "A"

Mr. Collins re-introduced the framing of the vestibule area off the terminal lobby (discussed and tabled at the August Meeting). At that time Brian Edmision had submitted some plans and prices for two options. The solid glass wall with double door option was chosen but the project was tabled to allow time for Airgo to approve. Mr. Collins recently spoke to Jay Grafton and he approved the plan. Airgo would like the Suite to be operational by January 1st. Mr. Collins noted a little good news surfaced recently. Retired Commissioner Greg Martin viewed the project and has agreed to donate his labor to install the wall (with Airport Maintenance assisting). Mr. Martin priced the panels and doors through his sources at \$2800. Mr. Collins noted there will be some minor construction and electrical upgrades, but all things considered, a Not-to-Exceed \$4000 should complete the project. Motion was made by Commissioner Pierce and seconded by Commissioner Chesney to approve the Not-to-Exceed estimate of \$4000. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

Farming Specification

Mr. Collins explained the current cash farm lease expires on December 31st. He will generate a Bid Specification, go through the procedures, and plan to have bids at the November Meeting.

Balloons Over Mt. Vernon

Mr. Collins provided an overview of the upcoming Balloons Over Mt. Vernon event. He began by thanking Ms. Sheila Jolly Scrivner for taking over the event and doing a phenomenal job. She has organized all details and brought a community together. Mr. Collins noted there will be balloon glows on both nights, the popular United Way Pancake Breakfast, EAA Young Eagle Rides, Helicopter Rides, RC Boat Races, Vietnam Veterans Reunion, and many, many, more festivities. Mr. Collins pointed to the marketing materials and site map on the table. He said *"look at those corporate logos on the site plan – Crossroads Hospital, Knapp Propane, Country Financial, US Bank, Trackside Bar & Grill, Byrd Watson, United Way, First Mid-Illinois Bank, and Tri-County Electric Cooperative. This makes me so proud!"* He mentioned the AC47 Gunship "Spooky" will not make the event due to an engine problem. *"It is unfortunate, but that is aviation"* he said.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Collins briefed the Commissioners of two problem areas that recently occurred. A section of the southwest wing wall fell on the southwest side of the terminal. Mr. Collins explained the wall has been deteriorating since its inception. Moisture entering through the top cap and chat gravel between the panels has forced a situation where the panels are under pressure. A broken weld allowed one panel to fall on the flightline side. Mr. Collins believes the remaining flightline side panels could be removed (along with the chat gravel), the parking lot side panel welds strengthened, and metal panels added on the flightline side. All work can most likely be done in house. Mr. Collins noted he will keep the Commissioners informed on the work progress.

Another problem occurred recently at the Air-Evac Lifeteam Base. Mr. Collins noted a sinkhole has developed on the south end of their parking lot. A small section of yard has dropped in elevation. Utility providers are in the process of marking their lines and Mr. Collins stated he is awaiting Air Evac Facilities Coordinators to provide "as-built" plans of where their company specific utilities are located. Once everything is located, Mr. Collings noted the damaged area can be excavated and repaired. Like the wing wall difficulty, all work should be able to be completed by Airport Maintenance staff.

Mr. Collins explained the fuel profit sharing plan between the MVAA (dba Flightline Aero Services) and SRT Aviation, approved at last month's meeting, needed to be rescinded and replaced. The old plan, titled the "Floating Split" was inferior. He presented and outlined a true 50/50 proposal that was superior to both parties. The 50/50 split covers all costs including payroll, QA/QC, and equipment capitalization. Profit is entered into an escrow account and then divided 50/50 at the end of the fiscal year. Mr. Collins recommended the 50/50 plan and stated "*this is what should have been done all along.*" He added thanked Ms. Allison Creekmore of SRT Aviation for coming up with the plan. Motion was made by Commissioner Chesney and seconded by Commissioner Lee to replace the Floating Split plan with the true 50/50 plan as presented. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor.

The Commissioners asked Mr. Collins how the search for a new courtesy vehicle was progressing. Mr. Collins mentioned he had found a clean, low mileage Chrysler Town & Country Mini-Van that was in the price range approved at last month's meeting. He noted the van has only 122,000 miles and the interior is exceptionally clean. With the Stow and Go Seating, the van is a perfect fit for the airport. It can haul people during events and can also haul airplane parts should the SRT mechanics need to work on the road. Mr. Collins noted the asking price of \$6700 from Auto Plex in Mt. Vernon was more affordable than anything he could find online. Motion was made by Commissioner Lee and seconded by Commissioner Wellmaker to purchase the 2008 Chrysler Mini Van from Auto Plex for \$6700. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor.

With no Executive Session items, no additional Other Business, and no further items for discussion on the Agenda, motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

