

Mt. Vernon Airport Authority  
Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners  
Held October 10, 2017 at 6:00 PM

Present: Michael Ancona                      Chairman  
          Gary Chesney                        Treasurer  
          Ryan Wellmaker                     Commissioner  
          Marty Cox                            Commissioner

Absent: Eddie Lee                            Vice Chairman

Staff: Chris Collins  
       Sheila Jolly-Scrivner

Guests: Leah Williams, Steve Willis, Don Lewis, Ruth Anne Strawn, and Brian Edmison

**PUBLIC INPUT**

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

**REPORTS**

**Minutes**

Minutes were presented for the September 12th, 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 on the Agenda

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Lake Project**

Mr. Collins presented an additional expenditure associated with the Northeast Overflow Culvert Replacement Project. At last month's meeting, the flared end sections approved were constructed of galvanized steel. The piping and seep collars were constructed of aluminized steel. Aluminized steel flared ends cost an additional \$1000 each. The material supply engineer at Contech noted that nearly all State, County, and Municipal

Engineers have been accepting the cheaper alternative. Mr. Collins explained that Kevin Phillips from Round Table Design was unavailable prior to the September meeting so he settled for the cheaper end sections when making the materials recommendation. Mr. Collins noted that since the meeting, something from his engineering training was bugging him – galvanic corrosion. When two dissimilar metals are immersed in a solution, galvanic corrosion is possible. When Mr. Collins and Kevin Phillips spoke the day after the meeting, the pair agreed to specify an aluminized flared end section for the inlet side of the pipe. Since the inlet side is nearly always at the water’s level, the corrosive atmosphere will be eliminated. Mr. Collins asked for approval of the additional \$1030 expenditure for the aluminized inlet. Discussion ensued. Commissioner Chesney asked if a coating could be applied to the inlet side flared end section and culvert pipe joint. Mr. Collins noted he was unsure if the coating would provide long term component life. Motion was made by Commissioner Cox and seconded by Commissioner Chesney to approve the additional \$1030 for an aluminized flared end section on the inlet side of the lake dam. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **New “T” Hangar**

Mr. Collins introduced the new five place “T” Hangar project scheduled for Summer, 2018. As was the case with the Community and Innovation Park #1 Hangars, the airport will construct the building locally and the ramp/taxiway will be constructed using a combination of Federal, State, and local funds. Mr. Collins provided a breakdown of the paving portion of the project via the IDOT 2016 Program Letter (\$375,000 total cost - \$18,750 State and \$18,750 local). Very soon, Hanson Professional Services, the airport’s consultant, will be submitting preliminary plans to IDOT.

Mr. Collins noted there is \$300,000 appropriated in the Momentum 2020 Capital Development Plan for the building portion of the project. Airport Architect Brian Edmison was in attendance and provided an overview of the new hangar. With the exception of the ten place capacity, the hangar will be very similar to the adjacent hangar. Its north face will align with the north face of the existing ten place unit (east side). There will be taxi lanes on both the north and south ends of the new five place hangar. The intent is to have plans ready for review in January. Bids could be sought by March or April with construction in early Summer. Mr. Collins hopes the paving portion of the project would be on the April, 2018 State Letting Cycle. If it is included, the paving portion of the project would be late summer, 2018.

### **ARFF Station**

Mr. Edmison presented a project estimate for a total roof replacement on the City/Airport Fire Station Roof. At the request of Mr. Collins, Mr. Edmison recently inspected the roof and noted the 1974 roofing panels are on the last legs of their life expectancy. Mr. Collins noted airport maintenance has been patching problematic sections of the roof for many years and in 2008, during a revitalization of the exterior, the contractor addressed several weak areas of the roof as part of the project. Mr. Edmison noted it was time to prepare the building for the next 40 years. He presented a recommendation for the most cost effective long term solution. A new standing seam roof, gutters, coping, equipment

curbs, and parapet covers will ensure the building will serve the residents east of the railroad tracks for many years. Mr. Collins mentioned the estimate was far in excess of the number the two discussed after the inspection. Mr. Edmison noted the new energy codes require additional insulation and the materials themselves were more costly than originally considered. Mr. Collins stated the project would have to wait until the next Capital Development Plan as the airport lacks the funding to initiate such a project at this time. Until then, the damaged areas could be addressed temporarily. The Commissioners agreed with Mr. Collins.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Collins stated the recent EAA Ford Tri-Motor Tour Stop was very successful. Twenty-three flights (seven to ten passengers per flight) were recorded over the 3.5 day visit. The Friday with the Ford Transportation Experience was a hit with the local car clubs. The event allowed the rare mixing of aviation and automobiles. Many cars were of the same vintage as the Tri-Motor. Kash Helicopter Services showed the movie American Graffiti on the South side of the Community Hangar on Friday Night. Several cars and owners stayed for the movie allowing those in attendance to state they were at the Mt. Vernon Drive-In Theatre. A couple from Mc Cleansboro showed up on Sunday morning in 1920's attire providing for great photo opportunities. With Guy Randall's 1907 Success Auto Buggy, Jeff Meyers' 1953 Airport Crash Truck, Mr. Collins' 1928 Wayne Visible Gas Pump, and the Tri-Motor aircraft, it really was a unique transportation experience at Mt. Vernon Outland Airport!

There being no Executive Session items, no additional Other Business items, 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.