

Mt. Vernon Airport Authority
Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Held October 9, 2018 at 6:00 PM

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

Absent: Eddie Lee Vice Chairman

Staff: Chris Collins
 Sheila Jolly-Scrivner

Guests: Steve Willis, Don Lewis, Ruth Anne Strawn, Josh Jones, Brenda Torrez, Amy McKinney, and Mike & Carla Payne

PUBLIC INPUT

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

REPORTS

Minutes

Minutes were presented for the September 11th, 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

Mr. Collins reminded the Commissioners of the airport's upcoming TIP (Transportation Improvement Program) Meeting at IDOT, Division of Aeronautics in Springfield. The meeting will be at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, October 24th. Mr. Collins stated he intends to introduce a few projects the airport will be submitting to the FAA for the Supplemental Appropriation Funding Initiative. Mr. Collins noted the Supplemental Appropriation opportunity is a new President Trump Initiative that funds airport projects for the next three years. The projects were originally intended to be outside the realm of traditional AIP (Airport Improvement Program) funding. But this does not seem to be the case as the first round (Primary Airports only) included all types of projects. The total amount of

funding available is \$1 Billion per year. Projects are submitted to the FAA Airport District Offices with winners selected by the FAA. 2019 projects have to be submitted by October 30, 2018. Mr. Collins stated that paving of the perimeter access roadway, airfield lighting upgrades, and revitalization of the Koziara Terminal Parking Lot are three projects that will be submitted by the airport.

OLD BUSINESS

Hangar A-800 Revitalization

Mr. Collins noted the project is moving forward with all doors and a large number of side sheeting having been removed by airport maintenance. Once the sides have been completely removed, the staff will tackle the removal of the roof sheeting. The door manufacturer has indicated he will be on site later in the month to install the new hydraulic doors. Mr. Collins stated the existing metal could be sold to interested parties instead of scrapping. He contacted the supplier of the new steel sheets and was informed new steel retails for \$3.15 per foot (in height as each panel is approximately 3 feet in width). Therefore, the ten feet height side sheets purchased new would retail for \$31.15 each. Mr. Collins asked the Commissioners for approval to sell the surplus sheets for 33% the price of new. With the side sheets at just over ten feet and the roof sheets just over fifteen feet, the surplus prices would be \$10 and \$15 for each size of panel. The Commissioners agreed with these prices for the surplus used sheets.

NEW BUSINESS

CASA Event

Mr. Collins introduced Mrs. Brenda Torrez and Mrs. Amy McKinney from CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) of Jefferson County. CASA exists to assist abused and neglected community children. Mrs. Torrez and Mrs. McKinney explained CASA would like to promote a "Touch a Truck" fund raising event in the spring. Since the airport has large parking lots, hosts many other community events, and has equipment of its own, it would be a perfect place for the event. The concept would provide children a chance to experience large equipment up close and personal. In addition to transportation equipment, the event would include face painting, bounce houses, and other offerings for families. The first Saturday in May is being contemplated. Discussion ensued with insurance, food sales, scheduling, and staffing being addressed. Motion was made by Commissioner Cox and seconded by Commissioner Wellmaker to approve the request. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor.

Fence Repair Project

Mr. Collins mentioned Tropical Depression Gordon and its ten inch rain on Saturday, September 8th took out a section of the airport's perimeter fence on the north side of the airport. A photo page, map, and repair estimate from one semi-local fence company were supplied to the Commissioners. Approximately 90 feet of fence fabric, poles, top rails, and barbed wire will need replaced - eventually. Mr. Collins stated he and the Maintenance Staff have secured the area by bending the poles back into original position, reattaching the fence fabric, and replacing the top rail system with a steel cable. One repair estimate is in the file. Another four companies have been contacted but have yet to

produce estimates. With poor weather coming and the site having poor access, any permanent repair may not occur until spring.

Surplus Equipment

Mr. Collins provided a list of vehicles (with photo page and description) he and the maintenance staff would like to declare surplus. Most have not moved in over a year (at least one has not moved in ten years). The vehicles are as follows: 1985/1997 Jet A Refueler, 1990 S350 four wheel drive diesel van (with hydraulic fence driving apparatus), 1991 Dodge Conversion Van, and 2000 Kia Sephia. Mr. Collins recommended the fuel truck and 4x4 van should be sold via eBay. A nationwide audience may net a larger return. The Dodge van and Kia Sephia could be sold locally. He said of all listed, only the Kia is drivable (sort of). Because of its ruggedness, its being able to be repaired affordably, and a use by FBO staff for local errands, Mr. Collins noted he would like to table his recommendation for its inclusion on the surplus list. He noted the fuel truck will start and operate with a few hours maintenance (replacement of the spark plugs). Mr. Collins and the Maintenance Staff debated heavily about keeping it for a spare. With an estimate to make the truck reliable (the engine needs replaced and a few items in the fuel delivery system need attention) coming in at least \$7000, the decision to recommend selling was an easy one. Mr. Collins stated these are issues some other airport or crop dusting entity could tackle in an off season. Motion was made by Commissioner Wellmaker and seconded by Commissioner Cox to declare the 1985/1997 Jet A Mobile Fueler, 1990 S350 4x4 Van, and 1991 Dodge B250 Conversion Van Surplus. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor.

OTHER BUSINESS

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.