

Airport Board inducts new commissioner

*Board officially recognizes
Eddie Lee and approves
hosting an upcoming event*

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MT. VERNON — The Mt. Vernon Airport Authority inducted the newest member to the Board of Commissioners during their monthly meeting Tuesday evening.

Eddie Lee was officially welcomed and acknowledged as one of the commissioners at the beginning of the meeting. Lee's official recognition as a commissioner was more of a formality, as he has been involved with the workings of the board for a few months.

Lee filled the vacancy that was created when former commissioner Dr. David Asbery resigned from the board in order to maintain a position on the Rend Lake College Board of Trustees.

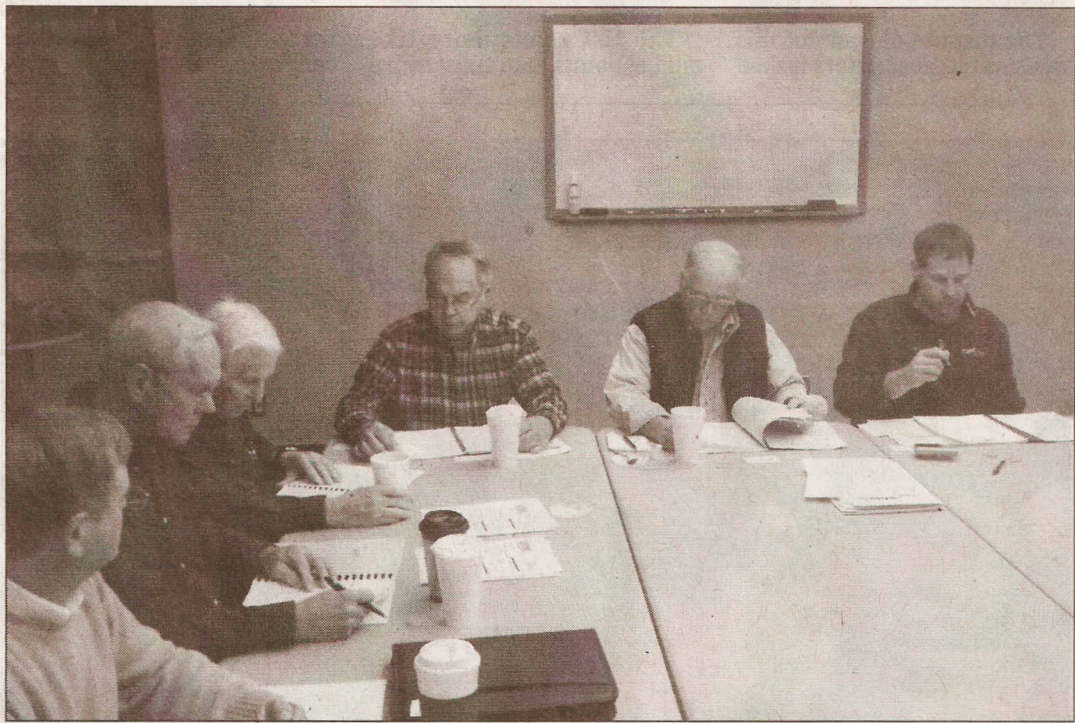
Board Chairman Michael Ancona asked Lee if he would accept the position of secretary for the board, and Lee accepted.

Vice President of the Small Business Council Paul Lynch and Executive Director of the Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce Olivia Majerchin were present at the meeting to make a request.

Lynch thanked the airport for allowing the 2013 Home Show to be held there. He said, "The airport could not have been a better post for that event."

There were 1,300 visitors at last year's event, and Lynch indicated that the Small Business Council and the Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce would like for the event to grow.

In addition to using the community hangar, Lynch would like permission to use the hangar to the north. He believes that the additional hangar will allow the event to add around 40 booths.



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AIRPORT BUSINESS — The Mt. Vernon Airport Authority Board of Commissioners met Tuesday to discuss upcoming events and officially appoint a new commissioner. Eddie Lee was approved by the Board as a fellow commissioner. He accepted the role of secretary of the Board.

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Lynch informed that the airport would be reimbursed for electricity and heating costs, as well as any fees for moving around any aircrafts to open up the space.

Airport Manager Chris Collins said that there would be some minor legis-

tical issues, but nothing that they couldn't work out. He said, "It was really exciting last year and was great for the airport."

The board approved the request for the airport to host the 2014 Home Show. The event will take place on the weekend of Feb. 8 and 9. Next year's event will mark the second anniversary of the Home Show.

The board was also visited by Rob Wielt from Affordable Gas and Electric.

Wielt told the board that

he would like them to consider using Affordable Gas and Electric as their energy consultant and manager. He said that they would like to work with the airport to get them better rates on their natural gas, and when their electricity contract expires in 2015, to also help manage their electricity supply.

The board told Wielt that they would have to discuss the matter and decide at a later date.

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