

Mt. Vernon Airport Authority
Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Held November 8, 2011 at 6:00 PM

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

Absent: Paul Dickerson Secretary

Staff: Chris Collins
Mary Barnett-Johnson

Guests: See Attached

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Martin introduced Rodney and Jana Mullinax. The Mullinax's presented a program on their new Aviation Mission Support Organization - Flights For Christ. Flights for Christ was founded in January, 2010 and was granted 501(c)(3) not-for-profit status in early 2011. Flights for Christ has completed mercy flights to Valdosta, Georgia and South Carolina in its single engine Piper Arrow. Mr. Mullinax stated that he and his wife felt compelled to do something for the people of Haiti. Mrs. Mullinax convinced her husband that a twin engine aircraft was needed for safety. In the Summer of 2011, the Mullinax's sold their home and purchased a Cessna 310. Flights For Christ intend to make up to three trips from KMVN to Haiti annually in support of local Missions in that country. Each trip will cost up to \$2000 and is approximately 9 hours of flying time direct. Flights for Christ will be based at Mt. Vernon Outland Airport. Its Board of Directors includes the Mullinax's, Travis Hayes, David Parks, and Airport Director Chris Collins.

REPORTS

Minutes

Minutes were presented for the October 11, 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 that the Annual Hanson Open House is scheduled for Thursday, November 17, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. at the Hanson Professional Services Office in Springfield, Illinois.

Mr. Collins noted that the Annual All Airport Christmas Party is scheduled for Monday, December 12, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

Perimeter Fence Project

Mr. Collins provided an update on the Perimeter Fence Project. Poles are in place from the Community Hangar clockwise around the airport to Seven Mile Creek. "Fabric" is in place to just past the ARFF Station. Conditions have been very wet, but the fence crews have been working very hard despite the poor conditions. Mr. Collins asked the Commissioners what they desired to do with the surplus fence "fabric" the airport will retain according to the contract. The contract specifies that the airport will retain 500' of fence with the contractor keeping the remainder as part of the contract quantities. Mr. Collins presented three options: 1) Sell the fence through sealed bidding 2) Give the fence to another government/taxing body/school or 3) Keep the fence for future use. Mr. Collins explained that the phone has been ringing off the hook with interested parties and there have been several entities with legitimate requests such as the MVPD's desire to fence their shooting range and Bluford Grade School's future playground fencing project. Discussion ensued. With the airport only retaining a small portion of fence coupled with questionable needs in the future, the Commissioners decided it would be best to keep the surplus fence for the short term. Motion was made by Commissioner Pierce and seconded by Commissioner Chesney to keep the surplus fence for at least one more month. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor.

FBO Equipment

Mr. Collins explained that a new air compressor was found for less than the \$500 cost outlined at the October Meeting. The new compressor will be used in maintenance operations in the Corporate and Community Hangars. The new compressor was offered to the airport by "T" Hangar tenant and local mechanic Chris Urba. Mr. Urba purchased the compressor at Tractor Supply Company for \$400 in November, 2010. He has not used the compressor and when he heard the airport needed one, he offered the unit to the airport for \$400. The same compressor is currently \$489 at Tractor Supply. Motion was made by Commissioner Pierce and seconded by Commissioner Chesney to purchase the air compressor from Mr. Urba for \$400. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

Koziara Terminal Suite "A"

Mr. Collins presented a tentative Lease Agreement between the MVAA and the Hertz Corporation for a portion of Koziara Terminal Suite "A" and several spaces in the parking lot. The Area Manager of Hertz visited the airport last week looking for a location for the rental car agency's expansion into Jefferson County. Hertz rents

automobiles to aviation customers, insurance companies, body shops, and is a Contract Agent for State Farm Insurance. Hertz has many Gold Customers in the area and wants to be closer to them. Mr. Collins stated that the vacant offices in the Koziara Terminal were too large or lacked visibility, so he and the Hertz Manager agreed upon placing a sales counter in one corner of Suite "A". The arrangement would be very similar to the placement of the Hertz Counter in the past. Mr. Collins explained that a franchisee representing the Hertz Corporation was a tenant throughout the 1990's, leaving shortly after airline service left in 1999. The tentative Lease Agreement is essentially the same document used in 1990's. Mr. Collins asked for approval of the document so that it can be submitted to the Hertz Corporation's legal department. He noted that when a final document is approved by the Hertz Corporation, he would bring it to the Commissioners for approval. Motion was made by Commissioner Pierce and seconded by Commissioner Chesney to approve the tentative Lease Agreement with review of any final document by Legal Counsel. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor.

Fire Protection

Quotations regarding the airport's annual fire extinguisher inspection program were presented by Aggressive Fire Protection and Campbell Fire Protection. Mr. Collins noted that Campbell Fire has been the sole area provider for the previous three years. Aggressive Fire Protection is a new entity owned by Bluford resident James Burrell. Burrell previously owned Burrell & Landers Fire Services. Mr. Collins noted that if the number of extinguishers inspected were multiplied by the prices provided by each firm, Aggressive Fire is much cheaper. The costs provided for new extinguishers, six-year maintenance, and Hydro Testing favored Aggressive Fire. Mr. Collins recommended the Fire Extinguisher Inspection Program be awarded to Aggressive Fire. He also recommended that the Kitchen Range Hood Program (inspection & cleaning) be awarded to Campbell Fire due to that firm's experience and history with the system. Motion was made by Commissioner Chesney and seconded by Commissioner Pierce to award the fire extinguisher program to Aggressive Fire and the Kitchen Range Hood Program to Campbell Fire. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor.

OTHER BUSINESS

There being no items to discuss in Other Business, Chairman Martin moved forward with the meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There being no items to discuss in Executive Session, Chairman Martin 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.