

Mt. Vernon Airport Authority
Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Held November 14, 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: Travis Morse, Don Lewis, and Ruth Anne Strawn

PUBLIC INPUT

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

REPORTS

Minutes

Minutes were presented for the October 10th, 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 informed the Commissioners that one of the airport's dearest friends, IDOT, Division of Aeronautics Terry Schaddel, has decided to retire after more than 40 years of service to the Illinois Aviation System. December 31, 2017 will be his last day. There is a downstate retirement celebration scheduled for Wednesday, November 15th, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Veterans Airport of southern Illinois in Marion, Illinois. Mr. Collins encouraged everyone to attend and say goodbye to one the best of the best!

Mr. Collins presented invitations to the annual Hanson Professional Services Open House scheduled for Thursday, November 16th at the Hanson offices in Springfield, Illinois. Mr. Collins noted he probably will not be attending the open house this year.

Mr. Collins invited the Commissioners to the Annual All Airport Christmas Party. The 2017 Christmas Party is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 12th, immediately after the December Board of Commissioners Meeting. An evening of good food, fellowship, and fun is planned. Mr. Collins mentioned there will be a look back at the safe and successful year that was and a look into a promising 2018.

OLD BUSINESS

Although there was nothing listed on the Agenda under Old Business, Mr. Collins informed the Commissioners the Northeast Lake Overflow Culvert Project was completed just after the October Meeting. Round Table Design's Kevin Phillips and Mr. Collins performed a final inspection, and after one minor punch list item was corrected, the project was accepted. Mr. Collins noted Schierbaum Excavating did a great job.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance 2017-06 Travel Expense Policy

Mr. Collins stated the Illinois Public Airports Association recently submitted notice to all member airports regarding the adoption of a Travel Expense Policy. A Travel Expense Policy is required (via Ordinance or Resolution) by all units of local government by summer, 2017. The IPAA notice stated the Illinois General Assembly passed legislation requiring a Travel Expense Policy back in January this year. Mr. Collins explained that instead of waiting for the auditor to notify the airport; and the IPAA was kind enough to provide the legislation, a sample policy, and a template for the actual Ordinance/Resolution, he recommended the airport adopt an Ordinance. Mr. Collins noted such a policy is very easy to construct since there is not much travel. When traveling occurs, it is usually Mr. Collins doing the traveling. Mr. Collins noted he already uses Expedia for hotel/motels and shops airline tickets well ahead of departure times. Mr. Collins presented a Travel Expense Policy and corresponding Ordinance #2017-06 for the Commissioners to consider. Motion was made by Commissioner Chesney and seconded by Commissioner Wellmaker to approve the MVAA Travel Expense Policy and Ordinance #2017-06. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Collins briefed the Commissioners about a recent Praise Our Team Award presentation. Maintenance Assistant/Lineman Larry Hughes went above and beyond the call of duty recently. He diagnosed a significant difficulty with the 100LL Mobile Fuel Truck, procured (with some fabrication) the required parts, and stayed well after quitting time making repairs so the truck would be ready for service the next morning. Mr. Collins stated the airport truly has some dedicated employees!

Mr. Collins presented three magazine articles highlighting the airport being featured. AOPA's November AOPA Pilot magazine (circulation 500,000 plus) features a nine page article covering the August 21st Great American Eclipse. The cover shot - a banking Eclipse 550 jet with the total eclipse in the background, initiated at Mt. Vernon Outland Airport. Mt. Vernon Outland Airport is mentioned on nearly every page of the article. Photographers and editors are labeling the November AOPA cover the best ever in the magazine's history! The October EAA Sport Aviation Magazine (circulation 400,000

plus) features another Great American Eclipse story written by LSA Editor Dan Grunloh. Mt. Vernon Outland Airport had a photo, photo caption mention, and a nice description in Dan's actual article. The final magazine was Powered Sport Flying (circulation less than 100,000). The magazine had a detailed two page article covering the 2017 Midwest LSA Expo.

Commissioner Marty Cox mentioned the meeting would be a good time to discuss drone/UAV Safety and introduce an upcoming class. The class is intended to get commercial drone operators, amateur drone operators, helicopter pilots, and interested fixed wing operators on the same page. The class idea originated from a telephone call between Mr. Collins and Mr. Cox regarding Mt. Vernon Outland Airport's Class E Airspace (to the ground) and UAV flight notification. Mr. Collins mentioned the FAA rules direct all drone operators to contact the tower or airport operator having oversight of the airspace prior to flying. Mr. Collins noted this is an acceptable directive in areas around the airport or along an approach to a runway. However, Mr. Collins noted it is unfair for operators to contact him when the operations will be conducted far from the airport. The Class E Airspace, centered at the airport, is approximately four miles in diameter and extends nearly eight miles to the northeast. Drone operations mixing with helicopter traffic going to and from the hospital helipads as well as the new Harley Davidson Dealership are a problem. Mr. Collins noted it is unfair for him to comment for the hospitals or the Harley Davidson Dealership. These concerns need to be explained to all involved. Contact information needs to be obtained and distributed. The upcoming meeting will address these concerns. Commissioner Cox and Mr. Collins will be scheduling a meeting in the next several weeks. The meeting will be held on a Tuesday or Thursday evening inside the Koziara Terminal.

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.