

Mt. Vernon Airport Authority  
Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners  
Held December 13, 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**

Don Lewis commented that the airport had a great year and that he looks forward to another in 2012.

**REPORTS**

**Minutes**

Minutes were presented for the November 8, 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 Martin moved forward with the meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Perimeter Fence Project**

Mr. Collins provided an update on the Perimeter Fence Project. Rainy conditions every week have made working conditions very tough. Despite the inclement weather, progress has been made. Poles have been installed from the A-1200 Hangar clockwise to the south crossing of Seven Mile Creek. Fabric and barbed wire work has been completed from the National Railway Hangar clockwise to the intersection of Stinson and Fairfield

Roads. With the exception of a small section directly across the field from the Koziara Terminal, fabric is in place from the A-1100 Hangar clockwise to halfway down the eastern portion of the farm plot directly across from the Green Hills Country Club. All involved are hoping for dryer conditions so the poles and fencing can be installed in the low areas between Seven Mile Creek and the "T" Hangars. Mr. Collins noted the only gate that has been installed is at the airport maintenance building. The electricians are also fighting the wet conditions as they attempt to place underground cabling for the fence lights and gate operators. Mr. Collins stated that once the project is complete, the contractors will have much corrective work to do around the entire perimeter of the fence, and on both sides

### **Runway Project**

Mr. Collins stated that he received an e-mail from Applied Resource Associates regarding the project. A perceived discrepancy with the results produced by the FAA's Runway Capacity Evaluation computer program has the engineers seeking help from the FAA and industry groups such as Boeing. The preliminary results for Mt. Vernon Outland Airport are in conflict with those produced by other runway design programs. ARA engineers indicate similar discrepancies have been noted on runway projects at other similar size airports. Mr. Collins in hopeful a report will be available at the January Meeting.

### **Koziara Terminal Suite "A"**

Mr. Collins noted the Hertz Corporation intends to be up and running by January 1, 2012. The tentative Lease Agreement is at Hertz's legal department for review and Hertz remains excited about joining "Team MVN".

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Radio Upgrade 2012**

Mr. Collins explained that an update of the airport's current ground based radio system must be accomplished by January 1, 2013. Airport Administration, Fixed Base Operations, Airport Maintenance, and nearly all of the ground vehicles are currently equipped with Motorola radios for instant communications. All radios operate on a "wideband" frequency and must be converted to a "narrowband" frequency. Mr. Collins noted that of more importance is the interoperability the system allows with MVFD, and other first responders as specified in the Airport Emergency Plan. Mr. Collins asked for permission to establish a bid specification and advertise for bids for "narrowbanding" of the airport's radios. Mr. Collins noted that the Radio Upgrade Project will be a local let project, with guidance from IDOT. The airport will fund the project and seek reimbursement from the General Aviation Entitlement (GAE) Program after the project is completed. Mr. Collins stated that the FAA has approved the funding of the project through the GAE. Motion was made by Commissioner Chesney and seconded by Commissioner Ancona to allow Mr. Collins to advertise for bids. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor.

### **Koziara Terminal Bathrooms**

Mr. Collins noted that he had originally believed that an affordable solution to the inoperable sinks in both Koziara Terminal bathrooms could be found. Only one of three faucets in each bathroom has worked for the past several years. Mr. Collins stated that the system is too technical for an inexpensive solution and recommended tabling of the project. Commissioner Ancona explained that the faucets, toilets, and urinals are all supplied by a main line of tempered water, and each fixture is powered by low voltage electrical current. After time, the components simply wear out and need replaced. Commissioner Ancona noted that the airport will have no choice but to seek the advice of a qualified contractor, generate a bid specification, and advertise the project. Discussion ensued with the Commissioners directing Mr. Collins to seek advice from local contractors as to most cost effective solution.

### **Koziara Terminal Kitchen**

Mr. Collins stated that for the past several years, the condition of the main wastewater piping leading from the Koziara Terminal Kitchen has been suspect. Obstructions have had to be cleared in the main line using an auger snake (from the kitchen out) on a quarterly basis. Mr. Collins noted that on the previous Sunday, the main line closed again. Attempts by a sewer contractor to clear the line were unsuccessful and all looked very grim. As Mr. Collins and the Airport Maintenance Staff considered costly options such as installing a clean out on the grease interceptor side (from the outside in), a call was made to Wielt Mechanical to coordinate the installation of a new clean out. Wielt Mechanical referred Mr. Collins to Mt. Vernon businessman Rodney King. King Enterprises purchased proprietary machinery specially designed for cleaning grease from kitchen waste piping via pressurized hot water. Within three hours of the call to King Enterprises, the drain was clear of the obstruction thanks to Hydra-Mole technology. King Enterprises also owns a video inspection system that allowed Mr. Collins to see a significant build-up of grease on the top and side walls of the main cast iron pipe leading from the kitchen. Video shows most problems mainly exist in the 42' section of old cast iron pipe. Mr. Collins presented a \$1600 quotation from King Enterprises to completely clean the piping system and provide a baseline video. A quotation for a \$525/trip quarterly Preventative Maintenance program was also presented. Mr. Collins recommended approval of the \$1600 cleaning and baseline video. He informed the Commissioners that he would like to discuss with Mr. King if the system could be maintained on a less-costlier semi-annual basis. Discussion ensued and motion was made by Commissioner Pierce and seconded by Commissioner Chesney to allow King Enterprises to clean the main wastewater piping via the Hydra Mole system at the quoted price of \$1600. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor. Mr. Collins noted that he was thrilled that jack-hammering of the floor or the installation of a clean-out was not necessary due to the Hydra-Mole technology.

### **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.