

Mt. Vernon Airport Authority
Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Held January 13, 2009, at 6:00 PM

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

Absent: None

Staff: Chris Collins
Mary Barnett-Johnson

Guests: See Attached

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Don Lewis suggested the airport purchase and install video surveillance cameras at certain points around the airport, especially in and around the Koziara Terminal. Mr. Lewis felt this would be necessary due to the building housing numerous businesses and its being open to the general public for long hours each day. The board members thanked Mr. Lewis for the great idea and expressed interest in looking into available systems.

There being no additional public comments, Chairman Ancona moved forward with the meeting.

REPORTS

Minutes

Minutes were presented for the December 9, Regular 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 no items of Correspondence, Chairman Ancona moved forward with the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

There being no items of Old Business, Chairman Ancona moved forward with the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Relay for Life

Chairman Ancona introduced Ms. Vicki Walker, Chairwoman of the Jefferson County Relay for Life Committee. Ms. Walker briefed the Commissioners on the History of the American Cancer Society Relay for Life in Jefferson County, its purpose, and where the event has been held locally during its existence. For the first several years of the 24 hour event, the airport played host. The event moved on to Mt. Vernon High School and Veterans Park. The Committee expressed an interest in coming back to the airport in 2009 due to fond memories of the early years and the camaraderie that presently exists at the airport. Everyone wants to come back to the airport she stated. Ms. Walker noted that Clinton Electric has supplied electrical power for the event in the past and has pledged to do so again this year. The date for the 2009 event is Friday, June 5, 2009. Ms. Walker asked the Commissioners for permission to use the airport for the 2009 Relay for Life. Discussion ensued regarding the customary insurance and utility requirements. Motion was made by Commissioner Pierce and seconded by Commissioner Chesney to allow the Relay for Life Event at Mt. Vernon Outland Airport on Friday June 5, 2009. Upon roll call vote, all present were in favor.

Celebrate Life

Chairman Ancona introduced Ms Carla Donoho and Ms. Pam Adams, from Angels Cove, an outreach of Baptist Children's Home & Family Services. Angels Cove is a maternity and adoption center located in Mt. Vernon and was previously located in Carmi, Illinois. The Baptist Children's Home and Family Services has hosted a Celebrate Life fund raising event for the past four years in Carmi. Angels Cove hosted a small dinner event in Mt. Vernon last year and would like to host a large Celebrate Life fund raising event at the airport in 2009. The event would be open to all organizations associated with life such as Catholic Social Services, Project Child, groups caring for the elderly, and etc. The suggested date is Saturday, June 13, 2009. Ms. Donoho stated the event would begin at approximately 10:00 a.m. and end at approximately 4:00 p.m. Music, good food provided by Crossroads Community Hospital, a children's area including inflatables, St. Louis Cardinals Mascot Fredbird, and possible airplane rides (if rides could be arranged via the EAA Young Eagles Program) are some of the attractions of the event. Ms. Donoho asked the Commissioners for permission to use the airport for the 2009 Celebrate Life Event. Mrs. Donoho stated that she has been in contact with the City Convention & Visitor's Bureau on the electricity situation and pledged to find a sponsor for the electricity consumed. Discussion ensued regarding the customary insurance and utility requirements. Motion was made by Commissioner Chesney and seconded by Commissioner Martin to allow the Celebrate Life Event at Mt. Vernon Outland Airport on Saturday, June 13, 2009. Upon roll call vote, all present were in favor.

Health Insurance Renewal

Mr. Collins stated that the airport's Health Insurance Plan automatically renewed in late December, 2009 at a 34% higher premium than the previous year. Due to a situation surrounding the impending retirement of one employee, the current plan was allowed to automatically renew at the increased rate. Mr. Collins stated that he, Mrs. Johnson, and the airport's insurance agent felt the airport may be able to save money on a new renewal for the group after the employee retired in late January, 2009. The employee has since changed his mind regarding retirement. Mr. Collins stated that the airport's insurance agent provided some

alternative plans and those alternatives were presented. Each required new applications. The closest alternative quote included a higher deductible and still could be rated up after new applications were returned. Mr. Collins recommended staying with the plan that automatically renewed and asked for a motion. Discussion ensued regarding whether the airport could take advantage of a trade association or airport related group insurance plan. Mr. Collins indicated he would contact the Illinois Public Airport Association to see if such group plans exist. Motion was made by Commissioner Martin and seconded by Commissioner Dickerson to accept the Health Insurance Renewal as automatically renewed in December, 2008.

First Midstate

Due to the agenda item being contractual in nature, Chairman Ancona deferred discussion to Executive Session.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Collins briefed the Commissioners on the Koziara Terminal Perimeter Plenum Insulation Project that was recently completed. The project was initiated in early September and completed on December 24, 2008. Approximately 13% (248 of 1920 square feet) of total upper insulation board material had fallen out of place or was missing. All seams, edges, and holes were sealed during the project. Mr. Collins indicated that he used 20 cans of spray insulation, 42 rolls of Gorilla Brand Duct Tape, and 93 tubes of Latex Caulk. The total project cost was \$749.21.

Mr. Collins presented the annual operational count for the airport during Calendar Year 2008. Total operations were down 1.5% over 2007. Although the number decreased slightly, Mr. Collins was excited with the 2008 numbers since the 2007 numbers included an additional nightly courier flight. Mr. Collins was sad to report that the nightly courier flight that utilized the airport during nearly the entire calendar years 2007 and 2008, ceased flying into the airport at the end of November, 2008. The company indicated it was simply a cost saving measure. The cargo is being driven to Lambert St. Louis International Airport each evening. Company management has commented that they were very happy with everything at our airport and the company may revert to flying into and out of KMVN again in the future.

A revised Participation Agreement for a Wildlife Management Study & Plan was presented for execution. Mr. Collins stated that the previous Participation Agreement, executed in March, 2008, included a 50/50 State/Local funding mechanism. The airport's 50% was submitted in the Spring of 2008 after execution of the original agreement. IDOT, IDA submitted the revised agreement that would shift the funding mechanism to 95% Federal, 2.5% State, and 2.5% Local (with the airport writing a letter guaranteeing the State's share). Essentially the airport would receive a refund for nearly all of the funds previously submitted.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There being no further business to discuss under Other Business, motion was made and seconded to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing contracts and personnel. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor.

In Executive Session, motion was made and seconded to enter back into Open Meeting. Upon roll call vote, all present were in favor.

Motion was made by Commissioner Dickerson and seconded by Commissioner Pierce for consideration and action to retain First Midstate Inc. as underwriter and Chapman and Cutler LLP as bond counsel for a potential bond issue as discussed in Executive Session. Upon roll call vote, all present were in favor.

Motion was made by Commissioner Chesney and seconded by Commissioner Pierce to approve a plan and proposal to repair structural damage at the A-1700 Rental House located on Old Fairfield Road as discussed in Executive Session. Upon roll call vote, all present were in favor.

Motion was made by Commissioner Martin and seconded by Commissioner Chesney to approve a plan to complete timely renovations to the Fixed Base Operator Building as discussed in Executive Session. Upon roll call vote, all present were in favor.

There being no further items for discussion on the Agenda, and no further 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.