

Mt. Vernon Airport Authority  
Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners  
Held January 10th, 2017 at 6:00 PM

Present: Michael Ancona	Chairman
Eddie Lee	Vice Chairman
Gary Chesney	Treasurer
Ryan Wellmaker	Commissioner

Absent: Joe Bob Pierce                      Secretary

Staff:    Chris Collins  
          Sheila Jolly-Scrivner

Guests: Travis Morse, Steve Willis, Don Lewis & Ruth Anne Strawn

**PUBLIC INPUT**

Hearing none, Chairman Ancona moved forward with the meeting.

**REPORTS**

**Minutes**

Minutes were presented for the December 13th, 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 Ancona moved forward with the meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS**

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Annual Audit**

The airport's Auditor, Mr. David Kiefer of Richard David Kiefer, CPA, was not in attendance so this line item was tabled.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Collins explained that SRT Aviation is putting itself in a great position to capture some of the area FAA transponder upgrade market. All aircraft flying in Class B and C airspace are required to have new transponders installed by January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020. The transponders offer air traffic controllers better data to avoid conflicts and offer pilots satellite based ADS-B In and Out signals. Depending upon the transponder selected, the ADS-B information can contain traffic collision avoidance, real time weather, and NOTAMS in the cockpit. Mr. Collins believes only about 20% of the nation's fleet has met the requirement. SRT has become a factory authorized dealer for several companies and is working on a satellite partnership with a well-known regional avionics shop. If the satellite arrangement works as desired, SRT could see many installation jobs in the next few years. Mr. Collins stated he is proud of SRT for taking this step to increase their maintenance business and provide more operations and prestige for Mt. Vernon Outland Airport.

Mr. Collins provided an overview of the new Trump 2000 II De/Anti Ice Truck status. A large amount of maintenance has been completed in order to ready the truck for the winter season. Airport and SRT Maintenance Staff have teamed up and done essentially all they can do. There is a difficulty with the truck's de-icing fluid burner system and the electrical relays that control that system. An OEM Service Technician will be on site during the week of January 23<sup>rd</sup>. Mr. Collins hopes the OEM Technician can diagnose and fix the problem so the truck can be the asset the airport is fortunate to have.

Mr. Collins noted that the airport will host a Boy Scouts of America Day Camp in June. The one week camp for regional Cub Scouts will be from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily. The scouts will participate in normal outdoor scout functions (archery, fishing, etc) until the early afternoon hours. They will then have the ability to see some aviation before leaving each night. Subjects such as EMS, ARFF, agricultural spraying, cargo, and maintenance can be introduced. Mr. Nick Schubert, BSA Regional Representative will be in attendance at the February Meeting to answer any questions. Mr. Schubert wants to work with the airport for other scouting events and has reached out to the airport regarding the establishment of an Aviation Explorer Post. Mr. Collins and CFII Steve Willis, also a Scout Leader, have taken the lead on this effort and plan to enlist the support of the EAA Chapter. Mr. Schubert indicates there currently is no BSA Explorer Post in the St. Louis Region!

Mr. Collins reminded the Commissioners about the Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce Home Show. The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Home Show is scheduled for Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., and Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Collins noted the EAA Airventure Cup Race is scheduled for Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>. The 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the race has the potential to draw double the aircraft that were here in 2015. Two days of aviation sights and sounds lead up to the exciting Sunday departure!

With no Executive Session items, no additional Other Business, 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.