

Airport Authority approves change orders for new hangar

New ceiling fans, two sidewalks will be constructed

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MT. VERNON — Change orders for projects associated with the new hangar at Mt. Vernon Outland Airport were approved by the Airport Authority during its monthly meeting on Tuesday night.

Members gave Airport Manager Chris Collins authority to have Ameren install a gas meter at a price of \$2,178 so the building can be heated.

Collins said in planning the construction of the hangar, certain plans were omitted, including the installation of ceiling fans. Collins

said the National Railway hangar has four ceiling fans; the new building requires at least six fans.

"This building is quite tall and we need air to circulate in this big building," Collins said before the Airport Authority approved the \$2,960 change order.

Board members talked at last month's meeting about a 5-foot by 120-foot sidewalk extension near the hangar. Collins explained that since that time, officials realized there is no walkway from the ramp to the building. As a result, Lipps Construction Co., the general contractor on the hangar project, will install both sidewalks at a cost of \$7,237.

Collins said the hanger has been closed in since the door has now been hung, although some board members appeared perplexed that

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the door and hangar colors did not match.

"Remember, that's something that we talked to the architect [Brian Edmison] about. He recommended we go with the slightly different colors to give it contrast," Collins reminded board members.

"It doesn't really matter; I'm color blind," joked Chairman Mike Ancona. "I've had several people ask me about it, but I honestly don't know. They look the same to me."

In other business, the airport commissioners approved extending its workman's compensation and general liability insurance premium with Aviation Insurance Services of Nevada.

The annual liability premium of \$4,415 did not change,

but the workmans compensation premium increased nearly \$500. The total premium for workmans compensation is \$10,971.

Collins said the airport's agent, John Grob, was able to negotiate a better rate. Collins quoted Grob as saying, "Last year, I went to the wall for you. This year, we went over the wall."

The new premium rates go into effect on Feb. 17.

The commission tabled a request from Collins to claim a tractor and snow blower as surplus equipment. The board requested more information about the equipment before taking action.

"I think it's marketable, but I know where you're going with this," Ancona said. "Snow is an issue for us. We're unequipped for this much snow," noting that it takes three hours to clear the airport runways for every inch of snow received.

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