

# Airport Board approves water line easement

*Airport Authority accepts Paul Dickerson's resignation*

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MT. VERNON — The Mt. Vernon Airport Authority Board of Commissioners approved a request by the city of Bluford and the Roundtable Design company for a waterline easement on the basis that the city of Bluford and Roundtable Design would pay the costs and provide an easement-ready design.

Airport Director Chris Collins said the Bluford Water Company is wanting to put in a new main line on the south side of Old Fairfield Road, running about 2,500 feet from Country Club Lane to the west side of Seven Mile Creek.

"The existing line needs a lot of maintenance, and they want to upgrade," Collins said. "This easement right now is on the highway department. It's very hilly and very rugged in that area. We constructed a fence out there and we moved our fence quite a ways back on our property where the terrain was more level. So they're out there looking it over and went, Wow, it'd be really nice to put our water line on where we can work on it for a change, along that level area near the airport's fence. They asked if we could approve an easement."

Collins said the only responsibility the airport would come under is for him to draft a letter stating the airport would not build a hangar or any other project on the easement land.

The Board also passed an ordinance for emergency condition purchases. Collins said the ordinance is to become compliant with a National Incident Management System emergency plan. He received a report back from the Federal Aviation Administration recently, and reported to the Board about it.

"One of the things that they wanted was an emergency condition purchase ordinance in case we had an accident here or some kind of utter disaster where we would forgo formal bidding procedures," Collins said.

The airport did not have an ordinance similar to this one in place. The approved ordinance will allow Collins or a designee to waive standard protocol in emergency situations to purchase items or goods needed for emergencies.

#### **IN OTHER BUSINESS:**

- Received the final draft of a runway project report detailing the amount of operations the runway can handle.

- Updated the status of Hertz rental car company, which was scheduled to move in to the airport terminal earlier this month. The company is trying to fill out personnel for the move to the terminal and are still on track to move in, Collins said.

- Approved insurance renewals of \$3,400 from Phoenix Aviation Managers, Inc., which is the current carrier, for general liability insurance; and \$9,809 for workman's compensation. Collins said the two renewals are cheaper than what is currently being used, and will save the airport \$1,284.

- Accepted with regret the resignation of airport commissioner Paul Dickerson. Through power of attorney, Dickerson's daughter, Kathy, sent a letter of resignation to Mayor Mary Jane Chesley, which was read at the meeting by Board Chairman Greg Martin. Dickerson suffered a stroke in September of last year and is now bed-ridden. Due to declining health, the letter read, Dickerson would no longer be able to participate on the Board as he'd like and the commission deserved, effective immediately.

"I'm sorry to see Paul go," Martin said. "He's been a good friend and good member to this board. He's done an awful lot for this airport. He will be hard to replace."

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