

Mt. Vernon Airport Authority  
Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners  
Held February 9, 2016 at 6:00 PM

Present: Michael Ancona                      Chairman  
          Eddie Lee                                Secretary  
          Gary Chesney                         Treasurer  
          Joe Bob Pierce                         Commissioner

Staff: Chris Collins  
          Sheila Jolly-Scrivner

Absent: Greg Martin                            Vice Chairman

Guests: David Pistorius, Emily Roth, Phil Hamerski, Rich Carney, Steve Willis,  
          Ruth Anne Strawn, & Don Lewis

**PUBLIC INPUT**

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

**REPORTS**

**Minutes**

Minutes were presented for the January 12th, 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**

**Obstruction Removal Project**

Mr. Collins informed the Commissioners that he would like to table the project so that it can be completed in better weather conditions. The driving factor was the trees located in a neighboring fence row adjacent to a field currently growing hay. Although damage to residential property could be mitigated by the contractors using large pieces of plywood for equipment movement, the trees growing next to a large field full of hay could not be cut without damaging the adjacent field. Mr. Collins and the property owner agreed to

complete the project after the first hay cutting. This will likely occur in late May or the beginning of June. Since over half of the project occurs at the property including the hay field, Mr. Collins did not favor breaking the project up into two projects. Discussion ensued and the Commissioners agreed with Mr. Collins to table the project. Mr. Collins mentioned how happy he is to have understanding and cooperative neighbors.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Annual Aviation Report**

Mr. Collins stated 2015 was a very good year! There were 27,270 total operations, an increase of 11.3% over last year's total count (24,190). Jet and U.S. Military operations were up too but most of the military operations were attributable to two separate Civil Air Patrol exercises. Mr. Collins noted there were several factors for the increase: based corporate operations increased, there were four aviation events including the Airventure Cup Race and LSA Expo, there was a large amount of agricultural operations, and flight training operations increased. It was also the best year for cargo operations since 2004. As for based tenancy, there are 50 total aircraft registered at the airport – 38 Single Engine, 9 Multi-Engine, and 3 Helicopters. The count also includes the first pure Jet since the mid-1980's. Mr. Collins showed the Commissioners an FAA Aviation Asset Report published in 2012 in which the FAA considers one jet aircraft equivalent to 100 single engine aircraft! Mr. Collins mentioned 2016 begins with some uncertainty based on the recent passing of Corporate Pilot/Aircraft Manager Carl Heinrich and the entities he created. Mr. Collins ended the report noting one bright spot on the horizon that if comes to full fruition will be very good for airport operations.

### **Insurance**

Mr. Collins stated February is a big month insurance wise as Workmen's Compensation, Airport General Liability, and Public Official's Liability renew. Mr. Collins was pleased to reveal that all three renewal premiums are acceptable. The Workmen's Compensation renewal actually decreased. The total savings over the three policies is \$1607.83. The low bids were as follows:

Workmen's Compensation, QBE (John Grob), \$14,395/44 (\$16,278.27 expiring)  
Airport General Liability, QBE(John Grob), \$2999 (\$2999 expiring)  
Public Officials Liability, Burns & Wilcox (Mike Beard), \$2353 (\$2078 expiring)

Mr. Collins pointed out the Public Official's Liability had actually been constant at \$2300 for many years until last year. Agent Mike Beard had no explanation for the decrease in the previous year. Mr. Collins recommended all three policies be renewed at the quotations listed. Motion was made by Commissioner Chesney and seconded by Commissioner Lee to approve the renewals as presented. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor.

### **Koziara Terminal Door Project**

Mr. Collins explained the doors leading from the baggage claim to the airline gate need to be replaced. He does not believe the airport can make it through another season as one of the two doors cannot be locked without desperate measures. Mr. Collins explained that Commissioner Martin looked at the door and offered suggestions on how to proceed. An estimated cost is \$6000 and includes a single sliding door similar to the doors on the parking lot side. The budget does not include demolition as MVAA Maintenance, under Commissioner Martin's oversight (hopefully), will perform those tasks. Mr. Collins stated this issue needs to be addressed ahead of the event season. Mr. Collins asked for approval to generate a Bid Specification and advertise for bids. Discussion ensued with Commissioner Pierce making a motion to allow Mr. Collins to proceed with the project. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lee. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor.

### **Ordinance 2016-01, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2016**

Mr. Collins introduced Mr. David Pistorius from First MidState, the airport's Bond Placement Agent. Mr. Pistorius explained that nine local banks were solicited for the bond issuance with six providing packages. The winning bank was First National Bank of Fairfield with an overall interest rate of 1.7%. Mr. Pistorius stated he has been in public finance for 17 years and has not seen an overall interest rate that low. Mr. Pistorius noted First MidState will close the issuance on February 24<sup>th</sup> and the airport should have the net proceeds in its Capital Projects Account shortly thereafter. The net proceeds after First MidState's fees are removed will be \$651,182. Mr. Pistorius noted the payment dates will be March 1<sup>st</sup> and September 1<sup>st</sup> each year – exactly what the airport wanted. Chairman Ancona read the following from the Bond Ordinance:

**AN ORDINANCE providing for the issue of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2016, for the purpose of constructing airport improvements at the Mt. Vernon Outland Airport, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof. General Obligation Bonds, Series 2016**

Taking into account the comments made during the Public Hearing, Chairman Ancona asked for a motion to approve Ordinance 2016-01, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2016. Motion was made by Commissioner Lee and seconded by Commissioner Chesney to approve the Ordinance as presented. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

There being no Executive Session items, no Other Business items, 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.

