

Mt. Vernon Airport Authority
Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Held April 11th, 2017 at 6:00 PM

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

Absent: Ryan Wellmaker Commissioner

Staff: Chris Collins
Sheila Jolly-Scrivner

Guests: Josh Jones, Steve Willis, Mike & Carla Payne, Don Lewis & Ruth Anne Strawn.

PUBLIC INPUT

Hearing none, Chairman Ancona moved forward with the meeting.

REPORTS

Minutes

Minutes were presented for the March 14th, 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

Participation Agreement

Mr. Collins presented a Participation Agreement between the MVAA and the Illinois Department of Transportation Division of Aeronautics for the upcoming Runway 05/23 Maintenance and Remarketing Project scheduled for this Summer. Mr. Collins reminded

the Commissioners that cracks, especially in the paving lane joints, will be routed and filled during the project. A complete repainting will occur after the maintenance work is done. Mr. Collins, after receiving the Agreement, determined (and confirmed with a telephone call) the project is a Federal/Local Project – there is no State participation. It seems the State has considered this project a “maintenance project” and the State does not participate in “maintenance projects”. Mr. Collins noted there were six bids and the low bid came in nearly \$100,000 under the engineer’s estimate of \$330,000. Instead of an estimated \$16,500, the airport’s local cost is \$19,564. It could have been \$33,000, he exclaimed! He summarized the total project cost was \$195,640 (\$176,076 Federal and \$19,564 Local). Despite the additional \$3064 additional cost, Mr. Collins recommended approval of the Participation Agreement. Motion was made by Commissioner Pierce and seconded by Commissioner Lee to approve the Participation Agreement as presented. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor.

FBO Equipment

Mr. Collins stated the Jet A Mobile Fueler is nearing the end of its operational life. Although it is a 1995 model, the front end of the truck is vintage 1985. Near constant maintenance is being completed to keep this truck operational. Last week, the engine fuel pump failed and after several attempts to install a new pump it was determined the camshaft lobe that drives the mechanical push rod (that pumps the fuel) was so badly worn it no longer drove the push rod. After some research, the airport’s maintenance guys plugged the mount holes and installed an electric fuel pump. Mr. Collins noted the truck is back up and operational, but it is only a matter of time before the next big problem arises. Mr. Collins stated a decision that needs to be made is whether to search for a nearly new model (as before) or shop the surplus sources. Mr. Collins noted last weekend, he probably could have purchased a 1991 surplus military fueler for next to nothing at an auction. He passed due to the truck only being six years newer than the airport’s existing truck. Mr. Collins said he will continue shopping for surplus trucks on the Government Surplus site but he noted he is not sure that is the best option. Finding a truck by this means will definitely net an asset but that asset will require work (and money) to bring the unit back to quality. There will also be transportation costs. Mr. Collins explained the airport has money in reserves for replacement of both trucks. Mr. Collins asked the Commissioners which way do they desire he proceed: affordable surplus or nearly new? Mr. Collins explained the nearly new option would be like before – a seven to ten year old truck/chassis with all new fueling system. The last time he obtained a quotation for a nearly new unit from American Refueler, it was \$78,500. He presented the quotation to the Commissioners. Mr. Collins is awaiting an updated quote from American Refueler. Discussion ensued. The Commissioners favored initiating a search for a like new replacement. All agreed perception is reality at an airport. The truck can and likely will be pulled up next to a \$70,000,000 Global Express Jet or USAF C-130 while in service to this community. Motion was made by Commissioner Lee and seconded by Commissioner Chesney to begin the search for a nearly new Jet A Refueler. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor.

OTHER BUSINESS

Hearing none, Chairman Ancona moved forward with the meeting.

With no Executive Session items, no 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.

