

Mt. Vernon Airport Authority
Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Held May 12, 2015 at 6:00 PM

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

Absent: None

Staff: Chris Collins
Sheila Jolly-Scrivner

Guests: Phil Hamerski & Don Lewis.

PUBLIC INPUT

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

STATE OF THE AIRPORT

Chairman Ancona noted that since the May Meeting serves as the Annual Meeting, two special line items were added to the Agenda. The first was the State of the Airport address. Chairman Ancona read from a prepared document of achievements that occurred over the previous twelve months. The prepared document is attached.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Chairman Ancona explained that the second special line item is an Election of Officers. Chairman Ancona opened the floor for nominations. Commissioner Pierce stated “in light of the ongoing programs and planning that require continuity, I move that rules and procedures be suspended for one year and the present officers be elected to serve an extended term from May 1, 2015 to April 30, 2016.” Those officers are: Chairman Mike Ancona Vice Chairman Greg Martin, Secretary Eddie Lee, and Treasurer Gary Chesney. Commissioner Lee seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor.

REPORTS

Minutes

Minutes were presented for the April 14, 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

Innovation Park

Mr. Collins explained that the only news he has on the potential Innovation Park Hangar #2 is that the holding company is “still interested”. He presented correspondence between himself and the holding company and stated that he would keep working on moving things further. Mr. Collins mentioned that he would talk to IDOT officials at the Illinois Aviation Conference about a red letter date for swapping the calendar year 2016 projects.

Taxiway “B” & “E” Revitalization

Mr. Collins noted the project is set to begin next week. The new holdup has been over the submittal of gate plans by a sub-contractor.

NEW BUSINESS

Painting/Striping

Mr. Collins stated that as a result of the airport’s most recent 14 CFR Part 139 Inspection (February), airport maintenance has begun required painting/striping. Currently, the taxiway centerlines and hold short markings are being painted. Although airport owned equipment is being utilized, costs have been incurred at Sherwin Williams for paint and supplies. For the taxiways and hold short markings, the cost is \$6698. Mr. Collins asked for approval of this amount then mentioned the additional costs to purchase the paint required to paint the runways. Mr. Collins reasoned that painting of the runways is not required by the FAA this year, but it will come up on the next inspection as the markings are beginning to fade. He stated that as long as the guys and the equipment are working, he would like the additional \$3625 approved for this year. The total cost to paint all airfield markings is \$10,323. Discussion ensued. Motion was made by Commissioner Pierce and seconded by Commissioner Chesney to approve the expenditure of \$10,323 for paint and materials. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor

Security Cameras

Mr. Collins mentioned this item should have been listed in Old Business – as it will actually be Phase III of the overall plan. He reasoned a camera is needed near Gate #3 at the “T” Hangar Access Gate. A watchful eye also needs to be on A-1100 and the Community Hangar as well. Mr. Collins noted there is room for four additional cameras in the system. Electronic Architech visited the airport yesterday but mentioned a quote will not be available until later in the week. Mr. Collins asked for permission to install the new cameras at a Not-to-Exceed price of \$4000. The cameras at the south hangars will require new internet antennas to link up with the existing system and these antennas

are more costly than the cameras. Discussion ensued with the Commissioners granting Mr. Collins' request. Motion was made by Commissioner Lee and seconded by Commissioner Martin to approve a Not-to-Exceed cost of \$4000 for the purchase and installation of four new security cameras. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor.

Picnic Tables

Mr. Collins stated that this line item is something he has wanted to upgrade since he started here in 2005. The treated wood picnic tables at SRT Aviation are badly deteriorated and warped. The tables are visible at the front door to the community to anyone flying in. Mr. Collins reasoned that Fortune 500 businessmen, departing a \$50 million aircraft, are currently walking by the existing tables! Mr. Collins presented a page containing a photo of the existing tables as well as a copy of an invoice from the City Convention & Tourism Bureau for four tables the City purchased for the market days property (Armory). The tables purchased by the City are vinyl coated similar to those at Sonic. They can be easily cleaned with a garden hose. The tables are even equipped with a center umbrella mount. Mr. Collins asked for approval to purchase three similar round tables. Motion was made by Commissioner Martin and seconded by Commissioner Chesney to approve the purchase of three new picnic tables at a cost of \$2396. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor.

Annual Salute to Freedom

Mr. Collins presented the annual request letter from Bonnie Jerdon for the Annual Salute to Freedom. This will be year twenty-nine for this great event.

Mr. Collins explained that he was at the right place at the right time at Sun-n-Fun, stumbling into the EAA B-17 *Aluminum Overcast* Pilots on the flightline. The aircraft had an open weekend on it's schedule. That weekend happened to be over the 4th of July. Mr. Collins stated that when the tour manager heard about the Salute to Freedom Celebration, the visit was secured. *Aluminum Overcast* will make its first visit to southern Illinois (outside of the metro east) from July 3 – 5th! The only requirement from the airport is a crew car. Hosting Aluminum Overcast is a big deal and carries lots of promotional value for the airport! Mr. Collins presented a flier provided by EAA. Discussion ensued with everyone showing excitement for the event and the tour stop. Motion was made by Commissioner Martin and seconded by Commissioner Lee to approve the Salute to Freedom request. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Collins explained that the airport has one instrument approach on the FAA's recently published list of over 700 approaches slated for decommissioning. The FAA desires to lessen its maintenance workload by eliminating little used approaches. It wants to spend more money on satellite based approaches. The airport's VOR 23 approach is an easy target due to it being viewed as redundant – it is on the same runway as the Instrument Landing System. Mr. Collins noted that despite this fact, the approach is used heavily for instrument training and is very valuable. He will be joining the flight instructors and instrument pilots in providing comments to the FAA in opposition of the cancellation by the required May 28th date. If the FAA goes through with the cancellations, the approach will be eliminated by January, 2016.

Mr. Collins noted the HVAC System serving the MVAA Office is down and repairs could be costly. He expressed displeasure about this particular unit as it requires maintenance at nearly every change of season. A cost will be coming very soon.

There being no additional business to discuss under Other Business, no further items for discussion on the Agenda, and no additional Executive Session items, motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.