

Mt. Vernon Airport Authority  
Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners  
Held May 9, 2017 at 6:00 PM

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

Staff: Chris Collins  
Sheila Jolly-Scrivner

Guests: Josh Jones, Travis Morse, Steve Willis, Don Lewis, Ruth Anne Strawn, Steve Modert, & Marty Cox

### **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 asked Mr. Collins to 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 motioned the existing slate of positions remain the same: Chairman Mike Ancona; Vice Chairman Eddie Lee; Secretary Joe Bob Pierce; 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 11th, 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**

Mr. Collins mentioned he will be attending the Illinois Aviation Conference in Champaign on Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup>. He invited the Commissioners to attend if they had that morning and afternoon free.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Navoids**

Mr. Collins wanted to provide an update on the FAA's proposed decommissioning of the airport's VOR as well as clarify the airport's official position. He provided a copy of the official airport letter to the FAA. The airport's main point is this – KMVN does not stand in opposition to NextGEN. Either turn off all VOR's at the same time or use economic data and operational statistics in the selection process. Decommissioning random VOR's sets up an unfair competitive advantage between airports losing their assets and those that get to keep them until a much later date. Upon the recommendation of IDOT's Terry Schaddell, Mr. Collins copied FAA Regional Administrator Barry Cooper on the letter. Mr. Collins noted he received a phone call from Ms. Deb Bartel from Mr. Cooper's office. She received the letter and told him that the Notice of Proposed Action process often turns up unintended consequences and to just be patient and let the process play out. Mr. Cooper will be at the Illinois Aviation Conference in Champaign and Mr. Collins plans to visit with him at that time.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Tentative Annual Budget Ordinance 2017-02**

Mr. Collins presented the Tentative Annual Budget Ordinance 2017-02 for consideration and approval. The tentative annual budget lists revenues at \$490,008 and expenditures at \$488,508. Mr. Collins mentioned the budget does not include Balloons Over Mt. Vernon since the event was pushed back into May, 2018 – the next fiscal year. Motion was made by Commissioner Lee and seconded by Commissioner Wellmaker to approve the tentative annual budget ordinance. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor. Mr. Collins noted that the tentative annual budget will be on display in the MVAA Office slightly beyond the 30 day public inspection time frame. After the Annual Budget Hearing, scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 13, 2017, is concluded, the budget can be approved in final form in regular session that same evening.

#### **Run for the Wall**

Mr. Collins provided an update on the upcoming Run for the Wall on Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>. E-mail correspondence between the Tourism office, the Run for the Wall Staff, and Jennifer Witzel (past local coordinator), as well as a drawing depicting the site layout was presented to the Commissioners. The correspondence lists an arrival time of approximately 1:00 p.m. Guests will be present at the airport for approximately 45 minutes to eat lunch and use the bathroom prior to resuming their travels.

### **Salute to Freedom**

Mr. Collins Mr. Collins presented the annual request letter from Tourism Director Angela Schrum for the Annual Salute to Freedom on Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Motion was made by Commissioner Chesney and seconded by Commissioner Wellmaker to approve the Salute to Freedom Celebration. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor.

### **Hangar A-1100**

Mr. Collins presented a Lease Agreement between the Mt. Vernon Airport Authority and Airgo Incorporated for Hangar A-1100. Airgo currently leases one office and space for aircraft inside the hangar. This new agreement places the international flight training academy in sole occupancy of the hangar/office structure. Motion was made by Commissioner Wellmaker and seconded by Commissioner Lee to approve the Lease Agreement as presented. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor. Mr. Collins mentioned with Airgo moving all flight operations under the A-1100 roof, the airport will take back all aircraft storage space inside the Corporate Hangar.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

As part of the Annual Meeting, Mr. Collins and Mrs. Scrivner listed the “Praise our Team Award” winners for the fiscal year. Even though the program was only available for approximately five months, there were four winners:

Ken Kline, SRT Aviation, December, 2016 – “For offering the airport’s new courtesy van to secure a multi-day visit by aircraft crew and passengers of a Beechcraft Premier Jet. Mr. Kline’s salesmanship garnered two jet operations, a fuel sale, hangar storage fees, and multiple hotel room and meal costs for the local economy.”

Ron Mosier, MVAA Staff, February, 2017 – “For incredibly detailed daily inspection reports that were praised by the FAA 14 CFR Part 139 Inspector as a model for other airports to follow.”

Larry Hughes, MVAA Staff, February, 2017 – “For accepting increased work duties on line service that resulted in increased cost savings for the entire MVN Team. Mr. Hughes has increased his aeronautical knowledge and is essentially available for any need that arises on the airfield.”

Daniel Cammack, SRT Aviation, March, 2017 – “For extraordinary leadership, advancement, and growth in the ADS-B, auto pilot, and other aircraft avionics technology markets.”

Daniel Cammack & Ken Kline, SRT Aviation, May, 2017 – “For extraordinary leadership and quick thinking. Mr. Cammack noticed a twin engine aircraft on short final without its landing gear extended. Mr. Cammack quickly notified Mr. Kline who radioed the pilot. The pair helped save the aircraft and prevented an accident that could have been deadly.”

Mr. Collins praised these Team MVN Members. The Commissioners agreed the airport has some really dedicated people.

There being no Executive Session items, no additional 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.