

Development approved by IDOT

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MT. VERNON — The Illinois Department of Transportation has approved the development of the southwest quadrant at the Mt. Vernon Outland Airport — described as Innovation Park.

Airport manager Chris Collins told the Mt. Vernon Outland Airport Authority Board he has received the letter from IDOT stating approval of the project, which is scheduled to begin in 2013.

The total cost of the project is going to be a little over \$1 million, Collins said. He said the breakdown of costs include \$581,500 for the ramp, revitalization and the taxi way for one phase of the project and about

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\$425,000 for the new hangar, which will be 80 foot by 80 foot.

Collins said he is waiting on Hanson Professional Services, Inc. to come back with the results of the survey of the area in preparation of the project and the board approved to hire Lipps Construction as the

construction manager of the hangar.

The financing for the project is still being worked on, Collins said. He is speaking with two banks which have prepared a loan agreement Collins said is "tailor made" for the project.

The board also looked at the proposed budget for the 2013 fiscal year, which began May 1. The board will be able to vote on the proposed budget next month

after the public has had a chance to look at it, Collins said.

He said he had projected the expenditures on the high side, while being conservative with the revenue projections.

"We are in a fortunate position in that things are going really well with revenues," he said.

In other business, the council:

■ Approved the purchase of new a new AutoCAD

software program in the amount of \$900;

■ Rejected a proposal from Clearwater Communications to be the new Internet and phone service provider; and

■ discussed upcoming events for the summer including, the Ercoupe Owners of American National Fly In on June 21, the City Salute to Freedom on July 4 and the River City Racing Club RC boat races on July 7.

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