

Mt. Vernon Airport Authority
2017-2018 Budget Hearing
Held June 13, 2017 at 6:00 PM

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Staff: Chris Collins
 Sheila Jolly-Scrivner

Guests: Josh Jones, Steve Willis, Don Lewis, Ruth Anne Strawn, Ken Kline, & Tyson
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PUBLIC INPUT

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Wellmaker and seconded by Commissioner Lee to adjourn the 2017-2018 Budget Hearing. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

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REPORTS

Minutes

Minutes were presented for the May 9th, 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

Although not Correspondence, Mr. Collins asked Mr. Steve Willis to brief the Commissioners on today's trip to SIUC by Aviation Explorer Post #1155. Nine Explorers and three leaders returned to Mt. Vernon at approximately 4:30 p.m. The Explorers toured the SIUC Aviation facilities and participated in competitive projects under the guidance of Dr. Charley Rodriguez, SIUC Aviation Maintenance Program Chairman. All Explorers logged simulator time in the CRJ Regional Jetliner and the G1000 equipped Cessna 172 Skyhawk. Mr. Willis praised Dr. Rodriguez for his enthusiastic and knowledgeable interaction with the Explorers.

OLD BUSINESS

Flightline Equipment

Mr. Collins presented specifications, preliminary costs, and a financial snapshot to support the replacement of the airport's Jet A Mobile Fueler. Quotations and specifications from American Refueler Equipment and Garsite for a "newer" 2200 gallon Jet A Mobile Fueler, quotations and specifications from Garsite and Omega for "newer" 3000 gallon Jet A Mobile Fueler, and quotations and specifications from Skymark and Garsite for a brand new 3000 gallon Jet A Mobile Fueler were studied. Mr. Collins noted he is still waiting for a quotation from American Refueler for a 3000 gallon "newer" unit. He noted he would like to see American Refueler's cost for the additional 800 gallon capacity before making a recommendation. If the upgrade is affordable, it would be nice to have the extra capacity. Since the overall picture was not complete, Mr. Collins recommended not moving forward until American Refueler's cost for the larger unit was available. The Commissioners agreed to table the project.

NEW BUSINESS

2017/2018 Annual Budget Ordinance 2017-03

Mr. Collins presented the 2017/2018 Annual Budget Ordinance for approval. Motion was made by Commissioner Lee and seconded by Commissioner Chesney to approve the 2017/2018 Annual Budget Ordinance #2017-03. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor.

Annual Tax Levy Ordinance #2017-04

Mr. Collins presented the Annual Tax Levy Ordinance 2017-04 for approval. Mr. Collins mentioned the Ordinance includes a “frozen” levy amount of \$123,128, the same amount levied the previous two years. Motion was made by Commissioner Wellmaker and seconded by Commissioner Lee to approve the Annual Tax Levy Ordinance #2017-04. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor.

ARFF Equipment

Mr. Collins stated the airport has reached a position where it must spend some funds on its ARFF Rapid Intervention Vehicle (crash rescue truck). The fire extinguishing media (AFFF & Dry Chemical) is propelled by compressed nitrogen gas. The gas is stored in four (4) 200 cubic feet bottles that are pressurized to 2200 psi and are mounted in the rear of the vehicle. The bottles have a proprietary quick release valve that allows the firefighter to deploy the system by the touch of a button in the cab. The valves also contain a gauge so that the pressurization can be monitored by the firefighter. Mr. Collins stated the problem is the compressed gas bottles just passed their ten year life. Extension past ten years requires a Hydro Test. Hydro testing would require the truck being taken out of service, the bottles removed, and the bottles being sent off site (and out of town) for an unknown amount of time. Mr. Collins checked with Campbell Fire and was told the Hydro Test could take as long as two weeks. The safety of the flying public is at risk without the airport’s ARFF RIV in service. Only ANSUL (and truck manufacturer E.J. Metals) carries the valves. Each valve is \$202. New bottles are just over \$500 each. Mr. Collins is awaiting an answer from the local Praxair distributor to see if that company could install the valves on four of their bottles. He stated he doubts this will happen due to liability but it is worth waiting for an answer. Mr. Collins noted the cost to purchase four bottle/valve combinations from E.J. Metals/ANSUL is \$2840. To save shipping costs, he mentioned he could pick up the bottles in Wisconsin in July after he leaves Airventure. The plan moving forward would be to gas up the new bottles, install them after the next truck use, and send the old bottles off to be hydro tested. Assuming the old bottles pass the test, the airport would/should not be in this situation again. Discussion ensued. Mr. Collins asked for approval to purchase the new cylinder/valve combinations from E.J. Metals if Praxair declines to assist. If Praxair gets involved and the costs are cheaper, then only new valves will be purchased from E.J. Metals. A thirty day window was recommended by Mr. Collins to await an answer by Praxair. Motion was made by Commissioner Lee and seconded by Commissioner Pierce to approve this plan. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor.

EAA Airventure Cup Race

Mr. Collins introduced this year’s biggest aviation event – the 20th Anniversary Airventure Cup Race. He stated there could be as many as 80 race and 20 support aircraft at the airport over the weekend of July 22nd and 23rd. He, Mrs. Scrivner, and Commissioner Lee are working with organizers to nail down all the details. Mr. Collins asked the Commissioners to try and be around that weekend as the airport will need help assisting guests.

OTHER BUSINESS

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.