

Mt. Vernon Airport Authority
Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Held July 8, 2014 at 6:00 PM

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

Staff: Chris Collins
Sheila Jolly-Scrivner

Guests: Rick Hayes, Emily Roth, Steve Willis, & Don Lewis

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

REPORTS

Minutes

Minutes were presented for the June 10, 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 presented a letter from IDOT, Division of Aeronautics' Terry Schaddel regarding the recent USDA Wildlife Training Class at the airport. Mr. Schaddel thanked the airport for the use of the facilities and providing lunch for the 20 guests including airport managers, airport maintenance, FAA, IDOT, and USDA Staff Members.

Mr. Collins presented an e-mail from Lt. Colonel Bruce Bennett of the 169th Airlift Squadron regarding the recent U.S. Military Airlift. Lt. Colonel Bennett praised the staff for being such great hosts.

OLD BUSINESS

Taxiway Revitalization Project

Mr. Collins stated the project to revitalize Taxiway "B" and "E", as well as construct two entry roadways, was recently bid on June 13th in Springfield. The low bid was submitted by E.T. Simonds for \$318,260. Mr. Collins provided a rough estimate for the project by using the submitted IDOT Project Status Report. He mentioned the low bid was \$29,515 below Hanson's Engineering Estimate of \$347,775. Once engineering fees are added, the total cost of the Taxiway "B" and "E" Project is approximately \$398,094.81. The airport's local share should be approximately \$19,904.74. Mr. Collins pointed out this number does not include the additional \$3500 to \$5000 asphalt material costs to pave the two new entry roads.

NEW BUSINESS

Tentative Annual Budget Ordinance 2014-01

Mr. Collins presented the Tentative Annual Budget Ordinance 2014-01 for consideration and approval. The tentative annual budget lists revenues at \$477,492 and expenditures at \$475,992. Motion was made by Commissioner Martin and seconded by Commissioner Chesney 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, August 12, 2014, is concluded, the budget can be approved in final form in regular session that same evening.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Collins briefed the Commissioners on a potential new project. In December, 2013, majority cargo operator at Mt. Vernon Outland Airport, USA Jet Airlines, asked for permission to operate an MD-83 aircraft at the airport. Mr. Collins granted permission but notified USA Jet Airlines of the potential tightness on Taxiway "A" (Runway 05 end) due to the "dog legged" taxiway. Mr. Collins explained the long distances between the nose and main gears on the MD-83 provides the potential for the aircraft's inside tandem gear to depart the taxiway if the pilot is not careful. There is no such problem on the Taxiway "B" end or any other location on the airport. USA Jet Airlines opted to send two DC9's on that December date. Mr. Collins was informed during the recent cargo run that USA Jet Airlines purchased another MD-83. He reasoned that it will only be a matter of time before the next opportunity and he wanted to have a plan to address the deficiency. Mr. Collins and Commissioner Lee met recently with IDOT Engineering, Planning, and Programming Staff about a potential project to correct the situation. Mr. Collins explained that fillets could be added to inner portions of the "dog-legs" providing more pavement in the critical areas. He showed the Commissioners the areas to be impacted on drawings as well as the large airfield photo on the wall of the board room. Mr. Collins explained that once a budget is determined, the Commissioners could decide to ask the paving contractor on site for the Taxiway "B" & "E" Project for an estimate or bid the project as a stand alone project in the future. The Commissioners were in agreement with Mr. Collins and asked him to get back to them with cost estimates.

Mr. Collins stated that during the meeting with IDOT, he and Commissioner Lee were able to re-direct all involved to re-start the initial stages of the “T” Hangar Project for 2015. Mr. Collins explained that the ramp portion of the ‘T” Hangar Project (State/Federal participation) was not programmed for 2015 due to many factors – especially the uncertainty surrounding the 2014 Taxiway “E” Revitalization. With the Taxiway “E” Project proceeding as originally planned (without costly modifications), the 2014 GAE has been bank rolled for 2015. Mr. Collins reasoned that the 2015 GAE and the unused 2014 GAE could be used for the “T” Hangar infrastructure as originally intended. With 2015 funds not received until late in the year (perhaps well after the start of the project), IDOT staff granted the airport permission to initiate the project with local funds that would be re-imbursed once the 2015 money is on hand.

Mr. Collins noted the security camera installation project is half done. The cameras for the Koziara Terminal are installed and the system is great so far.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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