

Mt. Vernon Airport Authority
Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Held July 12, 2016 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: Emily Shapiro, Michal Junik, Rich Carney, Steve Willis, Don Lewis, & Ruth Anne Strawn.

PUBLIC INPUT

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

REPORTS

Minutes

Minutes were presented for the June 14th, 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

Completed Projects

Mr. Collins provided an overview of two recently completed projects. The Obstruction Removal Project wrapped on Friday, July 1st. Everything went smoothly. Mr. Collins noted the contractor was great to work with, did a good job, and the property owners were pleased – which is the true barometer. The total cost was \$13,011.46 (\$9820 to Undercut Tree Service and \$3191.46 to Hanson Professional Services). Mr. Collins mentioned he approved an additional \$320 on the project due to four additional trees that

needed to be topped. This was necessary as the contractor was in a better position from his bucket truck to gauge height restrictions.

Mr. Collins noted the Koziara Terminal Flightline Door Project was completed on Wednesday, July 6th. The door looks fantastic and is a major improvement. The total cost on the project was \$6300 - \$500 below the estimate.

Pending Projects

Mr. Collins outlined several pending projects. The Taxiway “B2” Preservation Project is scheduled for Wednesday, July 20th. Gee Asphalt called last week and notified Mr. Collins they would be in the area – triggering a project approved at the June 9, 2015 Meeting. Gee’s price was contingent on the Iowa based company working in the area.

The Innovation Park Access Road Surfacing Project will soon be completed. Mr. Collins observed Jax Asphalt grading the road on Monday. He noted this project was approved at the July 14, 2015 meeting, but for some reason was not completed in 2015. Mr. Collins spoke with Bob Metcalf from Jax earlier this Spring and Mr. Metcalf noted the company would complete the project in the early Summer.

Mr. Collins informed the board that Jax Asphalt was also the winning bidder and approved to surface the unfinished lake shelter roadway (also approved at the July 14, 2015 Meeting). He reminded the Commissioners of the asphalt surfacing of the western portion of the lake shelter road provided by E.T. Simonds at the conclusion of the Taxiway “E” and “B” Revitalization Project (late 2014). Mr. Collins stated he would like Jax Asphalt to finish the surfacing of the eastern portion of the roadway as specified in the original bid specification. Some gradework and culverts need to be completed by airport maintenance prior to Jax completing its duties.

NEW BUSINESS

Prevailing Wage Rate Ordinance 2016-05

Mr. Collins presented the annual Prevailing Wage Rate Ordinance for approval. Motion was made by Commissioner Lee and seconded by Commissioner Pierce to approve Prevailing Wage Rate Ordinance #2016-05. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor.

KT Suites

Motion was made by Commissioner Chesney and seconded by Commissioner Wellmaker to approve the Flight Training Operations and Koziara Terminal Package Agreements between the Mt. Vernon Airport Authority and AIRGO, Incorporated as discussed in Executive Session. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor.

With approval of the KT Package Agreement, Mr. Collins asked for permission to establish a project to complete Koziara Terminal Suite “A”. He noted the only item lacking from the 2008 project was to frame in a wall & door between the lobby and the suite. Mr. Collins explained he would talk to Airport Architect Brian Edmison and report back to the Commissioners at a future meeting. Motion was made by Commissioner Lee

and seconded by Commissioner Chesney to allow Mr. Collins to establish the potential project. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor. No budget was provided for the project.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Collins mentioned that although Commissioner Wellmaker was officially welcomed at the June Meeting, his appointment to the board needs to be officially recorded in Meeting Minutes. Therefore, Mr. Collins stated the following: *“Upon the retirement of Commissioner Greg Martin at the end of April, 2016, Mr. Ryan Wellmaker was appointed to the Mt. Vernon Airport Authority Board of Commissioners for a five year term beginning on May 1, 2016. “*

With no further Executive Session items, no additional Other Business, 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.

Executive Session

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Mr. Collins presented the Flight Training Operations and Koziara Terminal Package Agreements between the Mt. Vernon Airport Authority and AIRGO, Incorporated. He mentioned he has heard negative comments from SRT Aviation ownership and one hangar tenant regarding this new opportunity. Mr. Collins believes the negative comments are related to fear of the unknown and the deep rooted feelings of one Vietnam Veteran. He stated that even he has reservations, but there are far more positives than negatives. Mr. Collins reminded the Commissioners of the findings of the exploratory committee and recommended moving forward with the agreements as presented. Chairman Ancona stated the addition of AIRGO to the airport and Mt. Vernon community will have an impact and asked the Commissioners their thoughts on the opportunity:

Commissioner Cheney noted the project will be good for the airport in terms of aircraft operations and future funding. He and Commissioner Lee, both Vietnam Veterans, addressed the fears of the Veteran hangar tenant. *“The Chinese students from AIRGO are 20 somethings, they had nothing to do with the war. How long can we hold a grudge? No one holds grudges against the Germans or Japanese. We can’t live in the past, it’s time to move on.”*

Commissioner Wellmaker stated *“new generations do not control the past. We can only control the future.”*

Commissioner Pierce commented on the impact we may make on the students: *“perhaps they will return home with a new respect and admiration of the United States.”*

Commissioner Lee mentioned *“how can we say no to the extra revenue this project will provide the airport?”*

Chairman Ancona noted we have to focus ahead. He and Commissioner Chesney praised the Committee for its work and noted that all the right steps were taken to arrive at this decision. As for SRT Aviation, Chairman Ancona mentioned the airport has worked with them for over ten years and mentioned *“We will work through this situation too.”*

Commissioner Chesney concluded by stating *“this will be good for our community, if not, the documents are written with outs. We will do something about it.”*

Hearing no objections, Chairman Ancona noted he will call for a motion to approve the documents upon returning to open session.

