

Mt. Vernon Airport Authority
Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Held July 11, 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, Marty Cox, & Tyson Rush.

PUBLIC INPUT

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

REPORTS

Minutes

Minutes were presented for the June 13th, 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 on the Agenda

OLD BUSINESS

ARFF Equipment

Mr. Collins updated the Commissioners on the nitrogen cylinder situation introduced last month. He stated he must have talked to the wrong person at Campbell Fire about whether that local company could perform the required Hydro Test. Owner Sherri Campbell saw the local press coverage of last month's meeting and called Mr. Collins. It turns out the cylinders can be Hydro Tested locally and in very short order - the ARFF Truck will not be down more than two days. Campbell Fire even has new ANSUL

valved cylinders in stock if the airport's cylinders fail the Hydro Test. Mr. Collins thanked the media for reporting last month's meeting.

Flightline Equipment

Mr. Collins presented the missing part of the manufacturer/capacity/pricing matrix for the potential new Jet A Mobile Fuel Truck discussed at the June Meeting. The missing component was the price for a 3000 gallon unit from American Refueler. At \$114,260, the extra 800 gallons costs an additional \$19,170 over the 2200 gallon unit. He mentioned that the airport has only needed this extra capacity three times in his 12 years. Mr. Collins recommended purchasing the 2200 gallon unit specified by American Refueler at \$95,090. As stated previously, this particular unit from American Refueler is a newer/updated version of the airport's current Jet A Mobile Fueler. Both of the airport's existing mobile fuelers were manufactured by American Refueler. American Refueler's specialty is combining new tank, piping, and pumping equipment on a semi-used chassis. In this particular case, the truck is a 2008 International 4300. The truck has a diesel engine with automatic transmission. The closest comparable unit was a 2200 gallon equipped 2006 International 4300 from Garsite at \$115,000 plus freight. Discussion ensued. Motion was made by Commissioner Wellmaker and seconded by Commissioner Lee to purchase the 2200 gallon refueler from American Refueler at \$95,090. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

Rome Grade School Event

Representatives from Rome Grade School were not in attendance. Mr. Collins and Mrs. Scrivner briefed the Commissioners on the event that is intended to raise funds for the school's PTO. Touch the Truck is scheduled for Saturday, September 23rd at the airport from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. For a fee, the event allows spectators access to large vehicles such as tractor trailers, first response vehicles, excavators, and other equipment. Mr. Collins and Mrs. Scrivner Sheila have agreed to host the event if all insurance requirements are met. The event will take place in the main parking lot and the "T" Hangar parking lot (rectangular lot leading to the lake shelter). Commissioner Lee expressed concern over heavy tracked equipment on the asphalt parking lots. Mr. Collins stated he will ensure such equipment be placed in grass areas or remain trailered if the grounds are wet.

New Entrance Sign

Mr. Collins stated this project is starting to appear on the horizon – finally! He submitted the FAA/IDOT application for their review several weeks ago. Mr. Collins presented a rough draft of the new entry sign provided by T. Ham Signs. He noted that very soon he will try to devote some design time to the concept jet on the pole that towers over the sign. He asked the Commissioners to review the rendering and be prepared to offer comment at the next meeting. Mr. Collins mentioned any or all of the design can be changed. He identified the significance of the project by reminding the Commissioners that this will be only the third or fourth sign in this airport's history.

Lake Project

Mr. Collins noted that after several attempts by airport maintenance over the last few years to repair a section of the dam at the lake, it is time to seek professional help. Over the course of several decades, one of three high water overflow sections failed at its joints allowing fill material to be sucked into and out of the pipe. After several rainy periods, fill material disappeared leaving voided areas and damaged culvert sections. He showed the Commissioners the location of the damaged Northeast Overflow area on the wall map. Mr. Collins then displayed photographs of the Northeast Overflow area. The northeast overflow culvert has a primary and secondary damage area. The primary area is large and deep. The secondary damage area is getting dangerously close to the top of the dam where residents walk. Mr. Collins noted the Northeast Overflow area needs to be repaired before winter. He stated he has met with representatives of two local excavating companies and intends to use information supplied to generate a bid specification. Mr. Collins asked permission to seek bids to repair this damaged area. He will construct a bid specification and ask for a price to excavate all damaged areas of the existing culvert, purchase only the new culvert needed (approximately 75'), seal up the new joint, fill the area, rip rap the inlet, and seed and straw. An alternate bid will ask for excavating the entire culvert (approximately 120'), replace with new, fill the area, rip rap the inlet, and seed and straw. Mr. Collins noted the culvert section itself will be pricy and a large track hoe will be necessary. Discussion ensued about the urgency of the project and the need to fix the overflow in the Summer. Motion was made by Commissioner Lee and seconded by Commissioner Chesney to approve seeking bids to fix the Northeast Overflow Culvert. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Collins provided an update on the upcoming Airventure Cup Race. Ninety-two airplanes are registered to race! With another eight or ten support planes, there will be over 100 aircraft on the ramp. Mr. Collins noted there are only 58 dedicated tie down tees so there will be airplanes parked in areas that don't normally see aircraft. He noted the airport has a parking plan and the team will be ready.

Mr. Collins mentioned the Global War on Terrorism Traveling Wall will be at the airport from Saturday, September 9th through Tuesday, September 12th. The wall is being sponsored by the local HOOHAH Deer Hunt for Heroes organization. It will be here for the last day of the Midwest LSA Expo and depart after a 9/11 ceremony.

Chairman Ancona presented a special plaque to Commissioner Joe Bob Pierce. Due to health reasons, Joe Bob has submitted a resignation letter to Mayor John Lewis. Joe Bob has served the Mt. Vernon Airport Authority since May, 2008. Photographs were taken of the Board of Commissioners before everyone in the room enjoyed cake. Commissioner Pierce was thanked on the plaque and on the cake for his many years of service. All agreed Joe Bob will be missed!

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.

