# Mt. Vernon Airport Authority Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners Held August 9, 2011 at 6:00 PM

Present: Greg Martin Chairman

Michael Ancona Vice Chairman
Paul Dickerson Secretary
Gary Chesney Treasurer
Joe Bob Pierce Commissioner

Staff: Chris Collins

Mary Barnett-Johnson

Absent: None

Guests: See Attached

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There being no public comments, Chairman Martin moved forward with the meeting.

## **REPORTS**

#### Minutes

Minutes were presented for the July 12, 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 of thanks from the Illinois State Organization, National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, for the airport's involvement with the DAR Statue Dedication at the C.E. Brehm Memorial Library and the DAR Reception here at the airport on Saturday, June 18, 2011.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

## **Jefferson County Heroes Memorial**

Mr. Collins provided an update on the project to be constructed at the airport. The estimated cost to build the Memorial is approximately \$8000. This cost includes a steel

structure and sign panels that will stand the test of time. Quality has been engineered into this project so all can all be proud of it in future. Project Manager and Eagle Scout Candidate Andrew Dreas is busy raising funds within the community. Woodmen of the World has donated the 25' Flag Pole (an approximate value of \$900, and is allowing the airport to purchase the two 20' flag poles at their cost - \$350 per pole. This is 50% off the retail price. Lowes will be finalizing their donation plans very soon. Mr. Collins noted that the Lowes donation is rumored to be very generous. Even with these positives, Mr. Collins foresees a shortfall of approximately \$6000. He noted that local service clubs (American Legion Post #141, VFW Post #1376, VFW Post #9233, and the local DAV Chapter) have all pledged to donate \$100 per month for the maintenance and upkeep of the Memorial once it is constructed. Mr. Collins asked the Commissioners to fund the Memorial's Construction utilizing General Operating funds with the stipulation the funds would be replaced over time with the donations from the local service clubs. Once the funds are replaced, excess cash would be utilized for upgrades and maintenance. The amount requested was \$6000. Discussion ensued and a motion was made by Commissioner Dickerson and seconded by Commissioner Chesney to fund the construction of the Jefferson County Heroes Memorial in an amount not to exceed \$8000. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor. Mr. Collins stated that a Dedication Ceremony for the Jefferson County Heroes Memorial will be held at 11:00 a.m. on October 15, 2011 during the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Little Egypt Fly-In and Veterans Reunion/Southern Illinois Harvest Festival.

## Plane & Pilot Midwest LSA Expo

Mr. Collins presented an update on the third installment of this annual aviation event held right here in southern Illinois. Despite the downturn in the economy, things look positive coming out of Airventue. Several companies sold aircraft, so Mr. Collins stated that he hopes the trend continues at the Plane & Pilot Midwest LSA Expo. He noted that the flightline will be slightly smaller in terms of exhibitors, but new opportunities inside the Aviators Hotline Exhibitor Hall and expanded forums/seminars should make the event very appealing to potential attendees.

#### Mini Van

Mr. Collins presented an Invoice from King City Chrysler (KCC) for the purchase of the airport's new Mini-Van. Total cost is \$27,843. Since there was no opportunity for competitive bidding (due to only two American companies producing mini-vans and only one dealer in town), KCC was required to provide all costs. A breakdown of KCC's profit and overhead totaled \$617. Mr. Collins stated that he researched the total cost on Edmunds.com and determined that for southern Illinois, the total cost for the van as equipped should be \$27,690. He pointed the Commissioners to an attached printout, that showed when the strobe light package, doc fees, and license plates were deducted, the KCC price was within \$5 of the Edmunds.com True Market Price. After making this calculation and summarizing, Roy Schmidt called and offered another \$500 rebate – meaning KCC beat the Edmunds True Market Price handily. Mr. Collins asked for approval of the \$27,843 Invoice from KCC. Motion was made by Commissioner Dickerson and seconded by Commissioner Pierce to purchase a new Chrysler Town and

Country Mini Van from King City Chrysler for #27,843. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

## **Prevailing Wage Ordinance 2011-02**

Mr. Collins presented Prevailing Wage Ordinance 2011-2 for consideration and approval. Motion was made by Commissioner Chesney and seconded by Commissioner Dickerson to approve the annual prevailing wage ordinance. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor.

### **Perimeter Fence Project**

Mr. Collins presented a Participation Agreement between the Illinois Department of Transportation, Divisions of Aeronautics and the MVAA for the upcoming Perimeter Fence Project. Nearly seven miles of 10' chain link fence will be constructed around the perimeter of the airport. The existing 6' chain link fence and components will be removed. Total cost of the project is \$1,205,530 with the airport's 2.5% local share at \$31,725. Motion was made by Commissioner Chesney and seconded by Commissioner Dickerson to approve the Participation Agreement as presented. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor.

Mr. Collins presented an Amendment to the Engineering Agreement in force for the project between Hanson Professional Services and the MVAA. The agreement covers extra engineering time required to generate additional plans for the required obstruction lighting upgrades. Mr. Collins noted the additional cost of the services is covered in the Participation Agreement between IDOT, IDA. Motion was made by Commissioner Pierce and seconded by Commissioner Dickerson to approve the Amendment. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor.

#### **Popular Rotorcraft Fly-In**

Mr. Collins informed the Commissioners that Popular Rotorcraft Association Chapter #35 from St. Louis will hold their annual fly-in at the airport on Friday, June 26, through Sunday, June 28, 2011. As with previous type-club gatherings, Mr. Collins asked the Commissioners to stop by the airport and welcome these new visitors to Mt. Vernon.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Collins noted that he has secured the help of volunteers wishing to assist the airport with upgrading the floor of the lake shore pavilion. Assisted by maintenance staff, the volunteers propose to form, pour, and finish concrete over an upcoming weekend. The only cost to the airport is the concrete itself. Mr. Collins estimates the total cost of the 8.8 yards of concrete to be approximately \$800. Discussion ensued and motion was made by Commissioner Chesney and seconded by Commissioner Dickerson to approve the \$800 concrete cost. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There being no items to discuss from the Executive Session, Chairman Martin moved forward with the meeting.

There being no further business to discuss under Other Business, 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