

Mt. Vernon Airport Authority
Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Held August 8, 2017 at 6:00 PM

Present: Michael Ancona	Chairman
Eddie Lee	Vice Chairman
Gary Chesney	Treasurer
Ryan Wellmaker	Commissioner
Marty Cox	Commissioner

Staff: Chris Collins
Sheila Jolly-Scrivner

Guests: Josh Jones, Steve Willis, Joe Glasco, Don Lewis, Ruth Anne Strawn.

PUBLIC INPUT

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

Chairman Ancona welcomed Commissioner Marty Cox to his first official meeting. Commissioner Cox noted he is thankful for the opportunity to give back and hopes he could fill Commissioner Pierce's shoes. He also noted that the airport was his second home for nearly two decades before work commitments took him away. Now that he has returned, he hopes his aviation knowledge and experience can be a benefit to the airport.

Mr. Collins noted that with the resignation of Secretary Joe Bob Pierce, the Board Secretary position needs to be filled. Chairman Ancona asked for a nomination to fill the vacancy. Motion was made by Commissioner Cox and seconded by Commissioner Lee for Commissioner Wellmaker to be the new Secretary. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor.

Steve Willis introduced Boy Scouts of America District Leader Joe Glasco. Mr. Glasco thanked the Board for the cooperation and collaboration between the Boy Scouts and Mt. Vernon Outland Airport. Mr. Willis noted the next event is a Fall Camporee/Aviation Merit Badge Day scheduled for Saturday, September 23rd.

REPORTS

Minutes

Minutes were presented for the July 11th, 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

Runway 5/23 Project

Mr. Collins stated the long awaited Maintenance and Remarketing of Runway 5/23 Project will officially start on Wednesday, August 9th. The project will tackle the separation of the runway paving lane joints and transverse cracks that have occurred over the runway's twelve year life. The areas will be excavated, filled, and sealed. All markings will be repainted over the week to thirteen day project. Runway 5/23 will be closed throughout the duration of the project. Runway 15/33 will be closed for short amounts of time while workers access the runway intersection. Mr. Collins noted the project will have short term negative impacts on the tenants and possibly hurt some transient operations but it has to be done. Runway 5/23 is at mid-life and it is hoped this maintenance project will gain many more years of service.

New Entry Sign

Mr. Collins mentioned that IDOT and the FAA have approved the sign so the airport is good to go in that regard. He noted he spoke to the City Inspector and because of the airplane, the airport will have to apply for a new sign permit (the new sign will be taller than the existing sign). Mr. Collins said he has been working with Mike Slansky at T. Ham Signs regarding construction materials. Mr. Collins presented an e-mail from Mr. Slansky containing a description of the lighting and new renderings. Mr. Collins asked the Commissioners for input on the designs. Discussion ensued about Mr. Collins' idea of having an illuminated "Open" sign near the individual Restaurant panel. Commissioner Chesney asked about lighting on all panels and if the panels could be changed. Mr. Collins mentioned that he envisions all panels to be backlit. If the descriptive panels do not advertise a certain entity, perhaps the panels could be changed. Mr. Collins noted the FAA and IDOT are prohibitive of direct advertising for specific entities.

Lake Project

Mr. Collins discussed the upcoming Northeast Overflow Culvert Project, the various culvert pipe options, and bid results for the excavation work. Since the last meeting, it has been determined that the entire 140 feet of culvert needs excavated and replaced. Joint failure on the outlet side has been detected as well. Mr. Collins noted the airport should purchase the culvert system itself. The choices are an aluminized steel corrugated pipe with bolted flanges and anti-seep collars or double wall HPVE (High Density Polyethylene) with rubber gaskets. Both products claim more than 75 year service life and both are expensive! Mr. Collins recommended the aluminized steel product simply because the structural integrity is proven. Pricing for the four feet diameter piping was

provided by Contech Engineering from Springfield at \$47.05/foot and Energy Culvert from Energy at \$54.60/foot. As for the excavation bids, Schierbaum Excavating submitted a bid for \$12,000. The second lowest bid was \$25,201.53 provided by Guinzy Construction. The last bid was submitted by Shores Builders at \$35,400. Discussion ensued about the discrepancies in the bid prices. Commissioner Chesney mentioned the project is very small from a contractor's point of view and perhaps one or two of the bidders possibly just put a high side number down hoping to make some surplus money. Mr. Collins noted that two additional companies took bid specifications but failed to turn in bids. Mr. Collins recommended the approval of the low bid from Schierbaum Excavating and to purchase the aluminized corrugated piping at Contech Engineering. Motion was made by Commissioner Lee and seconded by Commissioner Wellmaker to accept the low bid by Schierbaum Excavating and purchase the piping components at Contech. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

Prevailing Wage Rate Ordinance 2017-05

Mr. Collins presented the annual Prevailing Wage Rate Ordinance for approval. Motion was made by Commissioner Chesney and seconded by Commissioner Wellmaker to approve Prevailing Wage Rate Ordinance #2017-05. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor.

Midwest LSA Expo

Mr. Collins provided an update on the 9th installment of this great event. The AOPA Midwest Regional Fly-In (using the same dates) has taken an exhibitor or two this year, but there are already three new exhibitors joining in. All in all, the event will look nearly the same as in previous years. New additions are the Patch Lee concert on Thursday Night and the Global War of Terrorism Traveling Wall on Saturday.

Airport View System

Mr. Collins stated Airport View is a new concept being marketed and sold by a Denver based company wanting to produce nearly real time visual weather online. The idea is for pilots, enthusiasts, farmers, etc. to access a website to see the current weather conditions at a chosen airport. The system costs \$2500, plus \$750 for installation, and \$500 per year for subscription/maintenance. Airport View is being marketed by Jacob Peed, a long-time associate in the LSA Industry. Because of the Midwest LSA Expo, Jacob is offering to provide the installation for free and sell advertising on KMVN's Airport View "pages" to cover the \$500 per year subscription. He also believes he can sell sponsorship of KMVN's cameras up to \$1000 per year. So, KMVN can be on Airport View for a one-time fee of only \$1500! Short term this project can help the continued legitimization of Midwest LSA Expo and the Airventure Cup Race. Long term, the project helps pilots, enthusiasts, farmers, and weather geeks. Mr. Collins recommended moving forward with Airport View contingent upon Mr. Peed selling sponsorships to offset the cost. Mr. Collins noted the \$1500 can come from the Midwest LSA Expo fund as the airport will see a surplus in that fund this year. Mr. Collins noted the DeLand Sport Aviation Showcase, Sebring U.S. Sport Aviation Expo, and Sun-n-Fun

International Fly-In are up for the same proposals. Mt. Vernon Outland Airport, the first to go live, will soon be in good company!

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Collins noted there will be a FAA FFAST Team Seminar on Saturday, August 19th. AIRGO Incorporated is sponsoring the seminar and all AIRGO Flight Instructors and Students (approximately 160) will be in attendance. AIRGO is inviting all area flight instructors and pilots to attend.

Mr. Collins thanked all volunteers, staff, and Board Members for their help with the recently completed EAA Airventure Cup Race. Eighty-two aircraft competed with SRT Aviation customer Mike Patey winning at an average speed of 398 miles per hour. Despite the extreme heat, the weekend was a huge success!

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.