

Mt. Vernon Airport Authority
Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Held August 12, 2014 at 6:05 PM

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

Absent: None

Staff: Chris Collins
Sheila Jolly-Scrivner

Guests: Rick Hayes, Emily Roth, Don Lewis, Kevin & Jennifer Witzel, Dave Williams,
and Arista Ramsey

PUBLIC INPUT

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

REPORTS

Minutes

Minutes were presented for the August 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

There were no items of Correspondence. Chairman Ancona moved forward with the meeting.

Mr. Collins introduced Mr. Dave Williams and Ms. Arista Ramsey. Dave Williams has been a member of Team MVN for over 20 years with Williams BZ Aviation, Air Evac Lifeteam, and Kash Helicopters. Ms. Arista Ramsey recently moved from Florida to her childhood home of Mt. Vernon. A talented beautician, Ms. Ramsey desires to open a salon in Mt. Vernon and immediately looked at the airport. Amenities like a comfortable,

safe, and secure location, ample parking, and existing foot traffic make the airport an attractive place to open a new business. Mr. Collins noted that he, Mr. Williams, and Ms. Ramsey discussed possible locations, and the three settled on Suite #131 – the old Civil Air Patrol location. Mr. Williams indicated that he, working with airport maintenance, would do what was necessary to prepare the suite for the salon. The Commissioners asked Ms. Ramsey about possible hours of operation and the name of the salon. Ms. Ramsey noted the salon would be titled “AristaCuts” and would open from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Motion was made by Commissioner Martin and seconded by Commissioner Pierce to extend a Lease Agreement to Ms. Ramsey and Mr. Williams for Suite #131 and AristaCuts. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

Taxiway “B” & “E” Revitalization

Mr. Collins presented the long awaited Agency Agreement for the project. The agreement lists a \$21,000 local share for the \$415,000 project. Mr. Collins noted that because the agreement came so late in the year, a Pre-Construction Meeting and a Notice to Proceed (the next steps) are unlikely to happen in the next few weeks. Federal Airport Improvement Program grant funds were just recently received by IDOT. The project will most likely be delayed until Spring, 2015.

Security Cameras

Mr. Collins stated the new system is up and running beautifully. A situation during the Plane & Pilot Midwest LSA Expo necessitated the use of the new system and a few weaknesses were determined. Mr. Collins requested permission to seek pricing for at least two new cameras in the Koziara Terminal and one at the maintenance building. Mr. Collins stated he would also like to add a television showing live video signals in the MVAA Office as well. Discussion ensued followed by the Commissioners directing Mr. Collins to obtain pricing for the additional camera equipment.

NEW BUSINESS

Annual Prevailing Wage Ordinance #2014-04

Mr. Collins presented the Annual Prevailing Wage Ordinance #2014-04 for approval. Motion was made by Commissioner Chesney and seconded by Commissioner Lee to approve Annual Prevailing Wage Ordinance #2014-04. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor.

Circus

Mr. Collins stated he was contacted by a representative from Carson & Barnes Circus recently regarding the desire to play Mt. Vernon on Sunday, September 14th. Carson & Barnes will be in the area and had an open date. Mr. Collins offered the same proposal and conditions used during the Kelly Miller Circus in the Spring with the exception of a \$200 usage fee. Carson & Barnes management accepted the proposal and Mr. Collins contacted each Commissioner individually for approval. Mr. Collins asked for official approval at the meeting. Motion was made by Commissioner Lee and seconded by Commissioner Martin to allow Carson & Barnes Circus to use the airport for two shows on Sunday, September 14th. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor.

Balloons Over Mt. Vernon

Mr. Collins welcomed local balloonists Kevin and Jennifer Witzel. The Witzels provided an overview of the 2nd Annual Balloons Over Mt. Vernon scheduled in conjunction with the Mt. Vernon Fall Festival on Friday, October 17th and Saturday, October 18th. Sixteen balloons are expected. The event will feature a Friday night glow, Saturday morning balloon flights, Saturday morning EAA Young Eagle Flights, a Saturday morning pancake breakfast at Wilkey's, and balloon flights over downtown on Saturday evening. Tethered balloon rides will be sold throughout the event at the airport Friday night and Saturday morning, prior to relocating the opportunity to the high school football field on Saturday night. The Witzel's pointed to the overwhelming success of last year's balloon glow (approximately 4500 people attended) and hope to continue the success. All sixteen balloons are sponsored.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Collins recapped the recently concluded Plane & Pilot Midwest LSA Expo. Extremely hot conditions on Thursday and Friday, followed by low ceilings on Saturday affected the number of attendees – especially those that planned to fly in on Saturday. Despite the weather issues, the event was successful in that many exhibitors departed with several strong leads. Attendees came from as far away as Washington State, California, Utah, and CANADA proving the event is indeed a national event. New exhibitors such as the MVP (Most Versatile Plane), Amelia Aviation (Skyleader) and ACME Nano Technologies mixed with many veteran expo exhibitors to offer a range of options and products. Two companies, ACME Nano Technologies and Viking Aircraft Engines have expressed interest in sponsoring next year's expo. Mr. Collins stated he is excited about the event and the reputation it has in the aviation industry.

Mr. Collins mentioned the new marketing video was uploaded to the www.mtvernonairport.com last week. The video is very professional and provides an updated look at the airport and Team MVN.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There being no items to discuss in Executive Session, Chairman Ancona 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.