

Mt. Vernon Airport Authority  
Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners  
Held July 9, 2019 at 6:00 PM

Present: Gary Chesney                      Chairman  
          Ryan Wellmaker                  Secretary  
          Mike Ancona                      Treasurer  
          Marty Cox                         Commissioner

Absent: Eddie Lee                         Vice Chairman

Staff:    Chris Collins  
          Sheila Jolly-Scrivner

Guests: Don Lewis, Ruth Anne Strawn, Mike & Carla Payne, Steve Willis, Jessica Rodriguez, & Rob Wielt.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

Hearing none, Chairman Chesney moved forwards with the Agenda.

**REPORTS**

**Minutes**

Minutes were presented for the June 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**

Hearing none, Chairman Chesney moved forwards with the Agenda.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Engineering Selection**

Mr. Collins briefed the Commissioners on the results of the Engineering Selection process. He stated the Committee met this afternoon and reviewed two proposals – Hanson Professional Services and Brown & Roberts, Inc. Mr. Collins noted that both companies were qualified and had the necessary experience; one of the two stood out. Because of the Hanson's experience with the airport, that firms work at similar and larger airports, and the large amount of electrical projects on the TIP Sheet, the Committee

recommends Hanson be retained as the airport's engineering consultant. Discussion ensued with Mr. Collins explaining the electrical projects and Hanson's Electrical Engineer Kevin Lightfoot. Kevin was the design engineer on numerous electrical projects during Mr. Collins' tenure including: new pilot controlled lighting, grounding of airport infrastructure, fencing/lighting, and multiple projects inside the electrical vault. Motion was made by Commissioner Wellmaker and seconded by Commissioner Cox to retain Hanson Professional Services as the airport's engineering consultant. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor.

### **Project Update**

Mr. Collins provided an update on two projects scheduled for this Summer. The paving of Firebaugh Drive West was scheduled to begin this week. Contractor paperwork at the State level may delay the project a few weeks. The rehabilitation of Taxiway "A1" will follow approximately one month later. Mr. Collins expects a pre-construction meeting on the "A1" project in the next few weeks. The two contactors are Stutz Excavating of Alton (Firebaugh West) and local/regional firm Southern Illinois Asphalt (Taxiway A1).

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Airventure Cup Race**

The 22<sup>nd</sup> running of the EAA Airventure Cup Race will occur over the weekend of July 20<sup>th</sup>. Seventy-five race and twenty support aircraft will be on the ramp all weekend. Mr. Collins mentioned Mrs. Scrivner has been quietly putting the plans in place and has done a terrific job! He asked the Commissioners to help out that weekend so that our visitors needs will be met. Shuttle drivers and ramp safely personnel are the jobs needed most. Mr. Collins mentioned the evening meals and the Young Eagle Rally have been made a priority for the weekend. Guests will be accommodated at the Granada (Gueros) on Friday Night and at the Drury (Frosty Mug) on Saturday Night. The Bonnie Café is ready and able during the day. Mr. Collins re-iterated – there is only one starting point and one ending point each year. Teamwork will be needed to ensure the race continues to start in Mt. Vernon during the odd number years.

### **Insurance**

Mr. Collins stated this time of year the airport's group health insurance renews. As expected, the total premium keeps creeping upward. This year's increase is \$136 per month, per employee (a 12.7% increase). The expiring total premium is \$3720 per month. The renewal is \$4264 per month. The plan is with the State of Illinois Local Government Health Plan (LGHP). Mr. Collins noted Mrs. Scrivner has not shopped this around in approximately two to three years. The last time she tried, the LGHP was far cheaper than the private sector companies. Mr. Collins suggested renewing with LGHP as the current policy expires at the end of the month. If the Commissioners want further exploration, Mrs. Scrivner and Mr. Collins can seek additional quotes from sources utilized previously. Discussion ensued. Motion was made by Commissioner Cox and seconded by Commissioner Ancona to renew with the Local Government Health Plan. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Collins introduced Mr. Rob Wielt of Affordable Gas and Electric (AGE). AGE has been a partner with the airport to save the facility money on its natural gas bills for many years. Mr. Wielt has been working with Mrs. Scrivner over the last several weeks to save the airport money on its electrical bills. Very soon, the contract with the existing broker will expire so time is of the essence. Mr. Wielt stated the total consumption across the airport's 15 accounts averages 710,000 kilowatts per year. The airport is currently paying between 5.2 cents to 7 cents per kilowatt hour with Nordic, Direct Energy, and Ameren. Mr. Wielt presented a bid tabulation containing five energy companies and their cost per kilowatt hour. The bid tabs reflect all accounts bundled under one fixed price moving forward. The lowest annual price was with Constellation Energy at 4.37 cents. The middle three companies (Homefield, Direct, and AEP) were in the mid to high 4 ranges. The highest bid presented was by Energy Me at 4.9 cents. Mr. Wielt asked the Commissioners if they preferred an annual contract, two year, three year, or four year. Constellation's pricing increases one penny per kilowatt hour on year two and remains the same for years three and four. Mr. Wielt stated he and others at AGE believe these are rock bottom prices and are likely to increase somewhat over the next several months. Discussion ensued about the length of the contract. The Commissioners felt comfortable with the longest option. Motion was made by Commissioner Wellmaker and seconded by Commissioner Cox to approve a contract with Constellation Energy at 4.4 cents per kilowatt hour as brokered by Affordable Gas and Electric. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor.

There being no additional 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.