

Mt. Vernon Airport Authority
Public Hearing
Held May 14th, 2019 at 6:00 PM

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

Staff: Chris Collins
Sheila Jolly-Scrivner

Guests: Don Lewis, Ruth Anne Strawn, Mike & Carla Payne, Steve Modert, & Steve Willis.

PUBLIC HEARING

Chairman Chesney began the hearing by reading the following *“Whereas, the Board of Commissioners of the Authority intends to sell bonds in the amount of \$595,000 for the purpose of paying the costs of repairing, renovating, improving, and equipping the Mt. Vernon Outland Airport, Mt. Vernon, Illinois, and for the payment of the expenses incident thereto.*

Chairman Chesney asked if there was anyone in attendance from the general public wishing to provide comments regarding the sale of General Obligation Bonds for the purpose of airport improvements. Hearing none, Chairman Chesney asked to adjourn the Public Hearing.

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Motion was made by Commissioner Wellmaker and seconded by Commissioner Lee to adjourn the Public Hearing. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

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

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

Staff: Chris Collins
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PUBLIC INPUT

Hearing none, Chairman Chesney moved forwards with the Agenda.

STATE OF THE AIRPORT

Chairman Chesney noted that since the May Meeting serves as the Annual Meeting, two special line items were added to the Agenda. The first was the State of the Airport address. Chairman Chesney asked Mrs. Scrivner to read from a prepared document of achievements that occurred over the previous twelve months. The prepared document is attached.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Chairman Chesney explained that the second special line item is an Election of Officers. Chairman Chesney opened the floor for nominations. Commissioner Cox motioned the officers remain the same for another year. Commissioner Lee seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor. The Board positions for FY2019/2020 are the following: Chairman Gary Chesney; Vice Chairman Eddie Lee; Secretary Ryan Wellmaker; Treasurer Mike Ancona and Commissioner Marty Cox.

REPORTS

Minutes

Minutes were presented for the April 9th, 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

Restaurant

Mr. Collins provided a one word description for what has taken place during the first week of Bonnie Café, Mt. Vernon's tenure – INCREDIBLE! Everyone from the owners, the employees, and the customers are all smiles. Mr. Collins noted a super dedicated team of airport maintenance and Bonnie Café Management worked 12 -14 hour days for a week to see the targeted opening date of May 7th remain on schedule. The team did all the labor it could (paint, wall demolition, carpet laying, finish carpentry on the booths and tables, interior trim, etc). However, since the infrastructure was off for over six months, HVAC, plumbing, and electrical professionals had to be utilized. Mr. Collins highlighted the super strong private/public partnership that has materialized.

Momentum 2023

Mr. Collins noted with the Public Hearing completed, the airport can move forward with the Bond Sale Resolution at the June Meeting. He noted as far as projects go, the airport is in no hurry as this year's State/Federal/Local projects are already funded via the preceding Momentum 2020 Campaign.

Auxiliary Generators

Mr. Collins noted the airport's new service provider Luby Equipment, visited a few weeks ago and detected some relatively minor problems with the MVFD Station #3 Unit, some moderate difficulties with the East Transclosure Unit (Main Airfield), and plain serious problems with the ARDL unit. Mr. Collins presented prices for the parts and labor to complete the necessary repairs to each unit. He noted as much as he would like to defer the work at ARDL, he doesn't see any way around paying for and bringing each unit up to good working condition. The Lease Agreement between ARDL and the MVAA states the airport furnish emergency power to their sensitive equipment. Total cost for repairs to all three is \$4852. Discussion intensified when Mr. Collins was asked about a related New Business line item – UST. After a thorough discussion about what lies ahead with the Auxiliary Generator UST and how the two projects may or may not be interrelated, Mr. Collins recommended approving the estimates from Luby Equipment. When all agreed the necessary information was available and timing was of the essence on the generator repairs, the recommendation to proceed with the repairs was approved. Motion was made by Commissioner Lee and seconded by Commissioner Wellmaker to approve the \$4852 estimate by Luby Equipment. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

Intergovernmental Agreement

Mr. Collins presented an Intergovernmental Agreement between the State of Illinois and the MVAA for the rehabilitation of Taxiway A1. Mr. Collins noted the project came in slightly lower than the engineer's estimate. Total cost was \$169,802 (originally estimated at \$181,000) with the local share \$8340 (estimated at \$9050). Motion was made by Commissioner Wellmaker and seconded by Commissioner Ancona to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement as presented. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor.

UST

Mr. Collins explained there may be a costly upgrade coming to the airport's lone UST (Underground Storage Tank). The UST is a 600 gallon diesel tank feeding the main airfield generator (East Transclosure). Mr. Collins noted the State Fire Marshall visited recently and left three Notices of Violation. Mr. Collins explained he was out of town on the day of the surprise inspection. The inspector told Airport Maintenance Superintendent Ron Mosier the airport could be looking at \$20,000 to \$25,000 to make the system compliant. Mr. Collins expressed his frustrations with surprise visits, regulation changes with no correspondence, and unrealistic dates for compliance. He noted he has not had time to research but plans on contacting the Inspector to see why the airport's UST is out of compliance, asking if an extension is possible, obtaining quotations for making the present UST compliant, and researching switching to an above ground tank. Discussion ensued. Mr. Collins promised to report back when he had more information.

Consultant Selection

Mr. Collins received a reminder from IDOT, IDA that the airport's retainer Agreement with Hanson Professional Services expires on June 14, 2019. He explained each airport is required to be under contract with a professional consultant for the management and engineering of State/Federal contracts. The Consultant Selection process must be stepped through every five years. The process involves some activity on the IDOT, IDA website, some correspondence, and some interviews with potential consultants. Mr. Collins said Mt. Vernon Outland Airport has been a legacy partner with Hanson Professional Services and their predecessor Murray & Associates since the 1950's. He noted he will begin the process with IDOT, IDA and will soon ask a Commissioner for help with the selection steps. IDOT, IDA mandates a 90 day process, so the airport should be prepared to make a selection in September. Mr. Collins noted all projects currently underway with Hanson are safe from any impacts as they are covered in the previous retainer.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Collins highlighted Earl Outland's introduction into the Illinois Aviation Hall of Fame. Earl was inducted posthumously last Tuesday, May 7th at the Illinois Aviation Conference in Peoria.

Mr. Collins explained the airport's first ever Flying Start program is scheduled for Saturday, May 18th at 4:00 p.m. Flying Start places potential flight students with aviation enthusiasts and instructors, answers all their questions, and concludes with an introductory flight. The event is being hosted by EAA Chapter 1155, local pilots, and CFI's. The points of contact are Steve Willis and Mr. Collins.

Mr. Collins invited the Commissioners to the 31st Annual Run for the Wall. He was excited to state the 500 riders will find a new look, relocated museum, and probably many more townspeople at the restaurant. Mr. Collins concluded by stating it will be a fun day on Tuesday, May 21st.

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.