

Mt. Vernon Airport Authority  
Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners  
Held October 8, 2019 at 6:00 PM

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

Staff: Chris Collins  
Sheila Jolly-Scrivner

Absent: Gary Chesney Chairman

Guests: Don Lewis and Ruth Anne Strawn

Since Chairman Gary Chesney was absent, Vice Chairman Lee conducted the meeting.

#### **PUBLIC INPUT**

There being no comments from the public, Vice Chairman Lee moved forward on the Agenda.

#### **REPORTS**

##### **Minutes**

Minutes were presented for the September 10th, 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 Vice Chairman Lee moved forward with the meeting.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Collins mentioned the Taxiway A1 Rehabilitation Project is scheduled to begin on Monday, October 21<sup>st</sup>. Work is expected to be completed in one week.

Mr. Collins noted the airport has made great strides on the Culverts/Fencing initiative this year. Over 90% of the perimeter has been mowed and sprayed.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Bonnie Café Car Show**

Mr. Collins explained that since the early in the summer, he has been talking with the Bonnie Café about co-hosting a car show. A date is set – Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>. The restaurant is excited and so is the EAA Chapter as it plans to offer Young Eagle Rides. Mr. Collins stated the event will occur on the ramp just outside the airline canopy and the hours are 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The intent is to attract the local car clubs to eat lunch at the airport and offer other restaurant customers a chance to enjoy the day looking at the cars.

### **TIP Project Recap**

Mr. Collins provided a summary of the projects discussed last Thursday at the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Meeting at IDOT in Springfield, Illinois. Resurfacing of Perimeter Access Road, Koziara Terminal Parking Lot Rehabilitation, Resurfacing of Firebaugh Drive, AWOS Relocation, and other long term projects were discussed. Mr. Collins mentioned funds financed by the new State Capital Bill are on deposit at IDOT, Division of Aeronautics and there is a good chance a small portion of this money could come to the airport. Capital Bill funded projects appear to be outside the normal TIP Process (Federal, State, Local) and would be similar to the State/Local arrangement. Mr. Collins explained the Koziara Terminal Parking Lot Rehabilitation and Firebaugh Drive Resurfacing Projects are perfect candidates for this new funding opportunity. Although excited about the future funding opportunities, Mr. Collins did express a questionable down side – funding of the local share. The local share on the Koziara Terminal Parking Lot Rehabilitation Project alone will be \$90,000. These projects were not in consideration when Momentum 2023 was constructed. Mr. Collins believes the airport could defer some projects (such as the overall airfield lighting upgrade project) as there is a good chance this will not occur in the Momentum 2023 timeframe. He noted if the airport were to be awarded all the projects listed above, some alternative financing (of the local share) may have to be explored. It will be a unique situation that as they said in Springfield “only comes around about every 15 to 20 years.”

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Collins explained he learned more information regarding Solar Farming at the Illinois Public Airports Association Conference in Galena two weeks ago. The biggest take-away about solar projects is the FAA is more favorable for net metering (producing only what is used to offset consumption) projects than farming projects (producing what is consumed plus selling surplus) – meaning the timelines are much shorter for the compatible land use release. He presented two flyers provided by a company with extensive experience in solar airport projects – Johnson Melloh Solutions, a subsidiary of Veregy. Mr. Collins noted a representative from Johnson Melloh will be at the airport on either October 14<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup>. Discussion ensued about this meeting with all Commissioners desiring to be in attendance if possible. Mr. Collins explained a Special Meeting would

need to be scheduled. With the Commissioners in agreement, Mr. Collins noted he would schedule the meeting once the representative from Johnson Melloh finalizes his travel plans.

Commissioner Wellmaker mentioned the recent loss of HVAC contractor Roy Roper. Roy had completed several projects for both the airport and Commissioner Wellmaker. 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.