

Mt. Vernon Airport Authority  
Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners  
Held November 12, 2019 at 6:00 PM

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

Staff: Sheila Jolly-Scrivner

Absent: Ryan Wellmaker	Secretary
Chris Collins	

Guests: Josh Jones, Mike & Carla Payne, Steve Willis, Elaine Creadore, Ryan Wilson,  
Don Lewis and Ruth Anne Strawn

**PUBLIC INPUT**

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

**REPORTS**

**Minutes**

Minutes were presented for the October 8<sup>th</sup> and October 14<sup>th</sup> Meetings 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 Chesney moved forward with the meeting.

Since Mr. Collins was out of town attending an aviation fuel quality control seminar, Ms. Scrivner assisted the Commissioners with the Agenda items. Mr. Collins participated via telephone.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Energy Special Meeting Recap**

Chairman Chesney asked the Commissioners if there were any questions regarding the October Special Meeting regarding energy. Hearing none, Chairman Chesney moved forward with the meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Resignation/Election**

Chairman Chesney explained to the Commissioners that Vice Chairman Eddie Lee and his wife Jeannine will be relocating very soon to Nashville, Tennessee. Chairman Chesney read aloud a Letter of Resignation from Vice Chairman Lee. With deep regret, Chairman Chesney asked for a motion to accept Vice Chairman Lee's resignation. Motion was made by Commissioner Ancona and seconded by Commissioner Cox to accept Vice Chairman Lee's resignation. Chairman Chesney stated *"you and Jeannine are the kind of people we want moving into our community. They are gaining and we are losing."*

With the resignation accepted, Chairman Chesney noted there is now a vacancy at an important Officer position. He asked the Commissioners for a motion to fill the Vice Chairman's position. Motion was made by Commissioner Ancona and seconded by Commissioner Cox to appoint Commissioner Cox as the new Vice Chairman. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor.

### **Awards/Recognitions**

Chairman Cheney introduced Ms. Elaine Creadore. Ms. Creadore saw the dilapidated condition of the two benches adjacent to the sidewalks on either side of the Koziara Terminal parking lot entry and wanted to help. He explained the benches were original 1975. Thanks to Ms. Creadore, two beautiful benches greet visitors as they approach the Koziara Terminal. Chairman Chesney presented Ms. Creadore with a framed Certificate of Appreciation, thank you card, and Bonnie Café Gift Card. The Commissioners, Ms. Scrivner, and Ms. Creadore posed for a photo.

Chairman Chesney introduced Mr. Ryan Wilson. Ryan volunteered at the airport most of the summer. As stated in the board booklet, there was nothing Ryan could not nor would not do! He welded, he striped the parking lot, he performed carpentry work, and of course – he operated the mowing and string trimming equipment. Chairman Chesney presented Mr. Wilson with a thank you card and Bonnie Café Gift Card. The Commissioners, Ms. Scrivner, and Mr. Wilson posed for a photo.

### **Cash Farm Lease**

Ms. Scrivner presented bid tabs from the Cash Farm Lease bid procedure. Bids were due at 1:00 p.m. prior to the meeting. Alan and Lori Bowers submitted the high bid at \$167.67 per acre. With the airport's 222 acres, the possible annual contract amount could be \$37,222.74. Incumbent tenant farmer Kent Donoho submitted the second highest bid at \$165.09 per acre. Ms. Scrivner stated two additional bids were received in the mid

\$130 per acre range. Discussion ensued. With references to be checked and a possible transition between tenant farmers, the Commissioners opted to table the award until the December Meeting

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

As discussed in Executive Session, Vice Chairman Cox, Mr. Collins, and Ms. Scrivner will serve on a new Committee tasked with finding the airport's next Maintenance Superintendent. The current Maintenance Superintendent, Ron Mosier. will retire in early February after 40 years of service!

There being no other 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.

**Executive Session**  
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Ms. Scrivner informed the Commissioners that Airport Maintenance Superintendent Ron Mosier has filed the necessary paperwork to retire in early, 2020. February 7, 2020 will mark 40 years serving the Mt. Vernon Airport Authority! Mr. Collins recommended a Search Committee be formed as soon as possible. Mr. Collins noted he would solidify the current Maintenance Superintendent Job Description and draft an Advertisement. After a review by the Committee, the advertisement would run in the local newspaper. Applicants would be provided approximately one to two weeks to submit a resume. Mr. Collins believes approximately one week would be needed for the Committee to review the resumes and narrow the field to a manageable amount to interview (approximately five). After the interviews, the Committee would present a candidate for all Commissioners to approve at the December Meeting. Discussion ensued with the Commissioners approving Mr. Collins' plan. Vice Chairman Marty Cox agreed to Chair the Search Committee with Mr. Collins and Ms. Scrivner serving as committee members.