

Mt. Vernon Airport Authority
Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Held June 6th, 2020 at 6:00 PM

Present: Marty Cox	Chairman
Mike Ancona	Vice Chairman
Carey Lipps	Secretary
Gary Chesney	Commissioner

Absent: Ryan Wellmaker Treasurer

Staff: Sheila Jolly-Scrivner & Larry Hughes

Guests: Duane Sink, John Bybee, Don Lewis, and Ruth Ann Strawn

PUBLIC INPUT

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

REPORTS

Minutes

Minutes were presented for the May 12th, 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 Cox moved forward with the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Project Updates

Mr. Collins directed the Commissioners to the photo pages in their booklets. A monumental effort was turned in the weeks leading up to June 1, 2020 – the opening date for the Bonnie Café. Airport staff worked alongside Bonnie Café employees (maintenance guys Larry and Jerry, Rob the cook, Megan the lone server) to demolish, build walls, lay flooring, move equipment, and install a new serving window. The result was the more efficient kitchen all were hoping to see. Mr. Collins mentioned costs are being compiled and if not for the need for professional plumbing, the project would have

been very affordable as almost everything was completed in house. He mentioned Brian Hubbard and the staff at Bonnie Café are very happy! Mr. Collins introduced Mr. John Bybee. John is a visiting student pilot from Iowa who showed up in the middle of the project and went above and beyond to help the crew. John's knowledge and effort got the team over the finish line. John and his work appear in many of the photos.

Mr. Collins praised Maintenance Superintendent Matt Colvin and Maintenance Assistant Larry Hughes for their work in keeping the airport ground beautiful. The guys have developed and implemented plans for mowing and have things narrowed down to three days per week. Echoing Mr. Collins, Chairman Cox recognized the accomplishments of Maintenance Assistant Larry Hughes. Mr. Hughes, in attendance at the meeting, has been part of Team MVN for over eight years.

Mr. Collins noted that for the first time in over five years, the airport's farm fields are 100% planted! He praised new tenant farmers Alan and Lori Bowers and their employee Jacob.

NEW BUSINESS

Tentative Annual Budget Ordinance 2020-01

Mr. Collins presented the Tentative Annual Budget Ordinance 2020-01 for consideration and approval. The tentative annual budget lists revenues at \$504,200 and expenditures at \$502,700. Mr. Collins directed attention to the Property Tax line item on the Income section. As he has done in previous years, he presented pros and cons for freezing the upcoming tax levy for another year. Since the maximum increase that could be obtained is approximately \$6000, he believes the increase is not worth the poor public perception an increased levy could lead to. Increases in Personal Property Replacement Taxes (PPRT) have outpaced the available increase in Property Taxes. However, Mr. Collins noted the uncertainty surrounding the PPRT due to the Coronavirus Pandemic has him concerned PPRT will be significantly reduced this year. The \$30,000 CARES Act will definitely help but it is anyone's guess if this amount will shore up the reduction in PPRT. Despite the uncertainty, Mr. Collins recommended the budget be approved with the Tax Levy being frozen for the sixth consecutive year. Discussion ensued with the Commissioners agreeing with Mr. Collins. Motion was made by Commissioner Chesney and seconded by Commissioner Lipps to approve the tentative annual budget ordinance. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor. Mr. Collins noted that the tentative annual budget will be on display in the MVAA Office just beyond the 30 day public inspection time frame. After the Annual Budget Hearing, scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 14, 2020, is concluded; the budget can be approved in final form in regular session that same evening.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Collins mentioned some air traffic is starting to return. The restaurant has seen almost daily fly in activity and this weekend's beautiful weather brought in many aircraft. He stated Corporate activity still remains slow despite KMVN offering the most affordable Jet A pricing in the Midwest.

Mr. Collins displayed a copy of the May 2020 AMA Magazine. The Rend Lake Model Aircraft Club submitted coverage of the Young Eagle Build and Fly program occurring at the airport and it appears inside the magazine. Thank you Steve Willis, Phil Bean, and Richard Irwin for your efforts!

Mrs. Scrivner mentioned two milestones occurring on today's date: Commissioner Wellmaker's 29th Birthday and Mr. Collins' 15th Anniversary as Airport Director.

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.