

Mt. Vernon Airport Authority
Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Held March 10, 2020 at 6:00 PM

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

Staff: Sheila Jolly-Scrivner

Guests: Steve Willis, Don Lewis, Mike & Carla Payne, Don Lewis, Steve Modert, Corey Harper, Ross Calliott, Jeff Haarmann. Brett Damron, Tim Rapp, and Bailey Zimmermann.

PUBLIC INPUT

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

REPORTS

Minutes

Minutes were presented for the February 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

There being none, Chairman Chesney moved forward with the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Energy Project

Mr. Collins stated several proposals were received by Affordable Gas & Electric (AGE) on Friday, March 6th (the deadline was extended one week). Mr. Collins introduced Mr. Jeff Haarman of AGE. Mr. Haarmann began by stating that the Solar Renewable Energy Credits (SREC) incentive program expired on Friday, March 6th. As he was distributing a one page summary of the proposals, he mentioned that without the SREC incentives, the proposals summarized were, in his opinion, financially unfeasible. Mr. Haarman

explained the summary page shows seven proposals, submitted by five separate companies, that all presented a different look at meeting the project requirements. Each proposal contained a 350,000 watt solar system. Mr. Haarmaan noted two proposals would not be possible due to where those companies chose to locate their solar systems. Another company located its system in the flood plain area – requiring a compatible land use release and additional FAA involvement. One company presented a proposal that included panels installed on the “T” hangar roofs (three separate buildings). And one company, CTS/Johnson Melloh looked solely at the Koziara Terminal. Mr. Haarmaan explained that one CTS/Johnson Melloh proposal included a new roof and one did not. Since a new roof would be required prior to the installation of solar panels, Mr. Haarman focused on that specific proposal. He emphatically stated that a new roof, estimated to cost \$400,000 could not be paid for from the savings a solar array could provide. Mr. Haarman directed attention to his counterpart Ross Calliot. Mr. Calliot broke down the proposals into a one page summary sheet that ended with each proposal’s 25 Year Net Cost and Effective Cost per kWh. Mr. Calliot noted most proposals assume a 3% annual increase in energy rates making them seem more believable. He distributed a graph of Ameren’s rates for the past four years showing a stabilized rate. A very long discussion ensued about the proposals that could possibly be utilized, the SREC situation, financing of a new Koziara Terminal roof, and what would be the next steps. The project was tabled so that the data could be further analyzed.

Box Hangar Row

Mr. Collins explained the meeting that was requested at IDOT, IDA in Springfield never occurred (discussed at the February Meeting). Instead of a face to face meeting, the engineering and programming team members at IDOT telephoned Mr. Collins several days later. Mr. Collins noted the bottom line is IDOT only wants to fund asphalt or concrete around the new building, period. No utility relocation, movement of fences, etc. are eligible, IDOT prefers the project be completed on the initial site (millings pile) mostly because it was programmed to be there and it is shown on the Airport Layout Plan (ALP). Mr. Collins asked the IDOT staff if it would pave around any building the airport constructs, regardless of where the airport chooses to build it. He stated their answer was “absolutely – as long as only paving is required.” Mr. Collins explained the airport has two options: #1 return to the millings pile or #2 move forward on the site that places the box hangar row perpendicular to the existing three buildings. Both options present delays as the airport does not have the funds for the site work required for either. He noted that once the local team understands there is no building this year (or next), it must choose which way to proceed. There are pros and cons to both but Mr. Collins prefers to move forward on the millings pile as he believes this is doing things the right way. He recommended moving forward with Brian Edmison and Barry Stolz’s idea presented at last month’s meeting – a south justified five or six place “T” Hangar. Step one would be to contact the foundation engineers and obtain some new borings in the south end of the pile and in the valley area not containing millings. If the readings return favorable, the team could tackle things locally. Millings could be moved and compacted from north to south and the site is built to specifications directed by Mr. Edmison and Mr. Stolz. Discussion ensued about the foundation borings with all in agreement to redirect attention to the millings pile.

NEW BUSINESS

Insurance

The General Liability policy was renewed recently with incumbent carrier Arthur J. Gallagher. The premium was the same as last year's at \$2999. Motion was made by Commissioner Wellmaker and seconded by Commissioner Ancona to approve the insurance renewal as presented. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor.

Events

Mr. Collins stated the airport is in for an exciting summer! Cars, trucks, motorcycles, air race planes, and a historic airliner tour are coming:

He introduced Mr. Brett Damron, Mr. Tim Rapp, and Mr. Bailey Zimmermann. The trio introduced a new car/truck motorcycle show. Mr. Damron explained the event will be a benefit a young lady with severe medical issues. The proposed event will be similar to last year's Bonnie Café Car Show and the trio noted the Bonnie Café is supportive of the show. Saturday, April 11th is the tentative date. There will be a D.J., prizes, and trophies. The planners have their sights set on a huge event – lots of vehicles and lots of people. Mr. Collins mentioned the airport's insurance requirements to the trio during the introductory meeting. Ms. Jolly-Scrivner contacted the airport's general liability carrier and a rider for the event is \$659. Mr. Collins noted the organizers have secured sponsorship for the premium. Discussion ensued with the Commissioners being very supportive. The request was approved for the benefit car, truck, and motorcycle show on April 11, 2020.

Mr. Collins was contacted recently by the Experimental Aircraft Association. regarding an EAA Tri-Motor Tour Stop: It's back for another great weekend over June 18th! EAA will sell rides Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. When not airborne, the aircraft will be on static display at the Koziara Terminal Gate. Mr. Collins reminded the Commissioners that a great time was had by all during the previous visit in late September, 2017. He noted with the Bonnie Café bringing hundreds of people to the airport daily, this tour stop should be better than the last.

Mr. Collins noted the Women's Air Race Classic (ARC) will be back this summer. The airport has been selected as an official stop for the nations oldest all female air race. He stated his will be the third time for KMVN. Previous stops were in 1969 (original Powder Puff Derby) and 1990. The dates are most likely going to be Wednesday, June 24th and Thursday, June 25th (depending upon weather). Racers will perform a fly by for timing and then either stop or continue on to the next airport – Tullahoma, Tennessee. Mr. Collins was asked how this opportunity evolved. Mr. Collins explained he has visited the ARC booth for several years at EAA Airventure - persistence does pay off!

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Collins mentioned the fire alarm system in the Koziara Terminal. He has obtained two quotations to replace the system with a modern equivalent. Mr. Collins noted he is awaiting estimates from at least two more vendors. He intends to present all estimates at the April Meeting. Mr. Collins informed the Commissioners a date has been set for Ronnie Mosier's Retirement Party. The party is scheduled for Friday, March 27th from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Koziara Terminal.

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.