

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

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

Staff: Chris Collins & Sheila Jolly-Scrivner

Guests: Todd Piper, Steve Modert, Don Lewis, Ruth Ann Strawn, Mike & Carla Payne

### **PUBLIC INPUT**

There being none, Chairman Cox moved forward on the Agenda.

### **REPORTS**

#### **Minutes**

Minutes were presented for the October 13th, 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 no items of correspondence, Chairman Cox moved forward on the Agenda.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Fire Alarm/Insurance**

Continuing with this Line Item from the October Meeting, Mr. Collins welcomed Mr. Todd Piper from Guy Wood Insurance. As for the installation of a fire alarm system in the Maintenance Building, Mr. Piper presented a statement from the underwriter after the airport inquired about reduced premiums. The statement indicated there would be no reduction in the premium. In Mr. Piper's opinion, the alarm system would not be justifiable. Mr. Piper explained the differences between replacement costs and actual cash value as applied to buildings and equipment. Very few pieces of equipment

appreciate as buildings do. Therefore, most policies covering equipment are established using actual cash value. Each case is considered individually as equipment depreciates. In the unfortunate case surrounding the airport's backhoe, that was a very unique situation (age, excellent condition, low hours, etc). There is no getting around this situation. Commissioner Wellmaker asked if premiums on equipment could be based upon stated values. Mr. Piper indicated the underwriters would not do so on equipment. This is only available for buildings. No further discussion occurred regarding the installation of a fire alarm system in the maintenance building.

### **Fence Project**

Mr. Collins noted the Pre-Construction Meeting for the long awaited interior fence project was held last Thursday at the airport. Barry Stolz and Carl Schubert were in attendance live. IDOT-IDA and the Contractor, Lovewell Fencing, participated virtually. Mark from Lovewell indicates he is still gathering materials and anticipates starting the project in December. There are 12 calendar days scheduled. After the meeting, Mr. Stolz, Mr. Schubert, and Mr. Collins asked Mark from Lovewell about repairing the damaged fence section east of Runway 15. Mr. Collins explained this work will be done outside the State/Federal contract and paid directly by the airport. Mark from Lovewell stated this will not be a difficulty and will have a cost estimate soon.

### **Hangar A-1100**

Mr. Collins stated Kash Helicopter Mechanics are busy working on their three helicopters inside their new home. A flurry of activity has been occurring inside the office portion of the building. Mr. Collins presented photo pages detailing the work that has been accomplished to date. He explained the semi-interior gutter system was fixed for the "medium-term" on Friday. After airport maintenance guys pressure washed the entire roof system, a contracting crew applied additional metal, membranes, and a silicone based professional coating to the entire gutter. This work was necessary as water was entering the offices through several areas beneath the gutter (visible in the photos). Mr. Collins noted the Kash Team had removed the damaged sections of drywall, installed new drywall, and mud/taped/finished those sections. Then, the rain began to fall and the water came in. This was a very contentious situation for everyone involved! Despite airport maintenance's attempts to repair the gutter – nothing worked. Enter Secretary Carey Lipps. Carey visited several times and assisted with developing a plan. A proper fix would essentially require a large portion of a new roof since some of the gutter is installed under the end of the existing standing seam roof. The parapet would have to be removed and the offices exposed. Mr. Collins stated this is simply not the right time of year to tackle this type of project. The only option was to fortify and protect the existing system. With Carey's help, the team was led to Master Construction. Master Construction indicates it has fixed many roof problems such as this and stands behind its work. Mr. Collins directed the Commissioners to the photo pages. He pointed to the nice white coating on all sections of the gutter as well as the end roof panel screws in the photo pages. Master Construction's estimate was \$2850 but Mr. Collins noted he approved additional materials to ensure the gutter had the proper coverage. Mr. Collins

again directed the Commissioner to the photo page section. He noted the photos showing the finished walls in the offices. Don Pruett from Kash Helicopters indicates the new flooring will be installed next week. Mr. Collins stated Kash Helicopter has spent thousands of dollars on the airport's building!

### **Wildlife Agreement**

Mr. Collins presented an Agreement between the USDA and the MVAA for the Annual Wildlife Monitoring Services "Routine Presence" at the airport. He recommended continuing with the program for 2020 as it is the same price and structure as the previous years. Motion was made by Commissioner Wellmaker and seconded by Commissioner Ancona to approve the Agreement with the USDA. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Flying Start Event**

Mr. Collins stated EAA Chapter 1155 will host another Flying Start event on Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup>. Flying Start is a program created by the EAA to assist EAA Chapters and airports with increasing pilot starts. After a short program, interested attendees experience flight – some for the first time. The targeted program addresses the many questions people have about flight training and is led by each airport's instructional staff and EAA members. This will be our second time hosting a Flying Start event. The first was on Saturday, May 18, 2019.

### **New Avgas Truck**

Mr. Collins noted that he and Maintenance Superintendent Matt Colvin have begun the search for a new 100LL AvGas Mobile Fueler. The airport's existing truck entered service in the spring of 1999. It is a 1992 Ford F-350 manufactured by American Refueler Equipment Company out of Birmingham, Alabama. Mr. Collins noted vendor has supplied the airport's last three trucks. The company specializes in procuring a low mileage, 5-10 year old cab/chassis, and building/installing a new fuel pumping system on the rear end of the truck. Mr. Collins explained American Refueler is either having difficulty finding good quality used truck or may simply be too busy to tackle the airport's project. He explained brand new cab/chassis are available but definitely outside the airport's budget. When asked if the airport could supply a truck, American Refueler said yes, so Mr. Colvin began the search for a suitable used cab/chassis. Mr. Collins presented photos of an acceptable truck in nearby Sauget, Illinois. The 2009 Ford F-450 Super Duty has only 71,000 miles and can be bought for \$12,500. Mr. Collins explained the frame has lots of surface rust but nothing the airport can't fix before sending it to a vendor for the fuel system addition. Mr. Collins mentions "vendor" because he and Mr. Colvin feel American Refueler may be asking too much money for their part this time (approximately \$58,000 for a 1000 gallon unit). Mr. Collins noted the pair found another suitable vendor in Northwest Ohio and the preliminary talks have resulted in a company that could potentially help the airport achieve its budgetary goal of approximately \$50,000 all in. Mr. Collins noted if he receives a reasonable estimate from the Ohio

vendor he would telephone each Commissioner individually for permission to proceed. Moving forward would involve purchasing the cab/chassis in Sauget and driving it to the vendor's location. No Commissioner was opposed to the plan presented by Mr. Collins.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Mrs. Scrivner asked the Commissioners their opinions on whether or not to host the traditional All Airport Christmas Party. Discussion ensued. All agreed to cancel the party due to the pandemic. The Mt. Vernon Airport Authority and EAA Chapters could simply celebrate Christmas after their respective December Meetings.

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.