

Mt. Vernon Airport Authority
Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Held October 13th, 2020 at 6:00 PM

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

Absent: Gary Chesney Commissioner

Staff: Chris Collins & Sheila Jolly-Scrivner

Guests: 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 September 8th, 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

There being no items of New Business, Chairman Cox moved forward on the Agenda

NEW BUSINESS

Hangar A-1100

Mr. Collins presented a Lease Agreement between the MVAA and Kash Helicopter Services for Hangar A-1100. The Lease Agreement contains the parameters discussed at the September Meeting. Discussion ensued about some of the language in the Lease Agreement but ultimately the Lease Agreement was acceptable as is. Motion was made

by Commissioner Lipps and seconded by Commissioner Ancona to approve the Lease Agreement as presented. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor. Mr. Collins explained Airport Maintenance will be working with the Kash Team to correct some issues in the office portion of the building. The interior gutter on the office roof has been problematic for years. Mr. Collins stated both parties will meet very soon to remedy all difficulties.

Fire Alarm System

Mr. Collins noted he has been worried about the safety of the additional rolling fleet since the loss of the airport's backhoe. He presented two quotations for the installation of a fire alarm system inside the Maintenance Building. The system will be very similar to the system installed in the Koziara Terminal. Mt. Vernon based Electronic Architechs submitted a bid for \$5450. Barcom, the company that installed the Koziara Terminal system, submitted a bid of \$6877. Discussion ensued about the effectiveness of a fire alarm system in a maintenance shop, the response time of first responders, and the level of insurance coverage on the building and its contents. Mr. Collins was asked if he had inquired about any insurance premium discounts for insureds with fire alarm systems. Mr. Collins stated he had not asked the airport's agent that question but had spoken to a trusted source serving at the Mt. Vernon Fire Department. The source suggested that sometimes funds are more wisely spent on additional insurance. All agreed more information was needed and the project was tabled. Mr. Collins noted he will invite the airport's agent, Todd Piper from Guy Wood Insurance, to the November Meeting.

TIP Meeting

Mr. Collins informed the Commissioners the airport's Annual TIP (Transportation Improvement Program) Meeting is scheduled for October 22nd at 3:00 p.m. This year's meeting will be virtual. The airport's engineering consultant, Barry Stolz of Hanson Professional Services, will be in attendance. He plans to arrive early so future projects can be discussed.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Scrivner, at the request of the airport's various banking institutions, asked the Commissioners to approve Secretary Carey Lipps' name be added to the list of those with signature authority. Motion was made by Commissioner Wellmaker and seconded by Commissioner Ancona to approve the request as presented. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor.

Mr. Collins noted the recently completed Midwest LSA Expo was a success. Aircraft transactions occurred, aviation products and services were sold, and exhibitors and attendees were happy to be at a "live" aviation event. Participants from 31 States attended.

Mr. Collins explained the airport is still enjoying visits from Corporate Aircraft Association Member aircraft. He presented photo pages of two aircraft, one that departed Phoenix, Arizona for Louisa, Virginia; and one that departed Santa Fe, New Mexico for Knoxville, Tennessee. Both chose KMVN as their fuel stop. Mr. Collins placed special

emphasis on the aircraft bound for Knoxville, Tennessee. That aircraft flew 250 miles off course to return to the Bonnie Café!

Mr. Collins mentioned he was recently contacted by one of the companies that provided bids on the potential airport Solar Project back in the spring. There have been project sponsors receiving SREC subsidies for their projects. Mr. Collins contacted the airport's solar energy consultants Affordable Gas and Electric to verify and it seems there is a trickle of subsidy assistance. Mr. Collins asked if the Commissioners were interested in restarting any potential projects. There was little interest among the Commissioners.

Mr. Collins presented each Commissioner a hard copy of the inaugural edition of "Outland News". Outland News is intended to be a quarterly glimpse of all things that make Mt. Vernon Outland Airport a special place including airport tenants, airport events, airport projects, community outreach, and long term goals. Mr. Collins noted "Outland News" will allow various leaders to be informed about the economic importance of the airport and make the airport more competitive for projects/grants.

Mr. Collins notified the Commissioners that Hertz officially closed the KMVN operation on Monday, September 14th. The COVID-19 shutdown and the company's bankruptcy that followed forced a downsizing of Hertz operations. Mr. Collins expressed his sadness at the loss of five jobs and Hertz's services at the airport. Hertz has been a member of Team MVN for nearly a decade. He stated he will soon begin the search for a new rental car provider.

Mr. Collins noted that Jay Grafton is continuing to attract and retain new flight students. Ms. Scrivner provided a report of the flight and ground instruction hours Mr. Grafton has logged for his first two months.

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.

Executive Session
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Mr. Collins and Ms. Scrivner provided an update on Airgo Incorporated. Mr. Collins noted that he is concerned about the possibility of Airgo declaring bankruptcy. Therefore, believing time is of the essence, he met with Eric Evans and the pair came up with a plan and drafted a letter. Mr. Collins informed the Commissioner that he had delivered the letter to the Airgo Corporate Office in Centralia but Mr. Yu was not at the office that day. The letter basically asks Airgo to transfer ownership of their Piper Seneca (Lien attached by the MVAA) from Airgo to the MVAA. If accepted, Eric Evans will broker and sell the aircraft. Any surplus funds will be returned to Airgo. Ms. Scrivner explained the Airgo accounting ladies have visited the airport twice in the last month to inquire about the outstanding debt. The second meeting occurred at the same time Mr. Collins was visiting their office. Ms. Scrivner presented the letter from Mr. Collins to the Airgo ladies. The pair were unaware of the previous two letters and the Lien even though Ms. Scrivner showed the signed Certified Letter Receipts. Discussion ensued. The Commissioners expressed concern and asked Mr. Collins if Legal Counsel is aware of the situation. Mr. Collins noted that Legal Counsel assisted with the preparation of the Lien and were fully aware. One Commissioner asked if an aviation attorney had been contacted. Mr. Collins said no, but that would be a wise step considering the specialty of the situation. Mr. Collins stated he knew exactly who to call – Mr. Leo Nelson of Nelson & Lee P.C. of St. Louis. Leo Nelson is an AOPA Aviation Attorney and represented the airport on the home show lawsuit a few years ago. The Commissioners directed Mr. Collins to contact Mr. Nelson to inquire about the next steps.