

Mt. Vernon Airport Authority
2021 - 2022 Budget Hearing
Held July 13, 2021 at 6:00 PM

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Staff: Chris Collins
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There being none, Chairman Cox moved forward with the hearing.

Motion was made by Commissioner Chesney and seconded by Commissioner Lipps to adjourn the 2021 - 2022 Budget Hearing. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

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Mr. Collins began the meeting with a moment of silence for Ms. Mary Barnett-Johnson. She passed away late last week after complications from Covid-19. Ms. Barnett-Johnson was the MVAA Administrative Assistant for nearly six years. She was just shy of her 56th birthday when she passed.

Mr. Collins introduced Mr. Ken Kline, Line Service Manager at SRT Aviation. Along with his wife Mary, Ken planted the large flower pot arrangements at the flightline entry to the Fixed Base Operation in 2020 and again this year. Ken and the other line service personnel ensure the arrangements are watered each day. Mr. Kline was presented with a signed plaque. Photos were taken for promotion on Facebook

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Mike and Carla Payne thanked the Board and Management for a great Salute to Freedom Celebration on Sunday July 4th. The event was special since it was the 35th Anniversary (plus one).

REPORTS

Minutes

Minutes were presented for the June 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

Mr. Collins presented the Agenda and Meeting Minutes for the upcoming July Meeting of the Greater Egypt Regional Economic Commission.

OLD BUSINESS

ARFF Station Project

Mr. Collins presented two bids for the asphalt repairs and overlay of the street side ramp. Jax Asphalt submitted a bid of \$6739. A bid of \$8433 was received from E.T. Simonds. Both bids contain a 2" thick overlay of 228 square yards. With the bids being apples to apples, Mr. Collins recommended approval of the low bid submitted by Jax Asphalt. Motion was made by Commissioner Chesney and seconded by Commissioner Martin. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor.

Project/Grant Updates

Mr. Collins provided an update on current project/grant status:

Rehabilitate Interior Perimeter Service Road Project – A Pre-Design Meeting occurred on Monday, July 12, 2021 at the airport. The total cost of the project is \$526,895 with the airport's local share at \$18,011. The local share was reduced by approximately \$7500 due to the CARES act covering the local share funds for

calendar year 2020. The airport and Hanson Professional Services will push hard for inclusion on the January, 2022 letting so the road can be paved by July 4, 2022!

Innovation Park Utility Upgrade Project – A day or so after our June Meeting, Katie Main from Congressman Bost’s office visited the airport. She informed me the Jefferson County Board had been given \$7.3 million in American Rescue Plan Act Funds to distribute within the county for infrastructure projects. Knowing the projects the airport submitted to the Congressman’s Community Project Funding Program, she felt very strongly the projects would be eligible and competitive for the County’s ARPA Funds. I quickly contacted Chairman Cliff Lindemann, and he placed me on the June Agenda of the County Finance Committee. At that committee meeting, I did my best “ask” for a partnership on the project (the newspaper coverage is attached). The County Board recently approved turning over the management and administration of the ARPA Fund Program to specialized consultant firm Bellwether. The full board met last night in special session to discuss the program, Bellwether, and obtain a project wish list from all members. I was in attendance to answer any questions about the airport projects. After a very lengthy discussion by the members, a list of projects was developed. Chairman Lindemann stated the airport project would be included on the list submitted to Bellwether. If Bellwether approves the project in the next month or so, the Board will vote on whether or not to fund the project. On a related note, I will meet very soon with Brent Bartley of Ameren to outline the Innovation Park Projects.

KT Parking Lot Rehabilitation Project. The project has been submitted and accepted by Illinois Department of Transportation, Division of Aeronautics on behalf of the Rebuild Illinois Program. I hope what was said at the last two TIP Meetings comes true – “every airport should be awarded at least one project.” This is our #1 project for this non – AIP Project Program.

New Air Rescue & Firefighting (ARFF) Vehicle – The project has been submitted and accepted by Illinois Department of Transportation, Division of Aeronautics on behalf of the Rebuild Illinois Program. One never knows – perhaps two KMVN projects get funded!

Innovation Park Turbine Center (IP Hangar #2) – There was a slowdown on the HondaJet owners side, so I put on the brakes in mid-June. I informed Greater Egypt Regional Economic Development of the delay and meeting the June 30, 2021 application deadline would not be possible. I met with the HondaJet owner briefly this afternoon and he is ready to restart the process. Therefore, next week I will contact Hanson Professional Services and ask them to begin work on the Preliminary Engineering Report.

GMR IFR Base – Please continue to keep this confidential as Global Medical Response is not ready to release this project to the public. I do not plan to discuss

this project on Tuesday Night as there are really no new developments. I am awaiting precise coordinates from Hanson so that I may complete the required FAA 7460 Airspace Review Application.

A-1100 Roof/Gutter Reconstruction – Commissioner Lipps and I met with Brian Edmison recently. Brian recommends a company that specializes in repairing gutter systems like the one installed in A-1100. Brian, Commissioner Lipps, and I agree that if the problem could be corrected for less than \$10,000 or so, why remove a perfectly good roof. Brian has made contact with the specialized company and we are awaiting a site visit.

New Projects:

T Hangar A-900 Rehabilitation Project - Since we have decided to focus our attention on another large box hangar at Innovation Park, perhaps we should use some of the money in the Capital Projects Fund (earmarked for a new row of “T” Hangars) to rehabilitate the middle T Hangar row. The project would sort of follow what was done on the A-800 “T” Hangar row a few years ago with one big difference – we would not remove the existing roof and side panels. I feel the existing metal is in good shape. Since this building is taller than the A-800 “T” Hangar row, I believe the Powerlift doors can be installed on A-900 “T” Hangar row without structural modifications. Essentially we would remove the old doors, powerwash and paint the side and end walls, and install new doors. Rolla from Powerlift Doors is expected to visit sometime in the next few weeks to inspect A-900 and provide a quotation on the installation of ten new hydraulic doors.

Replace High Intensity Runway Lights on Primary Runway, Replace Medium Intensity Runway Lights on Crosswind Runway, and Replace Medium Intensity Taxiway Lights on all Taxiways. - Check out the attached Program Letters from IDOT, IDA. Yes, this is huge! \$1,960,000 total cost for all portions. Our local share will be \$98,000. Imagine state of the art LED taxiway lights, high efficiency incandescent runway lights, new cabling, and new constant current regulators across the airfield. Since the existing equipment dates to the late 1960’s, this is huge. I can see our utility bills cut in half. Maintenance and bulb replacement will significantly decrease. As for timeframe, this project will most likely be completed in the summer of 2023 so it will be in the Momentum 2026 Capital Development Plan.

NEW BUSINESS

2021/2022 Annual Budget Ordinance 2021-02

Mr. Collins presented the 2021/2022 Annual Budget Ordinance for approval. Motion was made by Commissioner Martin and seconded by Commissioner Chesney to approve the 2021/2022 Annual Budget Ordinance #2021-02. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor.

2021/2022 Annual Tax Levy Ordinance 2021-03

Mr. Collins presented the Annual Tax Levy Ordinance 2021-03 for approval. He mentioned the Ordinance includes a “frozen” levy amount of \$123,128, the same amount levied the previous six years. Motion was made by Commissioner Lipps and seconded by Commissioner Martin to approve the Annual Tax Levy Ordinance #2021-03. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor.

Restaurant

Mr. Collins directed the Commissioners to a photo page detailing some of the problems with the 1975 walk in freezer/cooler unit. A serious plan to replace these units with new or like new interior unit(s) needs initiated ASAP. It is frustrating the units are semi satisfactory during normal business hours but tend to be problematic at night and on the weekends. Factor in only Larry Hodges being available to help the airport (the only other contractor in town is terribly expensive) and a simple conclusion is a failure is imminent. Larry is on an every three day maintenance schedule just trying to ensure the units keep functioning. Discussion ensued and the Commissioners directed Mr. Collins to act as soon as pricing develops. An individual telephone vote will be conducted at the appropriate time.

Fuel Farm

Mr. Collins introduced the next unfunded mandate from the FAA. He presented an e-mail questionnaire from the FAA regarding the airport’s fuel farm. Honest answers by Mr. Collins triggered the Compliance Letter mandating upgrades be made by December 2, 2021. High level alarms/automatic shutoffs (for bulk offloads) and automatic shutoffs (for mobile fueler uploads) must be installed in the fuel farm infrastructure. Neither has been a problem due to fuel quantity management and the similar equipment being installed on the airport’s mobile fuelers. Mr. Collins expressed frustration in that the airport’s tanks hold 12,000 gallons, he runs them basically dry before placing an order (339 unusable gallons), and the largest transport offload capacity is 8500. Overfilling is not a problem! All this being said, the airport must comply to remain 14 Part 139 Certificated. Mr. Collins placed a call to a tank farm specialty contractor and that contact is requesting photos. He will have more information in the weeks ahead as to what kind of work will be needed and how much it will cost. As for the tanks themselves, the guys hot water washed them late last week. This was long overdue. They look great again! Honestly speaking, it is probably time to have a professional look at the fuel farm. The last work was done in 2013.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Scrivner presented a summary of the Flight Instruction Program. Aviation Programs Director Jay Grafton billed 75.5 hours in June (109%). Over the first ten days of July, he has billed 15 hours! Two new students started recently.

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.