

Mt. Vernon Airport Authority
Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Held March 9, 2021 at 6:00 PM

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

Absent: Marty Cox Chairman
 Ryan Wellmaker Treasurer

Staff: Chris Collins & Sheila Jolly-Scrivner

Guests: Don Lewis, Ruth Ann Strawn, Mike & Carla Payne, and Josh Jones

PUBLIC INPUT

Mr. Collins explained Chairman Cox had eye surgery this morning. The surgery went well and Chairman Cox is recuperating at home. Vice Chairman Ancona presided over the meeting.

Mr. Collins presented a Birthday Card to Ms. Scrivner. The Commissioners and guests sang Happy Birthday.

REPORTS

Minutes

Minutes were presented for the February 9th, 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 March Meeting of the Greater Egypt Regional Economic Commission.

OLD BUSINESS

Project Updates

Mr. Collins provided an update on completed and ongoing projects around the airfield:

Interior Fence – It looks like the tentative re-start date is Monday March 15th.
Negotiations for a fair price are still underway for the repair area northeast of Runway 15.

February Snow – The maintenance guys and I spent the better part of two weeks plowing snow in mid-February. Photos from the significant snowfall during the week of February 15th were presentd. The good news is our snow removal fleet passed the test with flying colors. After plowing most of the day on Monday, February 15th, we started at 6:00 a.m. on the morning of February 16th. With over a foot of new snow, Runway 5/23, Taxiways “A”, “B”, “B2”, a large portion of the apron, and a section of the automobile parking lot next to the Koziara Terminal were clear and open by 10:00 a.m.! It is worth mentioning that the foot of snow was the measurable amount. There were drifts over 48” in many locations throughout the airport. For the first time since the early 1980’s the guys had to dig out the runway lights with the backhoe!

New Courtesy Car – With significant flying weather just around the corner, we kick started the search for a second courtesy car. You may remember we sold the 1996 Ford Bronco last fall for \$7500. With that amount for the budget, we located a 2011 Hyundai Santa Fe for \$5500. The Santa Fe is a front wheel drive crossover with seating for five and a large rear hatchback perfect for pilot/crew bags. The particular Santa Fe has 147,000 miles. Hyundai reliability should grant us another 100,000 miles. Note – the vehicle was placed into service last Monday as two aerial mapping companies have set up shop at the airport. We definitely had good timing!

NEW BUSINESS

Annual Audit

Mr. David Kiefer of Richard David Kiefer, CPA, presented the Annual Audit for the fiscal year that began on May 1, 2020 and ended April 30, 2021. Mr. Kieffer stated depreciation continues to be a significant factor – to the tune of \$561,179 during the fiscal year. Total net position decreased by \$475,279 (5.98%) in the airport’s governmental and proprietary funds mostly due to depreciation expense. The airport’s General Operating Fund finished with a deficit of \$33,064. Income totaled \$530,014 with expenses at \$563,078. Mr. Collins noted that the airport purchased a new Ford F-150 using funds from General Operating. As has been done in the past, the purchase was not depreciated via straight line. Had this \$31,446 purchase not occurred, the actual audited loss would have been \$1608 which was still surprising. Mr. Collins stated that he was expecting an audited loss of about \$15,000 based on the airport’s Quickbooks accounting program. The airport’s Proprietary Fund finished with a deficiency of \$4141. Income totaled \$408,965 with expenses at \$413,106. Mr. Keifer pointed out that a depreciation expense of \$15,022 was a large part of the deficiency in the proprietary fund. Similarly, Mr. Collins was surprised at the audited deficit in the Proprietary Fund as the airports Quickbooks program showed a surplus of \$16,000. He noted the airport has great tracking on this in regard to the number of gallons of aviation fuel sold. Discussion ensued about the differences between the Quickbooks figures and the audited figures. Mr. Kieffer explained that depreciation is a non-cash item so in reality, cash outflow was positive. Mr. Kieffer went on to explain the total assets of the airport are \$34.9 million. Motion was made by Commissioner Chesney and seconded by Commissioner Lipps to approve the Annual Audit. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Scrivner presented a summary of the Flight Instruction Program. Aviation Programs Director Jay Grafton billed 37.5 hours in January. Over the first eight days of March, he has billed 13.7 hours.

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.