

Mt. Vernon Airport Authority
Public Hearing
Held April 12th, 2022 at 6:00 PM

Present: Marty Cox	Chairman
Mike Ancona	Vice Chairman
Carey Lipps	Secretary
Greg Martin	Treasurer
Gary Chesney	Commissioner

Staff: Chris Collins
Sheila Jolly-Scrivner

Guests: Josh Jones, Steve Willis, Steve Modert, Don Lewis, Mike & Carla Payne, and Brent Flota

PUBLIC HEARING

Chairman Cox began the hearing by reading the following *“Public Hearing concerning the intent of the Board to issue \$1,428,000 general obligation limited tax airport bonds for capital projects in and for the Authority.”*

Chairman Cox asked if there was anyone in attendance from the general public wishing to provide comments regarding the sale of General Obligation Bonds for the purpose of airport improvements. Mike Payne stated “it was a good plan”. Hearing no additional comments, Chairman Cox asked to adjourn the Public Hearing.

Chairman Cox asked if any Commissioners wished to provide comments regarding the sale of General Obligation Bonds for the purpose of airport improvements. Hearing none, Chairman Cox asked to adjourn the Public Hearing.

Motion was made by Commissioner Ancona and seconded by Commissioner Martin to adjourn the Public Hearing. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

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PUBLIC INPUT

Hearing none, Chairman Cox moved forward with the meeting.

REPORTS

Minutes

Minutes were presented for the March 6th, 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 except Commissioner Martin 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 mentioned that EAA Chapter 1155 President and long time Certified Flight Instructor Steve Willis (LTC USAF, Retired) has been selected for the Illinois Aviation Hall of Fame (ILAHOF) Class of 2022. EAA Chapter 1155 has been chosen to receive the 2022 Illinois Aviation Hall of Fame Spirit of Flight Award. Steve's induction and the Spirit of Flight Award presentation will occur at the Annual Illinois Aviation Hall of Fame Banquet on Thursday, June 16th in Champaign. Since Steve was in attendance, the Commissioners spent a few minutes congratulating him and thanking him for his service to aviation and our country.

Mr. Willis indicated the local EAA Chapter has been designated a Gold Status Chapter by the Experimental Aircraft Association headquarters. This is in part to the local

Chapter recently meeting/exceeding several National Chapter requirements. Ms. Venita Brown is the recipient of the 2022 EAA Chapter 1155 Flight Scholarship. The \$1000 award will help offset her LSA training at SRT Aviation.

Mr. Collins presented an invitation by the Illinois Department of Transportation to view the plans for the new Interstate 57/IL Highway 15 Interchange. The public viewing will be on April 25th at the Rolland Lewis Community Center in Veterans Park.

Before beginning the official business, Mr. Collins informed the Commissioners of the passing of ultralight pilot Jerry Burgess. Jerry was the local expert of Part #103 aircraft. At its peak in the early to mid 2000's, the movement had seven Quicksilvers flying from the airport. Jerry had been recovering from a stroke in a nearby recovery center at the time of his passing. The family indicates a memorial service may occur sometime at a later date.

OLD BUSINESS

Project/Grant Update: Below is a snapshot of all projects:

Rehabilitate Interior Perimeter Service Road Project – There are no updates on this project.

Innovation Park Utility Upgrade Project (Sewer Portion) – Project plans should be available very soon.

Innovation Park Utility Upgrade Project (Electrical Portion) – KT Electric has been pulling cabling on various dry days. Locate companies have been busy marking various lines for weeks but I have yet to see Ameren do their part. I think this project will easily conclude fast once Ameren moves the transformer and makes the connection.

KT Parking Lot Rehabilitation Project – No updates on this exciting project. I have spoken to the Maintenance guys and we will initiate a plan to fix some badly damaged spots this summer with asphalt cold patch.

Innovation Park Turbine Center (IP Hangar #2) – No news on this project.

Air-Evac #172 Base (Permanent) – The ball is in Air-Evac's Court. Brian Edmison, Brian Martinez, Derek Burwell, and I met about two weeks ago and finalized the design of the hangar/quarters. Aimed with the plans, budgets, amortization schedules, and the Design/Build/Finance/Lease Agreement, Brian Martinez and Derek Burwell are awaiting final approval from their superiors.

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. - I have had multiple conversations with Hanson's Electrical Engineer Kevin Lightfoot regarding design, budget, materials, and a looming controversy over IDOT, IDA's not covering guidance

signs (hold short, distance remaining, runway exit, etc) in the project. Claiming cost overruns, IDOT, IDA wants a separate project covering the signs. Truth be told, signage projects include nearly the same amount of cabling and more costly lighting structures. Hanson's budget for a sign project at KMVN is \$950,000! I can see why IDOT, IDA desires a separate project. The problem centers on the new FAA Guidance. FAA Guidance specifies runway signs be on the same circuit as the runway lights using the same electrical requirements (volts, amps, etc) – Mixing old and new is not encouraged and may not work properly if done. Therefore, we have a problem that needs solving. We will need to work closely with Hanson and explore all options. I may need to reach out to our Airport Certification Safety Inspector at the Chicago Airport District Office for help. Stay tuned.

Momentum 2026:

Mr. Collins stated this one is moving at light speed thanks to the incredible interest rate secured by Kings Financial. The airport has advanced the throttle on a nearly seven year program that maximizes the MVAA's Debt Capacity. Mr. Collins noted the day after making the decision, the Federal Reserve increased interest rates 0.25%. With the Public Hearing in the rear view, the airport will approve the Bond Sale Resolution at the May Meeting. Soon afterward, the funds will be deposited into the Capital Projects Fund. Mr. Collins highlighted a sentence from a letter he drafted to IDOT, IDA. *"Notice the number of projects and total sum. The total costs exceeds the issuance proceeds. This is due to the extended time of this particular issuance, Bipartisan Infrastructure Law impacts, and potential changes in project needs."*

NEW BUSINESS

Annual Audit:

Since auditor David Kieffer was not in attendance, this item was tabled until next month.

Security System

Mr. Collins asked for approval of a \$4290 upgrade to the airport's security camera system. For nearly a month, he noted the existing system has been unable to upload to the internet for viewing on devices such as telephones, IPAD's, etc. This is handy to check in on things from home or other off airport sites. Electronic Architechs diagnosed the problem and determined the system needs upgraded to new software. While on site, Mr. Collins asked Electronic Architechs about expanding the system to cover other "blind" areas of the airport. Mr. Collins presented a quotation from Electronic Architechs to upgrade to the latest software and expand the existing 16 camera (maxed out) system to 32 cameras. He stated that areas that were once "blind" could soon be visible. Cameras are needed at the following locations: Fuel Farm, IP/Maintenance Gate, Evans/AE 172 Ramp, Community Hangar Ramp, Corporate Hangar, Gate #3, and others. Motion was made by Commissioner Chesney and seconded by Commissioner Lipps to approve the quotation from Electronic Architechs. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor.

Walk in Cooler/Freezer

Mr. Collins mentioned *Momentum 2026 Plus* includes a line item for Koziara Terminal Improvements. One sub-project is the replacement of the Walk In Cooler/Freezer. With ridiculous delivery times and what seems like monthly cost increases, time was of the essence again! Bonnie Café HVAC specialist Brian Johnston obtained a quote for a unit specified by Bonnie Café owner Brian Hubbard. The unit, manufactured by AmeriKooler, is nearly 27 feet in length and will fit squarely inside the room adjacent to the existing kitchen. The room is seldom used and would work perfectly. Mr. Johnson's price includes everything needed minus the necessary wiring components. This work would be billed at time and materials through Brian's business. The cost of the 27' length, 1560 cubic feet unit is \$32,812. For comparison, Mr. Collins obtained a quote through Larry Hodges preferred vendor Crescent Parts (Louisville Cooler) for a smaller 1224 cubic feet unit last summer. In July, 2021, the cost was \$25,363. This too only covers the cost of the box and HVAC components. Mr. Collins obtained an updated quotation from Crescent Parts. Crescent's new cost is \$34,636. Again, this is for a much smaller unit. Mr. Collins recommended approval of the \$32,812 (Amerikooler) quote submitted by Mr. Johnson. Motion was made by Commissioner Lipps and seconded by Commissioner Martin to approve the quote by Mr. Johnson at \$32,812. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor.

Fund Transfers:

Mr. Collins explained that approximately \$75,000 of grant funds are about to arrive. He would like approval to transfer nearly all to the Flightline Aero Services Fund. Mr. Collins noted all but \$24,718 would typically be deposited into General Operating Fund but with the increase of Personal Property Replacement Tax receipts, the grant funds are not so immediately needed. Once transferred to Flightline, the funds will be used to cover the down payment on the Cessna 172, avionics upgrade, and debt service on the aircraft. Motion was made by Commissioner Ancona and seconded by Commissioner Martin to transfer nearly \$75,000 of new grant funding from General Operating to Flightline Aero Services. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor. Mr. Collins stated, "if the PPRT receipts continue at the current pace, there may be more similar transfer requests in the future".

OTHER BUSINESS.

Mr. Collins presented an updated photo page of the new elevated platform at the airport fuel farm. The platform was designed, fabricated, painted, and placed by Airport Maintenance (with the help of Kash Helicopter Services). The platform will allow Line Service staff safe access to the top of the tanks for their manual tank gauging checks. Previously, staff had to climb fabricated ladder rungs and either stand on the top rung or the round tank top. Either was dangerous in wet, windy, or winter conditions. With all work complete, staff can now simply climb a central stairway and work above the tank. With the exception of the grated floor panels and donated stairway, all materials were on already on site.

The new 100LL Mobile Fuel Fueler entered service on Friday, April 1, 2022. Mr. Collins presented a photo page highlighting this long overdue addition.

Mr. Collins noted the deal is done on the Cessna 172 “Skyhawk”. N737CZ is officially owned by the MVAA. Once the insurance is worked out, the aircraft will be made available for lease. The avionics upgrade will consist of the long term solution of upgrading the audio panel, GPS/COM, second radio, and GPS Indicator(s). The long term plan is dampened by long delivery dates of the GPS/COM unit. All else is readily available. The short term plan is to use a secondary two place intercom and the existing equipment (old radios, no GPS).

The New Bush Hog Rotary Mower arrived yesterday and has entered service. Mr. Collins mentioned that when he signed the paperwork, the salesman stated the following: “this is the last unit to be purchased for \$22,500. From this point on, a new unit will start out at \$40,000!”

Ms. Scrivner presented a summary of the Flight Instruction Program. Aviation Programs Director Jay Grafton billed 56.9 hours in March (82%), and 17.5 hours so far in April.

Ms. Scrivner mentioned it will be busy Summer & Fall at the airport. Here are a few of the events: May 24, 2022 – Run for the Wall, June 11, 2022 – International Young Eagles Day Young Eagle Rally, June 24 & 25th - Air Race Classic, July 4, 2022 – Salute to Freedom, and September 8th – 10th – Midwest LSA Expo.

There being no further items from Executive Session, no additional Other Business items, and no extra 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.