

Mt. Vernon Airport Authority
Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Held June 14th, 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: Steve Willis, Don Lewis, Mike & Carla Payne, and Steve Modert

PUBLIC INPUT

Mike and Carla Payne commented on the recent Young Eagle Rally. 147 kids were flown. Eleven pilots and six ground support volunteers participated. There were many smiles on the faces of the kids and parents. All kids received a Certificate, Logbook, Learn to Fly Booklet, and an offer for a free Sporty's Pilot Shop Private Pilot Ground School Course (in excess of \$100 value)! The Commissioners expressed their appreciation for all who sacrificed their time.

REPORTS

Minutes

Minutes were presented for the May 10th, 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

Hearing none, Chairman Cox moved forward with the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Project/Grant Update: Below is a snapshot of all projects as specified by Mr. Collins:

Rehabilitate Interior Perimeter Service Road Project – There are no new updates available. I expect to see Delta/Southern Illinois Asphalt in late July after work is

completed on Interstate 64. Our project will be an easy one for them after the interstate project.

Innovation Park Utility Upgrade Project (Sewer Portion) – Great News!

Although only one bid was received on May 25th, it was terrific considering it was far under budget, the contractor met all qualifications, and best of all – it is a local contractor. Yes, our own J.K. Trotter and sons was notified it will be awarded the project – pending your approval. The total cost will be \$192,850. This is considerably less than the engineer’s estimate (and total approved by the County) of \$230,000. A contract, prepared by Hanson Professional Services, is included in your booklet. Plan to act on the contract in New Business. Also included in your booklet is my letter to the County Board. I took the letter and bid tabulation to the County Board office on Thursday, May 26th. Administrative Assistant Brittany Hefner (who also serves as the ARPA Administrator) advised me to simply bring pay requests to her office and the County would distribute checks! Hanson’s Barry Stolz has identified a bi-monthly schedule with J.K. Trotter. Trotter indicates it will take several weeks to procure the piping so the project will most likely not commence until late September. In this day of rising material costs, it’s incredible to see a project under budget!

Innovation Park Utility Upgrade Project (Electrical Portion) – Most of the project is complete. All that remains is to switch power from Innovation Park Hangar #1 from the old service to the new, de-energize the old transformer, and remove the old transformer. KT Electric indicates it needs at least 24 hours to perform the switch due to the digging at the old infrastructure hookup location. I have been working with Air-Evac #172 to find a suitable date. We are looking at sometime during the week of June 20th.

KT Parking Lot Rehabilitation Project – There are no new updates on this project.

Innovation Park Turbine Center (IP Hangar #2) – There are no new updates on this project. I need to challenge both Brian Edmison and Barry Stolz to complete their work required for our EDA Grant Application.

Air-Evac #172 Base (Permanent) – Project Plans and the Build/Lease/Finance Agreement are still being reviewed by Air-Evac Corporate. I met with Air-Evac regional leadership personnel on May 17th. Joe Grygel and Heather Morse both indicated everything is on track. Starting this week, I will reach out to the local coordinators and see what more I can do to try to speed things up.

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. - There are no new updates on this this project.

Taxiway A Fillets – I have an estimate from Jax Asphalt to complete the project using asphalt. The price is very comparable to the estimate I obtained from Bevis

Construction using concrete. Hanson's Barry Stolz wants to seek an estimate from Delta/Southern Illinois Asphalt so I am in the process of making that happen. Let's see what Delta/Southern's submits and make a decision at that time.

Events:

With so much going on this Summer/Fall, Mr. Collins noted it would be helpful to track things monthly. The Illinois Aviation Hall of Fame Banquet is this Thursday, June 16th in Champaign. Many will be making the trip for Steve Willis' induction and to be part of Chapter 1155's Spirit of Flight Award. On Wednesday, June 22nd and Thursday, June 23rd, the women's Air Race Classic occurs at KMVN for the first time since 1990! There are many unknowns, but the knowns are there will be nearly 50 aircraft stopping through and volunteerism is needed. Similar to the Midwest LSA Expo; hotel shuttle drivers, water delivery, and just plain hospitality/welcome "spreaders" are needed. Mr. Collins stated the Air Race Classic won't be as large as the Airventure Cup or Midwest LSA Expo, but he does not want to leave a slot uncovered. Last but certainly not least for this period is the Salute to Freedom on Monday, July 4th. This year's Salute will be epic with the USAF Band Concert! More details will be available as the month progresses.

NEW BUSINESS

Tentative Budget Ordinance 2022-2

Mr. Collins presented the tentative annual budget. He noted with Personal Property Replacement Tax receipts continuing in their upward trend, the process has been simplified. Another factor is Innovation Park. Once the new Air-Evac Base materializes, those Income and Expense line items (combined offset) will swell the overall budget. The FY2022/2023 Budget will certainly look different than all previous years. Keep in mind that once the budget is passed in tentative form on Tuesday night, it must be advertised and made available for public inspection for thirty days. Once the 30 days are up, the airport can conduct the Annual Budget Hearing. Barring no difficulties, the airport can pass the budget in final form after closing the hearing and calling the roll in regular session. Unlike previous years, the calendar is unfavorable for a Budget Hearing on the regular July Meeting date of July 12, 2022. This means it will have to wait until August or a Special Meeting be called.

Innovation Park Utility Upgrade Project

As noted in the Project/Grant Update from Old Business, one bid was received for the Innovation Park Utility Upgrade (Sanitary Sewer) Project. Mr. Collins presented a contract drafted by Hanson Professional Services between the MVAA and J.K. Trotter and Sons for \$192,850. He recommended approval of the bid/contract. Motion was made by Commissioner Martin and seconded by Commissioner Lipps to approve the contract as presented. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor.

OTHER BUSINESS.

Mr. Collins stated the airport could have been identified as RAF Mt. Vernon as it hosted the USA's only flyable DeHavilland "Mosquito", a Supermarine "Spitfire", and a

Hawker "Hurricane" last Thursday. The aircraft are owned by the Virginia Beach, Virginia Military Aircraft Museum and were in route to the Spirit of St. Louis Air Show. SRT Aviation received a telephone call that morning regarding fuel pricing. Flightline Aero/SRT quickly offered a discounted rate and the stop was scheduled.

Aviation Programs Director Jay Grafton billed 57.2 hours, or 83% of his salary, in June. To date in July, he has billed 22 hours. As for the new C172, It took some time to obtain proper insurance and address the maintenance squawks but it is up and flying now. In fact, the aircraft was used heavily on Saturday during the Young Eagles Rally. Dan Dare flew 18 Young Eagles in N737CZ!

Sheila Jolly Scriver provided a report from the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF). IMRF is solidly funded at 98.67%.

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.