

Mt. Vernon Airport Authority  
Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners  
Held May 10, 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: Steve Willis, Don Lewis, Mike & Carla Payne, and Brent Flota.

Before beginning the official business, Mr. Collins mentioned the recent passing of former MVAA Commissioner Joe Bob Pierce. Joe Bob served nearly two terms on the MVAA. The Commissioners recalled Joe Bob always had a joke prior to the start of each meeting and reflected on his long-time friendship with IDOT, IDA Director Dr. Susan Shea. When visiting the IDOT office, Joe Bob could bypass the Director's Secretary and proceed to the Director's Office. Joe Bob was just shy of his 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday.

#### **PUBLIC INPUT**

Don Lewis stated the airport has a very busy season ahead.

#### **STATE OF THE AIRPORT**

Chairman Cox noted that since the May Meeting serves as the Annual Meeting, two special line items were added to the Agenda. The first was the State of the Airport address. Chairman Cox asked Mrs. Scrivner to read from a prepared document of achievements that occurred over the previous twelve months. The prepared document is attached.

#### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Chairman Cox explained that the second special line item is an Election of Officers. Chairman Cox opened the floor for nominations. Commissioner Chesney motioned the officers remain the same for another year. Commissioner Lipps seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor. The Board positions for FY2022/2023 are the following: Chairman Marty Cox, Vice Chairman Mike Ancona, Secretary Carey Lipps, Treasurer Greg Martin, and Commissioner Gary Chesney.

#### **REPORTS**

##### **Minutes**

Minutes were presented for the April 12th, 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**

Mr. Collins mentioned 102,926 total gallons of fuel were sold during FY2021/2022! This is the second consecutive year the six figure mark was achieved. CAA quick turn seeking aircraft accounted for approximately 17% of this total. With record setting fuel prices, this is a great accomplishment!

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 submitted copies of a recent Sentinel article covering Team MVN Member ARDL achieving a \$49 Million dollar contract with the US ARMY Corps of Engineers. ARDL won an \$11 Million dollar contract award from the US ARMY in May, 2021. The Commissioners expressed their excitement and pride for the ARDL team.

Mr. Collins reminded the Commissioners of the Illinois Aviation Hall of Fame Banquet on Thursday, June 16<sup>th</sup> in Champaign. Many will be making the trip to see Steve Willis inducted into the hall and EAA Chapter 1155 receive the Spirit of Flight Award. There is always room for more to join the caravan.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

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

*Rehabilitate Interior Perimeter Service Road Project* – The contract has been awarded to Delta (Southern Illinois Asphalt), I have filled out all of the grant paperwork, and our Local Share check has been submitted. There are two Agreements to approve in New Business: Engineering Agreement with Hanson and the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation, Division of Aeronautics. Hanson's Barry Stolz indicated today that Delta is currently working on the Interstate 64 East project and does not see that work finishing until late July. This means our project will not be completed prior to the Salute to Freedom event.

*Innovation Park Utility Upgrade Project (Sewer Portion)* – Some of the project plan pages are included in your booklet. No one showed up for the pre-bid meeting at 1:00 p.m. today. Hanson's Barry Stolz was at the meeting and stated that three plan sets had been taken. None were from southern Illinois. Mr. Collins asked the Commissioners about area contractors with the skill set, equipment, and personnel to complete the project. Commissioner Lipps mentioned two contractors. Mr. Collins stated he would contact both contractors in the morning. Bids are due at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 25<sup>th</sup>.

*Innovation Park Utility Upgrade Project (Electrical Portion)* – Ameren has had some difficulties locating various components but I think all those issues are in the past. Sometime later this week, Ameren will energize the new transformer. Once KT has guaranteed the new infrastructure has been plumbed, the old transformer can be de-energized and removed. This work will require two outages of approximately three to four hours each time. I am working with Air-Evac #172 to plan accordingly.

*KT Parking Lot Rehabilitation Project* – There is talk of initiating a pre-design meeting with Hanson and IDOT, IDA later in the Summer but I don't see this project initiated until Summer, 2023.

*Innovation Park Turbine Center (IP Hangar #2)* – Brian Edmison and I met a week or so ago to go over the plan. Brian should finish up his part of the EDA Grant Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) sometime soon. Hanson has some environmental work to submit for the PER also. I need to challenge both parties to complete their work. I must admit it is tough to stay focused on this project with the Air-Evac project ahead of it!

*Air-Evac #172 Base (Permanent)* – Project Plans and the Build/Lease/Finance Agreement are currently being reviewed by Air-Evac Corporate. Air-Evac regional leadership personnel will be on site on May 17<sup>th</sup> for base meetings. At that time, I plan to meet with the leadership team members to discuss timelines. Things sure move slowly!

*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.* - Hanson's Barry Stolz indicated the project is on the IDOT June 17<sup>th</sup> Letting. Regarding the sign issue, the issue will result in a separate project seeking separate funding.

*Taxiway A Fillets* – We have not discussed this project in several years. This is the project that adds material to the “dogleg” taxiway areas (interior) leading to Runway 05 (southwest quadrant). With Runway 5/23 having to be closed due to the Innovation Park Utility Upgrade Sewer Portion later this year, that time would be a perfect time to perform this work. Since this is “local” project, we will coordinate, bid, award, and the work. I obtained a “budgetary estimate” from Bevis Construction to complete the work using concrete based on the plan drafted by Hanson Professional Services. I propose to use concrete as it is easier to form and finish in these areas and will last longer.

Discussion ensued with Commissioner Lipps recommended asphalt be utilized as it will provide a longer lasting joint with the existing taxiway asphalt. Mr. Collins stated he will contact asphalt contractors to obtain estimates

**Grant Activity:**

Mr. Collins stated he submitted applications for the new ARFF Truck to Senator Tammy Duckworth's Community Directed Spending and Congressman Bost's Community Project Funding Programs. He mentioned both are long shots but one never knows. Some Letters of Recommendation were included in the Commissioner's booklets. A read through them paints a great picture of how important an ARFF Truck is to a community and how big the team really is!

**NEW BUSINESS****Ordinance 2022-1, Momentum 2026 Plus Bond Sale**

Chairman Cox read the following from the Agenda regarding the Ordinance:

*Consideration and action on an Ordinance providing for the issue of \$1,631,200 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2022, for the purpose of constructing airport improvements at the Mt. Vernon Outland Airport and refunding certain outstanding bonds of the Authority, providing for the levy of taxes to pay said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof.*

Kings Financial representative Brent Flota presented a final summary of the Bond Issue. The highlights are as follows: The total proceeds will be \$1,403,381 (\$205,562 will be refunded to pay the last Series 2019 payment). All in interest rate is 2.16% (roughly 1.25% below today's market rate), seven year issue with 1.8% annual increases to capture EAV increases (approximately \$4000 per year), callable for possible restructuring (non-standard in industry-a Kings Financial specialty), and total expenses of 1.56% or \$25,000. The total fees are low due to direct placement with Fairfield National Bank (no underwriter's fees, rating agency fees, and Bond Insurance. Motion was made by Commissioner Lipps and seconded by Commissioner Chesney to approve the Ordinance as presented. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor.

**Perimeter Access Road Agreements**

Mr. Collins stated that even though everyone is in agreement to proceed with this Federal/State/Local funded project, it has been customary to officially approve the necessary Agreements. The first two pages of the Engineering Agreement between Hanson Professional Services and the MVAA, and the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Illinois Department of Transportation, Division of Aeronautics and the MVAA were included in the booklets The actual Agreements were on the table. Mr. Collins mentioned everything is set into motion-this is just a formality. He asked for approval of both Agreements simultaneously. Motion was made by Commissioner Martin and seconded by Commissioner Chesney to approve the Agreements as presented. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor.

**Summer/Fall Schedule**

Mr. Collins agreed with Mr. Lewis - It will be a busy Summer/Fall! Below are the events:

Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>: Run for the Wall

Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup>: EAA International Young Eagles Day Rally

Thursday, June 16<sup>th</sup>: Illinois Aviation Hall of Fame Banquet  
Wednesday/Thursday, June 22 & 23<sup>rd</sup>, Air Race Classic  
Monday July 4<sup>th</sup>, Salute to Freedom/USAF Band Concert  
Thursday-Saturday, September 8-10: Midwest LSA Expo

**OTHER BUSINESS.**

Mr. Collins presented a concept sign based on the 2021 Illinois Aviation System Plan Economic Impact Analysis. The sign will be placed between the support poles of the SW21 Jet. Mr. Collins design will allow for the panels to be removed after a few years and/or replaced to advertise other events.

Ms. Scrivner presented a summary of the Flight Instruction Program. Aviation Programs Director Jay Grafton billed 602 hours for FY2021/2022. This was 67% of his salary. Mr. Grafton billed 52.8 hours in April (76%), and 8.4 hours so far in May.

Ms. Scrivner presented a bid tabulation for a recent surplus equipment sale. Nearly \$7300 was achieved from the sale of a 1990 Ford 4x4 Van, 1991 Dodge Van, and hydraulic truck bed.

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.