

Mt. Vernon Airport Authority
Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Held November 8th, 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
Jay Grafton

Guests: Steve Willis, Don Lewis, Mike Payne, Ron Brushwitz, and Ryan Stanford.

PUBLIC INPUT

Steve Willis mentioned the recent announcement of a new aviation program at Mt. Vernon Township High School. The four year STEM based program was constructed by the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) and is being used in hundreds of high schools across the nation. Although the senior level semesters may potentially prepare students for the private pilot written exam, no actual flying is included. Aviation fundamentals and career opportunities are emphasized. Courses will be available in the 2023/2024 school year. Mr. Willis noted he and EAA Chapter 1155 stand ready to assist the high school in any way possible. Mr. Collins presented photocopies of an article announcing the aviation program that ran in today's Morning Sentinel.

Mrs. Jolly-Scrivner congratulated Chairman Cox on a recent "hole in one" at Indian Hills Golf Course. She also congratulated Chairman Cox for finishing second in a photography contest at Cedarhurst Center for the Arts.

REPORTS

Minutes

Minutes were presented for the October 11th, 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 asked the Commissioners to mark their calendars for the All Airport Christmas Party on Monday, December 19th. The event will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Koziara Terminal Lobby.

Mr. Collins informed the Commissioners that all were invited to the annual Hanson Professional Services Open House. The party is scheduled for Thursday, November 17th in Springfield, Illinois

OLD BUSINESS

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

Innovation Park Utility Upgrade Project (Sewer Portion) – This project is complete!

Innovation Park Utility Upgrade Project (Electrical Portion) – This project is now complete! The step-up transformer was installed by KT Electric last week. Included in your booklet is a photo page showing the installation and location of the step-up transformer. The lift station is now receiving power from its own separate meter located in the new meter base location.

KT Parking Lot Rehabilitation Project – I am still waiting on a Pre-Design Meeting to be scheduled.

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

Air-Evac Lifeteam Joint Base Jefferson – Just after last month's meeting, I met with Brian Edmison and Barry Stolz to finalize the five Exhibits referenced in the Agreement (Construction Schedule, Construction Plans, Site Plans, Amortization Schedule, and Phase I Environmental Study). Both indicated it will take several weeks to complete the Exhibits. Assuming Air Evac Legal's approval process does not stall, the project could be advertised for bid just ahead of the new year. As for Air-Evac Lifeteam, KMVN's Base #11 flew 98 missions in October – the most in the 170 plus network.

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. - As noted in the TIP Meeting, both projects will be included in the April, 2023 IDOT, IDA Letting. The projects will be prioritized in the FAA's funding budget. See New Business TIP Meeting Recap for more information

NEW BUSINESS

TIP Meeting Recap

Mr. Collins stated the big discussion in Springfield centered on the airport's request to replace its aging Air Rescue and Firefighting (ARFF) Truck. As the number one request, the issue turned to funding. The truck should be a high priority but IDOT, IDA programmers asked what the FAA "thought about it". Mr. Collins presented an e-mail from the FAA Certification Inspector that stated the FAA would not draft a "letter" (disqualifying the present truck) due to the airport's inactive certification (lack of an air carrier). So, the issue centers on whether IDA will allow a year of General Aviation Entitlement (GAE, \$150,000/yr.) to be allocated to the project. And then, how are the remaining costs covered. Mr. Collins noted the good news is he received clarification on the BIL (Bipartisan Infrastructure Law) requests/allocations and ARFF Trucks are fundable via BIL funds. Mr. Collins noted the airport will receive \$158,000 for 2022, \$298,000 for 2023 and either one of those numbers for the next three years depending upon "Regional" or "Local" Classification. \$456,000 is available to use now. Will the airport receive another \$474,000 or \$894,000 remains to be seen. Mr. Collins noted he is doing his best to ensure the larger number. Directing the conversation back to the GAE funding, he suspects IDA will use the 2023 GAE to help fund the Runway/Taxiway Lighting Project leaving the ARFF Truck Replacement Project 100% dependent on BIL. Another issue that surfaced at the TIP Meeting is that IDA, based on the latest Pavement Condition Index (PCI) Study, believes Taxiway "C/D" may need a rehabilitated. If so, any GAE will be directed there. Mr. Collins strongly believes this is not necessary and feels the PCI numbers can be improved with some crack/fill work. Hanson's Barry Stolz agreed with Mr. Collins based on a very recent inspection. As was done last year around "T" Hangar A-1000, Jax Asphalt can easily tackle the project. Mr. Collins noted this would be worth a local expense to free up GAE for more important projects. He presented an estimate from Jax Asphalt for crack fill work. Men and materials for one day's worth of work is \$1676. With nice weather forecasted for the next 7-10 days and winter just around the corner, Mr. Collins recommended the approval of Jax Asphalt's estimate to crack fill Taxiway "C"/"D" at a not to exceed price of \$8321 (based on five days). Discussion ensued. Motion was made by Commissioner Ancona and seconded by Commissioner Chesney to approve Jax Asphalt's estimate with a not to exceed cost of \$8321. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor. Mr. Collins noted the other big "need to do" project that has an unknown funding source is the new SRE (Maintenance) Building. His plan is to use BIL to fund both the ARFF Truck and the SRE Building. With inflated pricing, the available funding will not do both. Mr. Collins has begun talks with Rosenbauer – manufacturer of the Airwolf Class 3 ARFF Vehicle. A brochure for the Airwolf is included in your booklet. This \$350,000 vehicle is now \$550,000. Mr. Collins stated there is no path forward for a new ARFF Truck without BIL. He submitted the project for the legislative earmark grants last Spring to no avail. Mr. Collins noted he will submit it again this Spring. A new SRE Building would take much long-term saving and some special maneuvering without BIL. Mr. Collins summarized his main points. He recommends using the airport's 2022, 2023, and a portion of the 2024 BIL funds for the new ARFF Truck. The remaining 2024 and 2025 BIL funds should be earmarked for

the SRE Building. The airport would have to cover the remaining costs locally. Mr. Collins stated he is very grateful for the BIL!

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Collins highlighted the recent U.S. ARMY Golden Knight Tandem Camp at the airport. He pointed the Commissioners to a recent article from the Sentinel that was included in their booklets. "What a dynamic and exciting two days it was" he stated. Mr. Collins believes the airport initiated a strong relationship with the Kansas City Recruiting Battalion. The KC folks reached out to the Indianapolis Recruiting Battalion as KMVN is nearly centered between both. It is Mr. Collins' understanding KMVN may host another Tandem Camp next June.

Mr. Collins noted the maintenance guys have been busy painting and trying to finalize the backhoe/sweepster project. Finding marking paint, especially red, has been tough this year. Sherwin Williams is unsure when new stock will be available. Mr. Collins purchased 15 gallons of red marking paint at an ACE Hardware in Shelbyville last week! He is also working on a sign panel replacement project.

Mr. Collins stated the SRT/Flightline Aero Services team joined a new fuel sales program called NOZL. NOZL is similar to CAA (Corporate Aircraft Association) but available for both JET A and 100LL fuels.

Mrs. Jolly Scrivner stated Aviation Programs Director Jay Grafton billed 48.7 hours, or 70% of his salary, in October. To date in November, he has billed 22 hours. As for N737CZ (C172), the aircraft flew a total of 27.9 hours in October. Mr. Grafton was in attendance and noted he has two students that will take FAA Check Rides next week.

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.