

Mt. Vernon Airport Authority  
Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners  
Held October 11th, at 6:00 PM

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

Absent: Carey Lipps Secretary

Staff: Chris Collins  
Sheila Jolly-Scrivner

Guests: Steve Willis, Don Lewis, Steve Willis, and Mike & Carla Payne.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

Don Lewis mentioned the fantastic turnout of cars and people at the recent Bonnie Café Planes, Trains, and Automobiles event. EAA Chapter 1155 flew 67 Young Eagles. Don noted he is looking forward to the remaining October events. Steve Willis invited the Commissioners to the EAA Chapter's cookout, campout, and movie night at the lake shore shelter this Saturday Night.

**REPORTS**

**Minutes**

Minutes were presented for the September 13th, 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 reminded the Commissioners of the airport's annual TIP Meeting at the Illinois Department of Transportation, Division of Aeronautics. The meeting will be at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup> in Springfield.

## OLD BUSINESS

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

*Innovation Park Utility Upgrade Project (Sewer Portion)* – Mr. Collins stated that Matt Trotter, the guys from J.K. Trotter & Sons, and the boring sub-contractor have been working for the past two weeks. J.K. Trotter and sons have made this project seem easy! Mr. Collins directed the Commissioners to the photo page in their booklets. Mr. Collins noted all of the piping installation is complete. The piping was pressure tested this morning. One hundred pounds per square inch (psi) was held for two hours. All that is left is to connect on both ends (the airport's lift station outlet line & the City's manhole on Airport Road). Mr. Collins stated neither of these will be fast or easy, but with the way the Trotter team has tackled the main portion of the project - he has total confidence both will be done properly.

*Innovation Park Utility Upgrade Project (Electrical Portion)* – We are still waiting on the step-up transformer to arrive. Once on site, KT Electric will install near the lift station and transfer power from the old to the new. This will complete this project.

*KT Parking Lot Rehabilitation Project* – I expect a Pre-Design Meeting to be scheduled soon. We should hear something at the TIP Meeting.

*Innovation Park Turbine Center (IP Hangar #2)* – With projects wrapping and starting of late, I lost focus on this one. I plan to discuss with Brian and Barry as to what else needs to be done to submit the EDA Application.

*Air-Evac #172 Base (Permanent)* – Mr. Collins displayed the Phase I Environmental Survey recently completed by Bolin Pipeline & Tank Maintenance and received this morning. Mr. Collins read the Summary located near the front of the nearly one-inch thick report. *“Further action (Phase II) is not necessary nor recommended.”* With this part of the puzzle intact, Mr. Collins presented the Agreement. Mr. Collins directed the Commissioners to the Environmental Section from the Agreement as sent back by Air Evac Legal. He stated he is in approval of the language therein. Concurrence was received from Architect Brian Edmison yesterday and Legal Counsel Scott Quinn this afternoon. A decision to move forward is here. Mr. Collins directed the Commissioners to an e-mail to Air Evac (included in their booklets). The e-mail included updated numbers from the bank as referenced as an Exhibit in the Agreement (2% interest increase and total Principle \$2,000,000). The Rent section includes a monthly rent of \$16,058 and annual cost of \$192,691 (until the Note is repaid). Mr. Collins stated he is a little spooked at the gravity of the financial burden should something happen to the tenant. However, two positive aspects come to mind. A twenty-two year relationship and the payment does not exceed the airport's annual Debt Service Extension Base. Mr. Collins recommended approval of the Agreement. Discussion ensued. Motion was made by Commissioner Chesney and seconded

by Commissioner Martin to approve the Agreement between the MVAA and Air Evac EMS. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor. Mr. Collins noted he will work with Architect Brian Edmsion to prepare the various Exhibits necessary for Air-Evac's signatures. Once the document is executed by both parties, the project can go out for bid.

*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.* - Mr. Collins stated the airport received some bad news regarding both projects. Since both projects were funded by FAA discretionary grants, the FAA declined to fund either project. He presented an e-mail from IDOT, IDA regarding the projects. Mr. Collins went on to state the airport's friends at Hanson Professional Services were caught off guard by this as lighting is a high priority item. It is something the FAA Certification Inspectors note during each inspection. "So, what happens now," Mr. Collins asked? The situation will certainly be discussed at the TIP Meeting as the airport has Program Letters tied to a previous years for both projects. The projects will most likely be re-bid next year.

*Taxiway A Shoulders* – Jax Asphalt has successfully completed both shoulders. Mr. Collins directed the Commissioners to the photo page in their booklets. Both project areas were excavated and several inches of wet gravel (CA6) were applied and compacted with a vibratory roller. Approximately six inches of binder blend asphalt was applied and compacted using the vibratory roller on day one. Day two saw a two-inch surface mix asphalt application rolled and blended to the existing surface. Mr. Collins noted he is very happy how it turned out and he believes it will be a great insurance policy for larger aircraft operations in the future.

*FBO Ramp Repairs* – Mr. Collins noted this is a new project that has been needed for many years. Several concrete ramp section corners have spalled and pose grave danger to aircraft. Loose aggregate ingested into an engine or propwashed into aircraft surfaces should be avoided at all costs. He stated that he asked Bevis Construction to address several corners when the company had some laborers free. It took several months, but workers showed up over the last three weeks. Bevis's guys tackled the worst corner sections in half a day so Mr. Collins turned them loose on the two worst locations – deep transverse cracks extending along the entire 14 foot section lengths. Mr. Collins directed the Commissioners to the photo page in their booklets highlighting the project. The project did not address all of the bad places, but tackled the worst and largest places. Mr. Collins noted some of the areas may be able to be addressed via epoxy patch materials.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

There were no items of New Business. Chairman Cox moved forward on the Agenda.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Collins highlighted the MMOPA (Malibu M-Class Owners and Pilots Association) Maintenance Meet scheduled for this Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, in the Community Hangar. He noted Piper PA-46/M600 are very popular single engine turboprop aircraft. The MMOPA Event has been organized by the airport's own Justin Burkholder (Mt. Vernon Air). Ten to fifteen aircraft are expected for this single day event. Mr. Collins noted on Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> the EAA Chapter will be hosting a spot landing contest followed by a wiener roast/movie night/camp out at the lake shore shelter.

Mr. Collins excitedly stated "the ARMY Golden Knights exercise is a go!" The aircraft will arrive on Monday afternoon, October 24<sup>th</sup>. Classroom training will occur from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., followed by eight jump hops each day. As like all military operations, advance promotion is discouraged. Mr. Collins stated the ARMY welcomes promotion after the exercise. Spectators are allowed as long as they are outside the fence.

Mrs. Jolly Scrivner stated Aviation Programs Director Jay Grafton billed 57.9 hours, or 83% of his salary, in September. To date in October, he has billed 21.2 hours. As for N737CZ (C172), the aircraft flew a total of 12.2 hours in August. It spent the first two weeks down for its 100 hour inspection.

Mr. Collins mentioned some good news regarding the NPIAS (National Plan of Integrated Airport System) Classification. Mt. Vernon Outland Airport is now officially classified in the Regional Category! This means \$298,000 per year of BIL (Bipartisan Infrastructure Law) Funding. The airport must maintain 1000 instrument operations and keep one based jet on the field. These funds will be managed by IDOT, IDA very similarly to the AIP (Airport Improvement Program) funds. Mr. Collins stated he believes the BIL funds are for lower priority projects and/or outside the realm of normal AIP projects. This assumption should be verified at the TIP Meeting. Mr. Collins concluded he would like to use the BIL money on a new Maintenance (SRE) Building. The new ARFF Truck should rate high on the FAA's priority scale. If not, the new ARFF Truck would be his first choice for the BIL funding.

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.

