

Mt. Vernon Airport Authority
Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Held April 11th, 2023 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
Matt Colvin

Guests: Steve Willis & Brian Edmison

PUBLIC INPUT

Steve Willis mentioned EAA Chapter 1155 has achieved Gold Status for the second consecutive year. The Chapter recently awarded two \$1000 Scholarships for flight training at the airport - Veneda Brown of Mt. Vernon and Joel Beehn of Wayne City. Veneda is flying the Aeroprakt A-22. High school student Joel Beehn is training with Jay Grafton in either N24153 or N737CZ (C172's).

OLD BUSINESS

Project Update. Below is a snapshot of all projects as specified by Mr. Collins;

KT Parking Lot Rehabilitation Project – I have nothing to report on this project this month.

Air-Evac Lifeteam Joint Base Jefferson – Architect Brian Edmison was in attendance and informed the Commissioners the project will be released for bids in tomorrow's Sentinel and other various sources. There will be a Pre-Bid Meeting on Tuesday, May 2nd at the airport. Bids are due on Thursday, May 18th. There will be a meeting with Air Evac local coordinators tomorrow morning at 9:00 a.m. to formalize the building layout. Once formalized, the plans will be printed and distributed.

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 noted the project(s) appear on the April 28th Letting schedule. Goreville, Illinois based Brown Electric is no longer on the IDOT, IDA no-bid list (too many projects underway). With Brown no longer excluded, he expressed optimism at one additional experienced bidder possibly being engaged.

ARFF Truck Replacement – I have had additional conversations with Senator Duckworth’s staff recently. Let’s keep our fingers crossed for additional assistance. Chief Kevin Sargent and I are going to Mid-America Airport (KBLV) on Friday to view a surplus truck. At best this would be a secondary truck as the KBLV truck is 7 years older than our truck (1997). The truck is free but would require transport. It is also very large – 3000 gallons.

Hangar A-1400 – I have nothing to report on this project this month.

IP Lift Station – I have nothing to report on this project this month.

FBO Entry Addition – Brian Edmison presented updated plans and cost estimates based on conversations with Commissioner Lipps and Mr. Collins. The new design utilizes mostly locally available materials, addresses frontal wall/roofing design, and placement of the new bathroom. The design allows for interior viewing in all three directions – something Mr. Collins favored. The new budget estimate was \$133,500. Discussion ensued regarding flooring, doors, and other minor design elements. All agreed the project needed to be fast tracked so that an early September Midwest LSA Expo conclusion could be achieved. Motion was made by Commissioner Lipps and seconded by Commissioner Martin to seek bids. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

Salute to Freedom: Mr. Collins presented the annual request letter from Tourism Director Angela Schrum for the Annual Salute to Freedom on Sunday, July 4th, 2023. Motion was made by Commissioner Martin and seconded by Commissioner Chesney to approve the Salute to Freedom Celebration. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor.

OTHER BUSINESS

With five weeks to go in the fiscal year, Mr. Collins noted 124,690 gallons of aviation fuel has been sold. He noted this is a new record in the modern era.

Ms. Jolly-Scrivner noted the last PPRT check for FY2022/2023 was \$64,322. This was smaller than the April, 2022 check but far exceeded all pre-2022 April payments.

Mrs. Scrivner stated Aviation Programs Director Jay Grafton billed 55 hours (or 80% of his salary) in March. To date for April, Jay has billed 18 hours. N737CZ flew 20.6 hours in March.

There being no 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.

