

Mt. Vernon Airport Authority  
Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners  
Held January 10th, 2023 at 6:00 PM

Present: Marty Cox	Chairman
Mike Ancona	Vice Chairman
Carey Lipps	Secretary
Gary Chesney	Commissioner

Absent: Greg Martin                      Treasurer

Staff: Chris Collins

Guests: Steve Willis, Steve Modert, & Don Lewis.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

Hearing none, Chairman Cox moved forward on the Agenda.

**REPORTS**

**Minutes**

Minutes were presented for the December 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 directed the Commissioners to the latest edition of Outland News in their packets. The highlights were Air Evac #11 setting a nationwide base record for the number of flights in one month (October) and the U.S. ARMY Golden Knights Tandem Camp (also in October).

**OLD BUSINESS**

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

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

*Air-Evac Lifeteam Joint Base Jefferson* – The executed Agreement and Exhibits A-E were submitted on December 24, 2022. Air-Evac Logistics asked for clarification on two items within one of the exhibits proving a thorough review is underway on their end. Brian is busy drafting the project manual(s)/bidding documents. Things will be rolling soon!

*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.* - No updates are available at this time.

*Hangar A-1400* – I have been busy trying to push this project. I had a great meeting at the Greater Egypt Regional Development Commission where it was determined the project may be eligible for an EDA Grant. With the airport covering engineering and architecture, timing could fit within a six-month window. EDA Grant matching is now 50%. There is also another funding source titled the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) that might be utilized. CDBG kicks in \$25,000 per employee. I told our friends at Greater Egypt that our project could include ten jobs so \$250,000 might be worth applying for. The only catch is the City or County would have to make application for the airport. As for the local piloting team, I met with one of the partners on Monday. The meeting went very well and I sensed there is mutual trust to move forward. I need to meet with the other partner to solidify the project. I also met with the bank yesterday and it stands ready to assist with financing.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Insurance:** Mr. Collins explained the Property and Equipment policy renewed at the end of December. The premium with Guy Wood Insurance increased \$855 over the expiring but the coverage limits were increased 10% for 2023. The total premium is \$30,719. Mr. Collins recommended approval. Motion was made by Commissioner Chesney and seconded by Commissioner Lipps to approve the premium as presented. Upon roll call vote, all were in approval. Mr. Collins noted the Public Official's Liability policy also renewed in January. The new premium was \$2358 – the same as expiring. Mr. Collins mentioned the Airport Liability and Work Comp policies will be on the February Agenda.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

In Other Business, Mr. Collins explained the Sweepster/Backhoe unit has already proven to be a huge asset. In the first measurable snowfall (12/26/22), braking action measurements were poor enough to close the runways (after plowing). After one pass with the Sweepster/Backhoe, the measurements improved significantly and the runways were re-opened! The Sweepster unit will not work this way with every snow event, but it did on this one due to bitter cold temperatures and very dry snow. Without it, the only way to open would have been to use the liquid runway deicer or wait for mother nature. Mr. Collins noted that liquid runway deicer is only used if someone is paying the bill!

Mr. Collins explained Personal Property Replacement Tax (PPRT) revenues continue to exceed expectations. Another large check was received in early January.

Mr. Collins noted Aviation Programs Director Jay Grafton billed 25.85 hours in December attributable to 37% of his salary. So far in January, Jay has billed 5.2 hours. Mr. Collins noted this is the slow time of year and the weather itself has not been very favorable for flying.

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.