

Mt. Vernon Airport Authority
Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Held April 14th, 2026 at 6:00 PM

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

Staff: Chris Collins
Sheila Jolly-Scrivner
Matt Colvin

Guests: Steve Willis, Don Lewis, & Ron Brushwitz

PUBLIC INPUT

There being none, Ancona moved forward with the Agenda.

REPORTS

Minutes

Minutes were presented for the March 10th 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 were in favor.

Treasurers' Report

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 of the motion.

CORRESPONDENCE

Hearing none, Chairman Ancona moved forward with the Agenda.

OLD BUSINESS

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

Koziara Terminal Rehabilitation Project – As mentioned in last month's letter, a Chamber of Commerce Ribbon Cutting has been scheduled for Thursday, May 7th at 11:30 a.m. The event celebrates not only the completion of the project, but perhaps equally important - the project's funding through the Rebuild Illinois Program. Mayor Lewis, County Board Chairman Lindemann, and several State

Aeronautics Officials have accepted my invitation (e-mail included in your booklet). The Governor and IDOT Secretary have also been invited. After some remarks and cutting of the ribbon, we will enjoy lunch at Bonnie Café.

New SRE Building – Basic pages from the plans appear in your booklet. The floor plan and elevation drawings were recently submitted to the FAA by Hanson for the FAA's approval. I am not sure how many weeks will pass before this approval will be in hand but we must have it before the project can be bid. Brian has not provided an updated budget but until the FAA approves the project, I am not concerned about having one to further trim.

Airfield Signage Project – Good news! IDOT, IDA has approved the project. The letter approving Hanson's participation appears in your booklet as does the cover and signature page of the Engineering Agreement between the MVAA and Hanson for the project. Mr. Collins asked for approval of this document. Motion was made by Commissioner Cox and seconded by Commissioner Chesney to approve the Engineering Agreement as presented. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor. As with all Federal/State/Local Projects, this Agreement will be followed by an Agency Agreement between IDOT, IDA and the MVAA. I expect Agency Agreement will be on hand sometime mid-Summer.

New ARFF Truck - I have no updates on this project at this time.

FBO Revitalization Project, Phase III - The HVAC contractor arrived shortly after last month's meeting and installed new equipment serving both floors of the northern portion of the usable space. A beautiful new trunk line was tucked closely near where the ceiling meets the upstairs floor. After the contractor left, Ron Brushwitz and I removed all the walls and carpet. We have a plan for the stairway, ceiling, and new walls. Since this project is being completed with no outside contracting, it will take several weeks, if not months, to complete. My goal is to install a professional look with minimal expense. Funding will come from fuel sales and/or the aviation fuel tax rebate. A photo page showing these areas is included in your booklet.

Solar Energy Projects – What a mess! Phase I is still down. Sun Solar arrived a few days after our last meeting and determined all wiring between the buildings extending to the junction box will need to be replaced. Before this is over, we will probably be dealing with the owner of the company. I have asked the sales representative for financial help as we are unable to receive subsidies and we have monthly interest payments. It has been almost a year since Phase I was installed. It's a good thing we have performance guarantees in our contracts.

Flight Training – Despite fuel being incredibly high, Mr. Collins noted the airport's aircraft continue to fly. New students are starting their journey every week. The new website, OutlandFlight.com went live on Good Friday. Mr. Collins noted he is proud of the site and he thinks it accomplishes the goal of centralizing the information. He

encouraged the Commissioners to browse through the Outland Logbook Menu. Nearly 200 achievements appear! Someone said recently – *“That’s really an accomplishment for a Part 61 environment serving a small market.”* Mr. Collins stated that he, Matt, & Nick will soon be completing a rehabilitation of the flight planning room. The goal is to have a more modern look that will not only be an aid to existing students and visitors; but also attract new students by providing a high technology look. A photo page showing the existing layout is included in your booklet. A wall-to-wall counter using the same stained/polyurethane scheme as the sales counter will be on the far wall (replacing the massive tv monitor). Two computer stations will be available (with 28” monitors). The counter will be accessible by standing (for quick looks) or sitting at bar stools. On the right, visible from the hallway, will be two 32” televisions. The TV’s will be tuned to and displaying various online weather sources. The flight instructors and Mr. Collins will determine the content. The antique nationwide chart on the left side wall will most likely be replaced by a current St. Louis Sectional and St. Louis Class B Terminal Area Chart. Whatever is done in the room will be far superior to what is there now!

Air Race Classic – Mr. Collins praised Mrs. Jolly Scrivner as she has been working hard daily. She has secured nearly \$18,000 in sponsorships and the community is really stepping up. It is going to take all of us, but it will be a fantastic opportunity for southern Illinois.

NEW BUSINESS

Illinois Aviation System Plan – Mr. Collins explained a consultant from Kimley Horn, IDOT’s Consultant, visited on Monday, April 6th and left materials necessary to gather data. The data will be used to update the airport’s Annual Economic Impact and total jobs numbers in the Illinois Aviation System Plan. Mr. Collins said in his correspondence to the tenant base, the local effort is titled *“The Quest for \$60 Million”*. The 2020 numbers were \$40.8 Million and 278 total jobs. Mr. Collins’ goal is to exceed \$60 Million and 300 jobs! Over the next several weeks he will be pushing hard and looking anywhere he can for numbers.

Global Terrorism Wall of Remembrance/Kyle Price Ride - With the closing of the local Harley Davidson Dealership, organizers approached Mr. Collins recently about bringing the wall to the airport for display on Friday, April 24th and Saturday, April 25th. The airport hosted this wall previously in 2013 or 2014 during the Midwest LSA Expo. For the ride, riders will organize and depart the airport in honor of Lance Corporal Kyle Price on Saturday afternoon. They will end at the Woodlawn Bar in the early evening. The wall will arrive on Thursday, afternoon, April 23rd, and depart on Sunday morning, April 26th. Mr. Collins presented a flyer for the event. Mr. Collins noted he may or may not introduce the public to the new Hall of Honor display boards and Admiral Archie Clemens Gallery during that weekend. He noted he is really struggling to get things completed.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Collins kicked off Other Business by noting a record that will soon fall. As of April 2, 2026, 197,500 gallons of fuel have been sold. Mr. Collins is fairly confident the 200,000-gallon mark has already been exceeded!

Mr. Collins recommended a \$1 per hour raise for Avionics Specialist Colton Snuffer. Colton's 90-day initial period was passed about a month. Colton has done an amazing job and is poised to lead the avionics department for years. Mr. Collins stated the airport is lucky to have him its team. Motion was made by Commissioner Martin and seconded by Commissioner Chesney to approve the raise for Colton Snuffer as presented. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor.

Mrs. Jolly-Scrivner presented reports for SRT Flightline. As for the aircraft, March flight hours are the following: N737CZ, 51.1 hours; N24153, 45.2 hours; N872NC 3.1 hours; N638HB, 10.1 hours; N675U, 4.7 hours; and N313U, 5.1 hours. This is 119.3 total flight hours for March.

There being no Executive Session items, 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.