

Mt. Vernon Airport Authority
Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Held February 10th, 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, & Rylan Crane

PUBLIC INPUT

There being none, Chairman Ancona moved forward with the hearing.

REPORTS

Minutes

Minutes were presented for the January 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 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;

Air-Evac Lifeteam Joint Base Jefferson – We are still waiting on Hinderliter to install the explosion proof light in the cabinet, the new emergency stop switch, and prove the meter in the cabinet.

New SRE Building – Brian Edmison has an initial design done. Matt and I met with Brian and Hanson's Barry Stolz on Monday. A preliminary budget has been created and the project is currently well in excess of the funds available. The team is looking for ways to reduce costs.

Airfield Signage Project – One bid was received at the IDOT, IDA January Letting. It was 8.9% over the engineers estimate. The bidder is located in Michigan but is a very good contractor I am told. Included in your booklet is a letter from Hanson to IDOT, IDA justifying the bid be accepted and awarded. Obviously, I recommended this as the existing signs are ancient and many are not working – some never came to life after the runway/taxiway lighting project. Everyone knew incompatibility could occur and it certainly did. A nearly 9% increase takes our local share from \$65,833 - \$71,758. Once again, our local contractor, Brown Electric was excluded from bidding due to too many State contracts already on the books!

New Runway De-Ice System – Work on the Brine Refinement Station, located in the SRE Building, was completed just ahead of record-breaking Winter Storm Fern. Nearly 20" of snowfall occurred from Saturday, afternoon, January 24th until Sunday afternoon, January 25th. Matt and Nick were ready with 750 gallons of refined product. The takeaways were the following: It does not work as quickly as Cryotech E36, but seems as effective after several hours. Our cost is \$3.29 per gallon. Cryotech E36 is nearly \$9 per gallon for same volume delivered. Sales to neighboring airports looks promising. We will likely ask our customers to pay \$4 per gallon. We incurred a large capital cost to enter but that cost will provide long-term benefits (remain open, fuel sales, no lost operations) and provide opportunity to recoup some or all of the investment. The product stays put and continues to work. A light dusting occurred four days after application but quickly disappeared in treated areas! A summary with photo pages is included in your booklet.

Solar Energy Projects – Included in your booklet are some screen prints from Sunny Portal – the online monitoring system. These were taken at mid-day on January 22, 2026 under full sun. Phase I includes three 62.5KW systems installed on A1100 and A1200 serving the Koziara Terminal. Phase II includes two 33 kW systems installed on T Hangar A800 serving the East Transclosure and SRT Flightline. I am not convinced Phase I is operating at 100% and have talked to Sun Solar about this. Phase II seems to be performing better. I plan to provide these mid or end of month glimpses on full sun days moving forward.

Flight Training – Cessna 172P, N872NC, arrived on Wednesday, February 4th. The closing took about a week. A photo page showing photos during and after arrival was referenced. Mr. Collins thanked Banterra Bank and Eric Evans for making this possible. The aircraft is currently undergoing its 100-hour pre-service inspection at SRT. It should be ready for training mid-week. Rental rate will be approximately \$185 per hour.

NEW BUSINESS

Annual Aviation Report – 2025 was a great year according to Mr. Collins! There were 27,853 total operations. This is up compared to last year (27,593). He pointed out the 556 total jet operations listed. This is a new record solidly eclipsing last year's number of 404! CAA operations also set a record at 470 – way more than the previous best at 308! Cargo returned to a respectable count of 40 operations. Military operations were boosted by the US Army Golden Knights Tandem Camp. As for based tenancy, there are 46 total based aircraft. This number is slightly up from last year's count. There are six Cirrus aircraft registered at KMVN.

Salute to Freedom - This year's event is the 40th Anniversary at the airport. The nation's 250th Birthday will also be celebrated. Mr. Collins recommended approval of the event. Motion was made by Commissioner Chesney and seconded by Commissioner Martin to approve the 40th Salute to Freedom. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Collins recapped events that occurred on Friday, January 23rd. He called it *Energy Outage* and he referenced a photo page that appeared at the end of the board booklets. On Friday morning, the service disconnect outside the MVAA office began buzzing loudly. Approximately five minutes later, Ameren's transformer blew up outside the office. This is the second time in three years this transformer has blown up. Both instances were caused by the Ameren supply line losing one of the three 120V phases or multiple lines crossing and blowing up underground. On both occasions, the Koziara Terminal was out of power, equipment was damaged, and the restaurant was forced to close. Mr. Collins stated the airport will be seeking damage compensation from Ameren Corporate when all bills are collected. There were many negatives but the situation produced some surprising positives: several area companies (including Ameren) stepped up with short notice, the day before snowmageddon, to help the airport. The companies were the following: Ameren, Purcell Electric, Clinton Electric, J&R Mechanical, and Wielt Plumbing. Also, Ameren will be replacing the entire north feed supply this summer. Mr. Collins ended by noting there is much more, including some damaged high voltage wiring on the Sun Solar side of the disconnect box.

Mr. Collins mentioned the FBO Phase III Project is still being considered. Several board members viewed the FBO lobby and upstairs area after last month's meeting. The consensus was to build a conventional stairway on the northeast side of the lobby (opposite the sales counter) to access the potential upstairs classroom/office space. The stairway would include two to three steps, a landing, turn 90 degrees with the main staircase fixed to the concrete wall currently displaying the historical murals. The murals would be relocated. Mr. Collins indicated the project is on hold until the HVAC contractor completes his work. Then and only then, would the upstairs portion come into focus. The project revolves around how much space is generated on the second floor.

Mr. Collins noted the Mt. Vernon Fire Department and Williamson County Fire Departments are teaming up for a 40 Hour Initial ARFF Class taught by Instructor Firefighters from both departments. The class will occur at the Mt. Vernon Police

Department over two weekends in March. Mr. Collins explained this is an exciting opportunity as these classes are normally only available in Lexington, Kentucky or Northern Wisconsin. 14 CFR Part 139 requires this 40 initial class for ARFF Certification. Most of the ARFF Certified Firefighters at MVFD have already or soon will retire, so this opportunity is needed. The airport's contribution will be to cover printing of the text materials.

Mrs. Jolly-Scrivner presented reports for SRT Flightline. As for the aircraft, January flight hours are the following: N737CZ, 48.7 hours; N24153, 40.5 hours; N638HB, 8.7 hours; N675U, 6.2 hours; and N313U, 5.5 hours. This is 104 total flight hours for January.

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.