

Mt. Vernon Airport Authority
Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Held March 10th, 2026 at 6:00 PM

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

Absent: Mike Ancona	Chairman
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Staff: Chris Collins
Sheila Jolly-Scrivner
Matt Colvin

Guests: Steve Willis, Don Lewis, & Rylan Crane

PUBLIC INPUT

Since Chairman Ancona was absent, Vice Chairman Chesney conducted the meeting. There being none, Vice Chairman Chesney moved forward with the hearing.

REPORTS

Minutes

Minutes were presented for the February 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, Vice Chairman Chesney 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 – Hinderliter installed the explosion proof light in the cabinet and the new emergency stop switch adjacent to the ramp

on Monday, March 2nd. A photo page is included in your booklet. This project is officially complete.

New SRE Building – Brian, Barry, Matt, and I have been meeting every other Monday morning. So far, the total cost exceeds the available funds so the team is exploring ways to make the project happen. Some of these measures include building an interior fire rated wall to divide the square footage. This would eliminate the costly fire sprinkler system and associated plumbing and electrical labor to install such a system. Surplus asphalt millings will be used around the perimeter instead of concrete or asphalt. The building supplier indicates there are really no increases so at least that large portion is essentially fixed. Brian will incorporate these changes in a new plan and update the budget accordingly.

Airfield Signage Project – I have no updates on this project at this time.

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

FBO Revitalization Project, Phase III - We are awaiting work by the HVAC contractor before putting anything into motion. Once the HVAC work is completed, Matt, Nick, and I will begin working on the upstairs classroom(s)/instructor areas.

Solar Energy Projects – Since Phase I is currently down, I did not include screen prints from Sunny Portal. I have been told that Sun Solar will be on site this week to correct all deficiencies with Phase I.

Flight Training – Mr. Collins stated C172P, N872NC flew for the first time on Friday, March 6th. It was available all week but weather has been very poor lately. He pointed the Commissioners to a photo page of the aircraft on its first takeoff and being polished by Frisco Aviation's Nekoda Colvin. A definitive shine is visible on the aircraft! On a related note, Mr. Collins explained he has been busy creating a stand-alone website and logo for Outland Flight Instruction – OutlandFlight.com. The content on SRT Flightline and the airport's website is either old or non-existent. It is important to have a relevant site that answers many questions and points the viewer to where he/she needs to go. OutlandFlight.com will be linked to the other two sites when the viewer clicks on the "Learn to Fly" tabs. OutlandFlight.com, with its catch phrase ***Resolve to Rise Above***, should be fully furnished in a few weeks. Tabbed content is as follows: Explanation of "Certificates" (Sport – Multi Engine), "Our Aircraft", "Our Instructors", and "Our Maintenance Team". The future is here and it is exciting!

NEW BUSINESS

Air Race Classic - Although the press release has been out for a few weeks now, Mr. Collins noted he and Mrs. Jolly Scrivner will be talking about this event from now until it is over. This will be the biggest event the airport has ever hosted. Everyone affiliated with the airport and any volunteers that can be mustered will be needed to pull this off! Mr. Collins explained Mrs. Jolly-Scrivner has been putting in a large number of hours to

make the event successful. She meets with race administrators on a weekly basis. Information pertaining to the Air Race Classic was presented.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Collins recapped the January 23rd energy outage. Total out of pocket claims by the MVAA was \$5622. When the losses by Bonnie Café for Friday evening and Saturday's closures (no heat in the terminal), the impacted number will be much larger. Sunday's closure of the restaurant due to two feet of snow prevented this number from being much higher. Mr. Collins is not sure if Bonnie Café can recoup any funds, but he is going to press hard for the airport's \$5622.

Mr. Collins explained that he filed a Lien on an aircraft that rotated in and out of the maintenance shop in mid-2025. Just over \$10,000 is owed for work performed and the owner is reluctant to pay anything moving forward. In fact, he has relocated from the St. Louis area to Maryland. The aircraft is unairworthy at the moment due to a structural member being cracked. There were really only two choices. #1: Move the aircraft outside and tie it down forever (the aircraft will likely never fly again and the \$10,000 debt will have to be written off). Or, #2: Make the small investment to acquire the parts to make the plane airworthy again. With the owner unwilling to spend the \$4500 for the parts, Mr. Collins made the decision to purchase the parts. The deal was about to disappear and the parts were the only ones available across the country. This decision will lead to an airworthy asset that could be sold in the future. According to Mr. Collins It's just a matter of time. He further noted: Maintenance Director Shawn Sayle, the owner, and Mr. Collins had a deal worked out to sell the aircraft to a local flight student. A contract was even drawn and ready to sign. The owner was very happy. Unfortunately, the student got cold feet due to changing jobs. He is still interested but not at the moment.

Mr. Collins and Mrs. Jolly-Scrivner Sheila detailed fourteen months of running an aircraft maintenance operation via a summary profit and loss spreadsheet. A large bottom-line loss was recorded. The pair explained there are many factors contributing to this loss and the team has taken steps toward improvement: shop rates were increased after twelve months, staff meetings were held to emphasize efficiencies must improve, additional fees and cost cutting measures implemented, and policies to reduce distractions created. The loss would be a little less significant if the first two months (when SRT Aviation was completing existing projects) could be removed. And, technician time applied to the airport owned aircraft results in time away from paying projects. With three aircraft, this inefficiency shows as a positive on the aircraft income side of the Profit and Loss Report. Discussion ensued. Mr. Collins and Mrs. Jolly-Scrivner emphasized the situation will improve!

Mrs. Jolly-Scrivner presented reports for SRT Flightline. As for the aircraft, February flight hours are the following: N737CZ, 69.9 hours; N24153, 42.9 hours; N638HB, 11.8 hours; N675U, 3.1 hours; and N313U, 5.9 hours. This is 133.8 total flight hours for February.

Maintenance Superintendent Matt Colvin presented a proposal to purchase a GPS guided steering system for the airport's large mowing tractor. Current overlaps on long runs are 16" to 18". The guidance system could reduce the overlaps to 2" – 4". Positives such as more even rows, less operator discomfort, and the ability to better monitor air traffic. Sales literature claims annual fuel burns are reduced approximately 15%. In the airport's case, this could be \$1000 per year. Total cost is \$4900. Installation would be completed in house. Discussion ensued. Motion was made by Commissioner Martin and seconded by Commissioner Lipps to approve the \$4900 GPS Steer System. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor.

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.