

Mt. Vernon Airport Authority
Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Held May 12th, 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, Ruth Ann Strawn, Ron Brushwitz, & Rylan Crane

PUBLIC INPUT

Hearing none, Chairman Ancona moved forward with the agenda.

STATE OF THE AIRPORT

Chairman Ancona noted that since the May Meeting serves as the Annual Meeting, two special line items were added to the agenda. The first was the State of the Airport address. Chairman Ancona asked Mrs. Jolly-Scrivner to read from a prepared document of achievements that occurred over the previous twelve months. The prepared document is attached.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Chairman Ancona explained that the second special line item is an Election of Officers. Chairman Ancona opened the floor for nominations. Commissioner Martin nominated the following slate of officers: Chairman Gary Chesney, Vice Chairman Marty Cox, Secretary Carey Lipps, Treasurer Greg Martin, and Commissioner Mike Ancona. Hearing no additional nominations, the process was closed. Motion was made by Commissioner Cox and seconded by Commissioner Lipps to elect the slate of officers nominated by Commissioner Martin. After roll call vote, all were in favor. Therefore, the Board positions for FY2025/2026 are the following: Chairman Gary Chesney, Vice Chairman Marty Cox, Secretary Carey Lipps, Treasurer Greg Martin, and Commissioner Mike Ancona.

REPORTS

Minutes

Minutes were presented for the April 14th 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.

Mr. Collins mentioned 212,913 gallons of fuel were sold during FY2025/2026! This is a new record for the modern era (post 2000) – eclipsing the previous high of 168,00 gallons sold last year.

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

Mr. Collins presented a letter from Ameren’s third-party agent, Brentwood Services Administrators, denying the airport’s claim for damaged HVAC, computer, and other equipment. The outage occurred on Friday, January 23rd just ahead of Winter Storm Fern when one of the primary lines dropped a phase and the Koziara Terminal Junction Box exploded. Mr. Collins, feeling the letter was a “form letter” that lacked proper and due consideration, asked permission to engage Legal Counsel Doug Hoffman. A simple rebuttal letter, drafted by Legal Counsel, might emphasize the taxpayers cannot afford to keep funding repairs to costly equipment – especially since there have been multiple occurrences, the MVAA has asked Ameren to install preventive equipment, and no prior claims have been made. The Commissioners granted permission for Mr. Collins to engage Legal Counsel.

Mr. Collins invited the Commissioners to the Run for the Wall. This year’s ride stop is on Tuesday, May 19th.

OLD BUSINESS

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

Air Evac Joint Base Jefferson – On Monday, April 19th, the State Weights and Measures Inspector visited to “prove” our mobile fuelers and fuel farm cabinets. I asked the inspector to test the meter at AE JBJ. He took a quick look and stated that the meter was not something the State could certify. He told me I needed to contact Hinderliter (which we have been waiting for since January). Hinderliter visited on Friday, April 23rd and tested the meter. A slight discrepancy exists. We have two ways to correct things moving forward: 1. Try and see if a State certifiable meter can be purchased and installed. 2. Purchase a 5-gallon Seraphin Test Measure Prover, establish a testing program, and run the program on a mutually agreeable time frame (probably monthly). Overages and shortfalls could be addressed by both parties over the next 30 day cycle. As for Air Evac Joint Base Jefferson, there are two important occurrences planned for the next several weeks. On Wednesday, May 20th, their Annual 1st Responder Cookout/Open House is scheduled. Please drop by and say hello. On June 2nd, GMR Management will be holding various meetings in our Board Room. I am told this level of management simply does not visit base locations so I am honored to play host and show them around.

New SRE Building – We are still awaiting approval to move forward from the FAA. Barry Stolz has indicated there is more information to supply from his side.

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

New ARFF Truck - A pre-construction meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 28th. Some preliminary drawings appear in your booklet.

FBO Revitalization Project, Phase III - Things are starting to take shape. Master carpenter Ron Brushwitz has helped us surgically cut and construct the stairway opening. At the time this letter was drafted, he was working to install the trim boards that will span the 18” area between the suspended ceiling (ground floor) and the floor of the upper level. Matt has ordered the steel and when it is delivered will commence to fabricating the main support beam, stair platform, stringers, and tread supports. Included in your booklet is a photo page detailing the progress since the last meeting.

Solar Energy Projects – Again, what a mess! Phase I is still down. Sun Solar has paid some spotty visits over the last few weeks and is close to completing the work. Excuses for not finishing are mostly attributable to severe storm damage in southwest Missouri and extensive damage to our system wiring. I am told all wiring from the inverters to the transfer switch have to be replaced – the damage was that bad. Wire of that size costs thousands of dollars and no one knows who is to blame. The January 23rd transformer explosion is the most likely culprit but Sun Solar’s pulling that large wire through direct 90-degree elbows with a skid loader is also questionable. We are caught in the middle.

Flight Training - Mr. Collins stated the upgrades to the Flight Planning/Weather Briefing Room are almost finished. A photo page showing the results was referenced. Due to a low amount of usage on the newest Skyhawk over its first month or so, Mr. Collins reduced the price from \$188 to \$175 per hour. He noted the only flights at the old rate were instructor check outs and two one-way (both segments paid) trips to pick up or drop off other aircraft (no new students).

Air Race Classic: Mr. Collins praised Mrs. Jolly- Scrivner, ARC Terminus Host. She has sold all sponsorships! Everything is coming together nicely. There will be 46 teams participating.

NEW BUSINESS

Hearing none, Chairman Chesney moved forward with the agenda.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Collins recommended a \$3 per hour raise for Aircraft Powerplant Technician Josh Hackworth. Josh recently passed the Airframe Powerplant Inspection Authorization test with a score of 86%! This allows Josh the ability to sign off Annual Inspections and all

other work in the shop. Mr. Collins recommended a \$1 per hour raise for Maintenance Assistant Nick Watkins. Nick recently completed his initial 90-day period and has done a good job. Motion was made by Commissioner Ancona and seconded by Commissioner Martin to approve the raises as presented. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor. The “annual project bonus” to Maintenance Superintendent Matt Colvin was tabled.

Mrs. Jolly-Scrivner presented reports for SRT Flightline. As for the aircraft, April flight hours are the following: N737CZ, 82.8 hours; N24153, 64.7 hours; N872NC 18.5 hours; N638HB, 14.5 hours; N675U, 15.3 hours; and N313U, 6.6 hours. This is 202.4 total flight hours for April!

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.