

Mt. Vernon Airport Authority
Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Held November 11th, 2024 at 6:00 PM

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

Absent:	Gary Chesney	Vice Chairman
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Staff: Chris Collins
Sheila Jolly-Scrivner
Matt Colvin

Guests: Don Lewis, Rylan Crane, & Shawn Coumbe

PUBLIC INPUT

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

REPORTS

Minutes

Minutes were presented for the October 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.

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 reminded the Commissioners about the airport's Annual Transportation Improvement Program Meeting will be at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 12, 2025 at the IDOT Division #9 facility in Carbondale. IDOT, IDA's office complex in Springfield is being renovated so IDA staff are offering to meet airport sponsors in Chicago and Carbondale. Plan on leaving around 11:00 a.m. to eat lunch with Hanson's Barry Stolz prior to the meeting.

The All-Airport Christmas Party is scheduled for Monday, December 15th at 6:00 p.m. Mark your calendars as we celebrate another safe and successful year.

OLD BUSINESS

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

Air-Evac Lifeteam Joint Base Jefferson – Hinderliter Construction completed the installation of the fuel cabinet, underground product line, pump and process piping connected to our Jet A tank during the week of November 3rd. An expansion of the ramp and removal of the bollards was also completed. Check out the photo summary included in your booklet. Hinderliter's electricians are expected mid-week to finish the wiring followed by testing of the system.

New ARFF Truck – There probably won't be much news on this project until drawings are received in early 2026. The targeted completion date is October 26, 2026.

New SRE Building – The final installment of BIL was released early last week. It looks like we will receive \$285,000! A big portion of the TIP Meeting on Wednesday will be to convince IDA Programmers to allow the use of these funds on our SRE Building. Currently, these funds are programmed for a ramp project at Innovation Park Hangar #2 (which is currently not developing). Concrete 100% around the new SRE Building will cost nearly \$200,000 so we really need these funds.

Solar Energy Projects: SE Phase #1, SE Phase #2, SE Phase #3, and SE Phase #4.

SE Phases #1 (A-1100 and A-1200 Roofs) & #2 (T Hangar A-800 Roof) – The switch finally was placed in the “on” position on Thursday, October 20th for SE Phase #1. Included in your booklet are some prints of the Sunny Portal monitoring showing the systems in use. SE#1 contains two 62.5 kW systems. SE#2 contains two 32.3 kW systems. The opening page shows the meter “pegged” and possibly overproducing on a day of full sunshine. The additional pages were captured on a gloomy overcast Sunday morning 11/9/25. I have lots to learn about the systems and monitoring software so consider this a baseline report.

SE Phase #4 (39 Acre Field) – We should know if this project is possible soon

Flight Training. The 1976 C172N model located at Centralia Municipal Airport was not what we are looking for. The aircraft will need a complete paint job, avionics upgrade, and some interior work. We will keep shopping.

NEW BUSINESS

Hangar A-1100. Mr. Collins presented what he called a “legitimate offer” for the leasing of Hangar A-1100 (former Kash Helicopter Hangar)! Frisco Aviation, the owner of PA46T N22CX “Mt. Vernon Air”, has completed Appendix B of the MVAA Minimum Standards. Currently, Frisco manages the following based aircraft: PA46T

N22CX, PA46T N135FL, C414 N475JN, BE36 N2123L, and Cirrus SR20 N527GS. The company also leases one of the offices in A1100. Justin Burkholder is the manager. Rodney Mullinax flies daily for the company. Frisco manages several Cirrus Vision Jets, all of Black Diamond's aircraft at KMWA, and is poised to grow – including other jet aircraft. Growth for this operation could be a hangar in Innovation Park in five years. There are many reasons for me to make this recommendation based on the future of the airport but leasing the hangar now will relieve the airport of some costly utility bills and provide good rental income. Discussion ensued. Motion was made by Commissioner Martin and seconded by Commissioner Cox to draft a Lease Agreement between the MVAA and Frisco Aviation for Hangar A-1100. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor.

Snow Removal Equipment. Maintenance Superintendent Matt Colvin attended the Illinois Airport Maintenance Association conference in Rockford in late September and came home with a new way to reduce runway de-icing costs. Currently, the airport pays approximately \$8.50 per gallon for Cryotech E36 Runway De-Icer. The Rockford Airport Maintenance Department buys the product in concentrated solid form. Through a mixing/dilution process they refine their own product. To put it easier- the airport is currently paying \$7 per gallon to have the product produced into a usable liquid form. Copying Rockford's system will allow the airport to manage winter operations more safely. The airport will no longer have to seek a customer to pay for the application on the runway. Mr. Colvin and Mr. Collins presented a tentative budget for the capital outlay. The goal is to use the proceeds from the future sales of surplus equipment to pay for the tanks, pumps, and processing equipment needed. Mr. Collins recommend an expenditure of \$8500 for the equipment and to turn Matt loose on its construction as the system might be able to be constructed in time for this winter. Discussion ensued. Motion was made by Commissioner Cox and seconded by Commissioner Martin to approve the expenditure and plan presented by Mr. Collins. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Collins presented several pages from the FY2021 Audit. The Audit was received on Wednesday, November 5, 2025. He stated that he quickly uploaded the document to the airport's website. The General Operating Account recorded a surplus of \$73,257. A surplus of \$18,734 was recorded in the Flightline Aero Service Account. Auditor Dave Kieffer indicates he is hard at work on the FY2022 Audit.

Mr. Collins explained that an industrial jib crane was purchased from an individual familiar to Maintenance Superintendent Matt Colvin for \$1000. The crane was surplus from National Railway. Mr. Collins and Mr. Colvin believe the crane components would be in excess of \$10,000 if purchased new. A chain trolley will still need to be procured. The system will be installed in the new SRE Building and will be instrumental in the fabrication of many components as well as maintenance on snow plows and equipment.

Mrs. Jolly-Scrivner presented reports for SRT Flightline. As for the aircraft, November flight hours are the following: N737CZ, 61.6 hours; N24153, 51.4 hours; N638HB, 27.7 hours; N675U, 12.4 hours; and N313U, 19.1 hours. This is 172.2 total flight hours for October! SRT Flightline finished with a surplus of \$74,642.70 during the month of

October. The maintenance department itself had a surplus of \$23,556.65 YTD, the overall business (fuel sales, flight department, and maintenance combined) posted a surplus amount of \$193,904.23 (seven months into a new fiscal year).

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.