

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE EAST KERN AIRPORT DISTRICT
November 3, 2009**

The Board of Directors of the East Kern Airport District duly met for a Regular Meeting at the District Offices in the Administration Building at Mojave Airport, Mojave, California, at the hour of 2:00 o'clock p.m. on Tuesday, November 3, 2009.

President Balentine called the meeting to order and led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Clerk called the roll and the following Directors were present: Balentine, Hansen, Painter, Rutan and Walker. Also present were the District's General Manager, Stuart Witt, Director of Business Operations and Finance, Erika Westawski by telecom and Deputy Counsel, Scott Nave.

President Balentine presented the Agenda and requested to add under Closed Session item "9.2 Personnel" and requested that item 3C under Consent Calendar be stricken and that item 3B under Consent Calendar be removed and placed under General Manager's Report as item 4B. Upon motion by Director Painter, seconded by Director Hansen and unanimously carried, it was:

RESOLVED: That the Board find the need to take action with respect to "Personnel" has arisen subsequent to the posting of the agenda and that agenda be approved with the addition of "Personnel."

CONSENT CALENDAR

President Balentine presented the Consent Calendar. Upon motion by Director Painter, seconded by Director Rutan and unanimously carried, Consent Calendar was approved as amended.

3A) Minutes of October 20, 2009:

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 20, 2009 be approved as submitted and further reading thereof be waived.

NEW BUSINESS:

DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS OPERATIONS/FINANCE REPORT

4A) General fund Check Registers 10/16/09 – 10/23/09: Upon motion by Director Walker, seconded by Director Painter and unanimously carried, it was:

RESOLVED: That Board approve checks on register date October 16, 2009 in the amount of \$46,133.18 and checks on register date October 23, 2009 in the amount of \$105,598.77.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

4A) Ethics Training: General Manager informed Board that California Assembly Bill 1234 requires certain elected officials to receive ethics training every two years. District's Counsel will provide ethics training to Board members today prior to going into closed session which will satisfy the requirements of AB 1234.

4B) Shaw, Moses, Mendenhall & Associates Insurance Renewal: General Manager discussed with Board annual renewal premium for general liability insurance coverage with Shaw, Moses, Mendenhall & Associates. President Balentine stated that it is good business practice to obtain competitive bids every few years to compare similar coverage costs from different insurance brokers. General Manager stated that he has asked Director of Business Operations and Finance to research all District insurance policies and bring back options for Board to consider at a future date. Upon motion by Director Painter, seconded by Director Walker and unanimously carried, it was:

RESOLVED: That Board approve renewal of general liability policy for Railroad coverage in the amount of \$23,457.88 and that Board elect to decline purchase of coverage for certain certified acts of terrorism.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Director Balentine reported that the Insurance Review Committee will reconvene Monday, November 9th at 2:00 p.m. to discuss District's Dental plan and options. General Manager noted that he asked staff to develop an alternative in the event that a dental plan cannot be found at this time.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bill Deaver reported that on Saturday, November 7th from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. there will be a bulk and electronic waste collection at the airport at the corner of Sabovich and Roper Street and thanked Bob Rice, Director of Airfield Operations for his assistance in coordinating this effort with the Kern County Waste Management Department.

BOARD COMMENTS

Cathy Hansen reported that the Mojave Chamber of Commerce, Mojave Transportation Museum and the Mojave VFW, Post #7156 will be holding the annual Veteran's Day Ceremony on Wednesday, November 11, 2009 at Legacy Park. Static vintage aircraft displays will be available for viewing at 10:00 a.m. followed by a traditional Veterans Day Ceremony at 11:00 a.m. with Keynote Speaker Dave Barr, USMC Vietnam Veteran and Inspirational Speaker. In 1969, at age 17, Dave began his military career with the U.S. Marine Corps, receiving 57 air medals while serving on a helicopter gunship in Vietnam. He left the Marines in 1972, but felt the need to seek adventure and another cause. He chose to support peace and stability first in Israel, later in Zimbabwe/Rhodesia and finally in South Africa. Following a fateful landmine explosion in 1981, Dave sustained life threatening injuries that ultimately resulted in the amputation of both of his legs. Director Hansen also commented that they are seeking donations to help purchase fuel for the two AD-6 Skyraiders and also donations for Dave Barr, as book sales and speaking engagements are his only source of income. She also noted that they will have a sponsor board with all names listed at Legacy Park.

Director Hansen also announced that on Saturday, November 21st the Mojave Transportation Museum is sponsoring "Plane Crazy Saturday!" fly-in and static display with various eclectic aircraft between the hours of 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The featured aircraft for November will be Al Hansen's Canadair F-86E (Premier USAF jet fighter of Korean War).

GENERAL MANAGER COMMENTS

Masten Space Systems located at Mojave Air & Space Port flew their award winning flight on Friday, October 30th and he attended a debriefing with the crew today. General Manager will be traveling to Washington D.C. to attend the presentation of the NASA Lunar Lander Centennial Challenge Award ceremonies to be held on November 5th.

General Manager reported that he received a call from Caltrans this morning and they have completed the appraisal for the property northeast of the airport (referred to as parcels A1 & A2 associated with the Mojave Freeway Project which is to be deeded to the District in accordance with SB 649) and should have a final cost estimate very soon.

The SpaceShipOne enclosure is under construction and should be completed in early December. General Manager stated that even though funds were allocated to use outside contractors, it was more cost effective to utilize District maintenance crew to construct enclosure.

A delegation from Dutch Space including the Prince of the Netherlands will be visiting the Mojave Air & Space Port on Thursday. They are developing a Space Port in the Caribbean and will be meeting with space companies located here at the airport.

District received signed lease from DTE Energy for option on 200 acres of land on the airport to develop a photovoltaic energy site which will provide power to the north side of airport.

Union Pacific has asked for a lease option on 20 acres to increase the area they currently use for offloading wind energy components and stated that they intend to add a spur line one mile in length and parallel to their existing line on north side of airport.

“General Counsel presented ethics training to the Board.”

CLOSED SESSION

Board adjourned to Closed Session per Government Code Section 54957 to discuss Personnel:

RESOLVED: That the Board adjourn to Closed Session.

President Balentine reconvened the meeting to open session at 4:35 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

The Board did not consider in closed session the item added to the agenda at the beginning of the meeting. The Board conducted a personnel evaluation of the General

Manager. No other items were discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 4:36 p.m.

RESOLVED: That the regular meeting of November 3, 2009 be and the same is hereby adjourned.

President

ATTEST:

Secretary

(SEAL)