

**CITY OF MERCED
REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY MINUTES**

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MERCED CIVIC CENTER
678 WEST 18TH STREET
MERCED, CA**

**TUESDAY
JANUARY 19, 2010**

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Janet Young called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Janet Young, Rich Basart, Larry Morelock, Robert Avalor, Kraig Riggs and Jerry Crews.

Members Absent: Allen Rutledge

Staff Present: Ron Elliott and Jessica Cortright

C. WRITTEN PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATION

None.

D. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

E. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. AIRPORT AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 15, 2009.

M/S/C – Basart/Crews motioned to approve and file the minutes for December 15, 2009 as submitted.

F. REPORTS

1. TOM LOPES, PRESIDENT GATEWAY AIR CENTER, LLC.

Mr. Lopes reported on an opportunity to bring in Liberty Aerospace Aircraft, specifically the Liberty XL, to Gateway Air Center. Discussions with Liberty Aerospace include a service center, sales, and possibly a demo aircraft as a rental.

2. SCASDP GRANT UPDATE BY TJA ADVERTISING

Mr. Elliott reported that service to Las Vegas is in progress, counter space at McCarran Airport is ready, station manager has been hired, and Great Lakes has an unofficial start date as March 1, 2010. This is not an official announcement until the press release has been published by Great Lakes Airlines. Airport staff has been working closely with TJA Advertising to update the marketing plan once this service begins. TJA President, John Sorgenfrei, presented the updated marketing plan and explained the steps to promote the new service to Las Vegas.

3. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Elliott reviewed this month's superintendent report:

Airline Status: Great Lakes Airlines is flying their posted schedule as advertised. Fifteen departures were cancelled – three of the cancellations were due to weather/ATC. Enplanements were slightly down from last month, but up significantly from December 2008.

Small Community Air Service Development Grant: TJA and airport staff has updated the video shown on the new webpage. Final edits should be out in January and posted on the webpage.

Capital Project and Construction: Installation of the security cameras is winding down. Completion of the installation of the cameras and hookup to the fiber optics and associated software should be complete by the end of January.

The ACIP Grant application for 2011 has been sent to and received by the FAA. There is no further information to report until we hear back from the FAA.

Other: Legal is working with Gateway Air Center on consolidating numerous lease amendments into one lease with updated "due" dates for future growth and expansion.

G. AUTHORITY BUSINESS

1. POSSIBLE INCOMPATIBLE LAND USE ACTIVITY

None.

2. OTHER BUSINESS FROM AUTHORITY MEMBERS

None.

H. ADJOURNMENT

M/S/C – Crews/Basart motioned to adjourn the Airport Authority meeting at 7:50 pm and to meet again on Thursday, February 11, 2010 at 7:00 pm at the Civic Center, 678 W 18th Street, in the Council Chambers.

Janet Young, Chairperson
Merced Municipal Airport Authority