

**CITY OF MERCED  
REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY MINUTES**

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
MERCED CIVIC CENTER  
678 WEST 18<sup>TH</sup> STREET  
MERCED, CA**

**TUESDAY  
JUNE 17, 2014**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Larry Morelock called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

**B. ROLL CALL**

Members present: Larry Morelock, Alvin Osborn, John Sundgren, Michael Bodine, Russ Cowperthwaite and Ryan Smith.

Members absent: Rodrigo Flores – excused.

Staff Present: Ron Elliott and Jessica Cortright.

**C. WRITTEN PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATION**

None.

**D. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

**E. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**1. REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES FOR APRIL 16, 2014.**

M/S/C –Osborn/Bodine motioned to approve and file the minutes for April 16, 2014 as submitted.

**F. REPORTS**

**1. ANNUAL ATTENDANCE REPORT**

Ron Elliott shared the authority board’s annual attendance report for April 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014 as information only.

## **2. MARTIN MARCHELLO – PARACHUTE OPERATIONS REQUEST**

Ron Elliott shared that there is a pending proposal to have parachute operations at the Merced Regional Airport and that it will be brought to the board in the near future.

## **3. STEPHEN STUHMER CORPORATE HANGAR**

Ron Elliott shared the non-binding letter of intent with Mr. Stuhmer that was sent on June 2, 2014. This letter pertains to the lease of certain property for the purpose of building a personal use hangar at Merced Regional Airport.

## **4. VERIZON WIRELESS CELL TOWER PROPOSAL**

Ron Elliott briefly described the proposal for a cell tower at the Merced Regional Airport.

Mrs. Rebecca Anderson with Verizon shared that they would like to place a 100 ft. mono pole cell tower at Thornton and Hawk. This pole will be FAA Compliant and after some discussion, a standard obstruction steady burning light will be placed on the pole as well for safety concerns.

## **5. HANGAR BBQ LABOR DAY FLY-IN AUG 29 – SEPT 1**

Ron Elliott shared that Mr. Stuhmer owner of the Hangar BBQ is entertaining the idea of hosting a Fly In on the upcoming Labor Day weekend. There are several concerns about security and the public entering the airport. This request will need to go to City Council for approval with the proper permits and required insurance to be provided.

## **6. ESSENTIAL AIR SERVICE PROPOSALS**

Ron Elliott reviewed the Department of Transportation's order requesting proposals for Essential Air Service at Merced and/or Visalia, Ca, for a two year period with or without subsidy support. Proposals are due June 27, 2014. Mr. Elliott suggested a sub-committee be formed to review the proposals so that an informed recommendation can be given to city council. Mr. Smith and Mr. Bodine volunteered to serve on this sub-committee, one more citizen will be chosen.

## **7. AIRPORT MANAGER'S REPORT**

Ron Elliott reviewed the May 2014 monthly report.

## **G. AUTHORITY BUSINESS**

### **1. POSSIBLE INCOMPATIBLE LAND USE ACTIVITY**

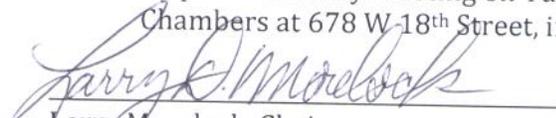
None.

## 2. OTHER BUSINESS FROM AUTHORITY MEMBERS

Ron Elliott shared that he accepted another position and his last official day with the City of Merced will be July 11, 2014. He expressed with the board that the Airport budget is at \$511,000 for the 2014-15 FY, and that the CIP budget should be an important item for the board to follow up on.

### H. ADJOURNMENT

Larry Morelock called the meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM until the next Regional Airport Authority meeting on Tuesday, July 15, 2014 at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers at 678 W-18<sup>th</sup> Street, in the Civic Center.

  
Larry Morelock, Chair  
Regional Airport Authority