

**CITY OF MERCED
REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY MINUTES**

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

**TUESDAY
AUGUST 13, 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, John Sundgren, Michael Bodine, Alvin Osborn, Ryan Smith and Russ Cowperthwaite.

Members absent: Rodrigo Flores, excused

Staff Present: Janet E. Young, Mike Wegley and Jessica Cortright

C. WRITTEN PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATION

None.

D. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Michael Wegley, Director of Water Resources, Reclamation and Airport introduced and welcomed Ms. Janet E. Young, a former Regional Airport Authority Member and Chair who was most recently at UC Merced. Ms. Young was recently appointed to serve as the Interim Airport Manager and we are grateful to have her on board.

E. CONSENT CALENDAR

M/S/C – Osborn/Cowperthwaite motioned to approve and file the minutes of June 17, 2014 as submitted.

F. REPORTS

1. ESSENTIAL AIR SERVICE (EAS) PROPOSAL RECOMMENDATION

Ms. Young reported that on August 7, 2014 a subcommittee interviewed representatives of the five airlines which submitted proposals to provide air service at Merced Regional Airport through the EAS program. Ms. Young provided a brief

summary of each interview and the proposed service. Each subcommittee member then shared their views regarding the interviews. Open discussion followed. The board also discussed postponing the recommendation until further information can be gathered.

M/S/C – Bodine/Osborn motioned to postpone a recommendation and to request Airport management to seek a 30-45 day extension of the comment period from the Department of Transportation (DOT), with preference expressed for the 45 day extension.

2. STATUS OF WAIVER REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EAS ELIGIBILITY

Ms. Young reviewed that the DOT issued a tentative decision on April 24, 2014, terminating eligibility for Essential Air Service for 13 communities. The list included the City of Merced. The final order terminating the EAS eligibility was issued on June 24, 2014, by the DOT. The final order also established procedures through which any city on the list could file a petition for a waiver, which, if granted, would enable a city to remain eligible to participate in the EAS program. The City of Merced has filed for a waiver. An update will be provided at the next meeting.

3. LEASE AGREEMENT FOR MAINTENANCE HANGAR #16

Ms. Janet Young explained that airport staff issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) to lease Hangar 16, known as the maintenance hangar, following the March 15, 2013, termination of the lease with Colimair Aviation. No responses were received by the May 31, 2013, RFP deadline.

Former Airport Manager, Ron Elliott, brought forward the attached lease proposal for use of the hangar for storage of personal aircraft by Mr. William Bulfer i.e., not for maintenance purposes. The monthly rent would be \$500.00, effective August 1, 2014. The lease would continue indefinitely on a month-to-month basis, subject to termination by either party upon 30-days written notice.

M/S/C – Sundgren/Smith motioned to approve the recommendation of Maintenance Hangar #16 as proposed to Mr. William Bulfer.

4. AIRPORT MANAGER'S REPORT

Ms. Young gave a verbal review of the June and July monthly manager's report. Authority members inquired about progress on the FBO lease consolidation and revision. Ms. Young explained that this item will be pursued.

G. AUTHORITY BUSINESS

1. POSSIBLE INCOMPATIBLE LAND USE ACTIVITY

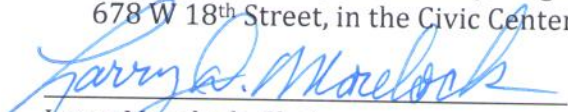
None.

2. OTHER BUSINESS FROM AUTHORITY MEMBERS

John Sundgren, as the Economic Development Advisory Committee representative for the Regional Airport Authority Board, invited Ms. Young and Chair Morelock to attend the next Economic Development Advisory Committee meeting in an attempt to increase community involvement and awareness of the Merced Regional Airport and to give an update of airport operations.

H. ADJOURNMENT

Larry Morelock called the meeting adjourned at 8:19 pm until the next Regional Airport Authority meeting on Tuesday, August 19, 2014 at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers at 678 W 18th Street, in the Civic Center.



Larry Morelock, Chair
Regional Airport Authority