

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
MOJAVE AIR AND SPACE PORT  
July 1, 2014**

The Board of Directors of the Mojave Air and Space Port 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, July 1, 2014.

The Clerk called the roll and the following Directors were present: Balentine, Deaver, Evans, Painter and Peterson. Also present were the District's Chief Executive Officer, Stuart Witt, Deputy General Manager Karina Drees and Deputy Counsel, Mike Silander.

President Painter presented the Agenda. Upon motion by Director Balentine, seconded by Director Deaver and unanimously carried, it was:

**RESOLVED:** That the agenda  
be approved as submitted.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Cathy Hansen reported that the Mojave Transportation Museum will present "Train Crazy Saturday" on July 19<sup>th</sup> which will coincide with the monthly "Plane Crazy" event. The focus theme for the day will highlight "trains" for this particular event. Mike Masee, digital media and imaging professional for XCOR will be the scheduled guest speaker and will give a unique slide presentation of photos of steam locomotives that he has taken during the winter season which provides a picturesque background for the trains. He will also present a selection of color and black and white heritage railway photographs showcasing steam railway preservation featuring the Nevada Northern Railway. Mike's passion is garden railroads and he will showcase his home-built railway engine at the event. Cathy also noted there will be 7.5 gauge live steam trains on display and the event will take place from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. She also reported on the last event of June 21<sup>st</sup> which highlighted Mike Melvill whose presentation was very well received by the audience in attendance and the commemoration of SpaceShipOne's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Mr. Dean Soest addressed the Board and brought up several items for the Board's consideration.

The first item was regarding his access to the storage area. Mr. Soest stated that he has a Saab Lansen aircraft in the storage area that he owns and has been denied access to his aircraft by District's management. Mr. Soest also stated that he has requested permission to pull the aircraft back up onto the ramp where it was originally before management placed it in the desert storage area. Mr. Soest stated that he needs to get the aircraft back into shape so it can be sold. The second item was pertaining to the F-100 aircraft. He has asked management to return the parts that he placed on the aircraft since nobody seems to want to pay for them. Mr. Soest stated in addition that he gave a list of the parts to management and he has not yet received a response. He suggested one option would be to have the Board approve payment for the parts or allow him to finish the project so the aircraft can be placed on display at the retirement home where it was supposed to be in the first place. Mr. Soest stated that this would be a win –win situation for the airport in the fact that it will give the airport recognition and the veteran's home will have the aircraft based at its site. He asked Board to finalize this and stop the bickering and to finish it once and for all. President Painter said she appreciated Mr. Soest for coming and talking with the Board and noted the item will be discussed further in Closed Session with the Chief Executive Officer.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

President Painter presented the Consent Agenda. Upon motion by Director Balentine, seconded by Director Peterson, Consent Agenda was approved as submitted.

### **3A) Minutes of June 17, 2014**

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 17, 2014 be approved as submitted and further reading thereof be waived.

### **BUSINESS ITEMS**

### **4A) Check Register 06/27/14**

President Painter presented the General Fund Check Register for June 27, 2014 with the schedule of electronic fund transfers delineated below. Director Balentine disqualified himself due to a potential conflict of interest as it pertains only to check number 052360 in the amount of \$10.74.

**SCHEDULED ELECTRONIC FUND TRANSFERS**

<b>AV Fuel</b>	<b>07/02/14</b>	<b>\$ 28,327.07</b>
<b>AV Fuel</b>	<b>07/05/14</b>	<b>\$ 37.63</b>
<b>AV Fuel</b>	<b>07/05/14</b>	<b>\$ 698.75</b>
<b>AV Fuel</b>	<b>07/08/14</b>	<b>\$ 27,738.28</b>
<b>Pers Retirement</b>	<b>07/15/14</b>	<b>\$ 4,462.19</b>
<b>Pers Retirement</b>	<b>07/15/14</b>	<b>\$ 1,218.64</b>
<b>Pers Retirement</b>	<b>07/15/14</b>	<b>\$ 33,613.58</b>
<b>BOE</b>	<b>07/03/14</b>	<b>\$ 3,072.00</b>
<b>BOE</b>	<b>07/03/14</b>	<b>\$ 785.00</b>
<b>BOE</b>	<b>07/03/14</b>	<b>\$ 441.00</b>
<b>CalPers Health</b>	<b>07/01/14</b>	<b>\$ 36,567.13</b>

Upon motion by Director Deaver, seconded by Director Evans and unanimously carried it was:

**RESOLVED:** That Board approve check numbers 052347 thru 052386 on register date June 27, 2014 in the amount of \$73,743.55 and Electronic Fund Transfer payments in the amount of \$136,961.27 for a total of \$210,704.82.

**4B) FAA/AIP Check Register 06/27/14**

President Painter presented the check register for the FAA/AIP Account for environmental and consulting services for AST Project. Upon motion by Director Deaver, seconded by Director Evans and unanimously carried, it was:

**RESOLVED:** That Board approve checks on register date June 27, 2014 in the amount of \$15,126.10 for FAA/AIP Account.

**4C) California Special Districts Association**

President Painter discussed California Special Districts Association ballot for election of Board of Directors for 2014. CSDA is an association that offers its members a wide array of education and training services as well as representation at the state level and provides current information that is crucial to special districts management and operational effectiveness. CSDA is an excellent resource for the District for assisting in resolution of employee issues at no cost. Mr. Steve Perez of Rosamond Community Services District was the only candidate who submitted a nomination for Region 4 with a term expiring in 2018. Mr. Perez is seeking re-election and has spent the past 20 years representing Local Government. Upon motion by Director Balentine, seconded by Director Deaver and unanimously carried, it was:

**RESOLVED:** That Board cast its vote for Steve Perez to represent the California Special Districts Association Board in Region 4, Seat C.

**Reports/Announcements**

**5C) Board of Directors**

Director Evans asked the Chair to appoint an Audit and Finance Committee at her discretion and proposed that the committee be comprised of the current Treasurer and hopefully himself. President Painter took Director Evan's proposal under advisement at

this time. Director Peterson voiced his support of the proposal and commented that we are probably long overdue to have an Audit and Finance Committee and Director Deaver concurred. President Painter commented that this has been discussed in the past. Director Peterson reported that the 2014 Flight Test Camp was held over the past weekend at the National Test Pilot School. Eleven students from the local area plus six teachers from the various local schools attended the camp during the five and a half day period. He reported that the camp was very successful due in part from the camp sponsors, Union Bank and The Society for Experimental Test Pilots and noted the excellent support from the Mojave Air and Space Port staff that assisted in the coordination of the camp. He reported that tours were provided by Scaled Composites, Virgin Galactic, Stratolaunch, Masten Space Systems and Commercial Aircraft Services. President painter commended the National Test Pilot School for providing the camp and commented that it has great value. Director Deaver commented that he is Chairman of the Edwards AFB Community Alliance and the East Kern Educational Resource Network which works to improve educational opportunities and is working to bring a university into the area and trying to protect Edwards AFB from BRAC (Base Realignment and Closure). He commended the National Test Pilot School for providing the camp and has invited them to make a presentation at their next meeting. He also commented that the effort of the NTPS in providing this camp helps to maintain a trained workforce.

**5D) CEO (Approved Expenditures)**

- 1. SETP Video Advertisement:** CEO Witt approved expenditure for a video advertisement in the amount of \$500.00 for the Society of Experimental Test Pilots 58<sup>th</sup> Annual Symposium to be held on 24-27 September 2014 at the Grand Californian Hotel in Anaheim, CA. The video will be shown during the symposium activities at least 1-3 times during each session break.
- 2. Ruiz Landscaping Proposal:** CEO Witt approved expenditure of \$5,100.00 for weed abatement during the period of June 13<sup>th</sup> thru June 16<sup>th</sup>.
- 3. Ruiz Landscaping Proposal:** CEO Witt approved expenditure of \$2,640.00 for weed abatement during the period of June 20<sup>th</sup> thru June 21<sup>st</sup>.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Board adjourned to Closed Session per Government Code Section 54956.8 to discuss Potential Litigation (Dean Soest) and Government Code Section 54957 to discuss Personnel and Testing Criteria: CEO Selection Process.

**CLOSED SESSION REPORT**

The Board discussed one case of Potential Litigation and Personnel. The Board gave direction to District's Counsel. There were no reportable actions and no other items were discussed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 4:15 p.m.

**RESOLVED:** That the regular meeting of July 1, 2014 be and the same is hereby adjourned.

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President

**ATTEST:**

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Secretary

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