

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE INDIAN WELLS VALLEY AIRPORT DISTRICT  
MARCH 19th, 2021 @ 9:00 AM (Held via Teleconference)**

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Paul Valovich called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. Present were: Directors Paul Valovich, Russ Bates, Jim Paris, Richard Bruce, Airport Operations Manager Joe Foster, Office Manager Demi Mace, Airport General Manager Scott Seymour, Airport Engineer John Smith, District Counsel Scott Nave, all via teleconference

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG WAS LED BY Jim Paris**

**3. CONSENT CALENDAR:**

- A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING 1-22-21 AND WAIVE FURTHER READING OF MINUTES**
- B. APPROVAL/RATIFICATION OF PAYMENT REGISTER FOR JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2021**
- C. FINANCIAL REPORTS: JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2021**
- D. APPROVAL/RATIFICATION: UNION CREDIT CARD STATEMENTS JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2021**

Motion was made by Director Bates, Seconded by Bruce  
**TO APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS**

Motion was passed by roll call vote: 4 ayes

**4. BUSINESS ITEMS:**

**5. COMMITTEE REPORT:**

**6. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- **7. MANAGERS REPORT:** Scott asks John Smith of Tartaglia Engineering to speak on the progression of the runway project. John explains that Granite Construction, the general contractor, mobilized on Monday, February 22. RBD, the electrical subcontractor, had been on site for a few weeks before, performing electrical systems investigations, ordering and receiving electrical materials, and pre-casting some of the edge light and guidance sign foundations. Runway 2-20 was closed on Day 1. Early activities included pot-holing to locate underground facilities and removal of hard improvements in advance of production asphalt grinding and pulverizing. Runway 15-33 was closed Wednesday, February 24 for one day. at the end of the shift the runway was re-opened with a temporarily relocated Runway 33. The majority of asphalt surfacing of Runway 2-20 is gone, having been ground or pulverized. A portion of this material is stockpiled on-site for placement back in the section. The balance has been relocated to the material stockpile area north of Taxiway D.

The over-excavation and subgrade preparation is underway with the contractor working the west side of the runway, from south to north. 100% compaction can always be a challenge. Success takes a combination of the right number of passes with the right equipment consist with the soil at the correct moisture content. What worked on the last job does not always work on the next job. It is common to experience a few days of finding the right groove. The general contractor achieved significant, repeatable success early this week. They now have the rhythm and are off and running. Today is working day 19 of a 260 working-day contract. There have been a few instances where transient pilots have identified intent to land Runway 2-20. These usually occur when the pilot is still too far off to actually see the airport. Either Joe, Scott, or myself have informed and re-directed pilots without issue. A common, usually unspoken but evident theme is not checking for NOTAM's. Overall working conditions have been favorable. It can certainly get windy in Inyokern. In addition, the Tehachapi pass can sometimes be a challenge for men and equipment passing through from Bakersfield to the project. We will process a contractor Pay Request No. 1 next week. At \$9,300,000, and an overall 11-month contract, each pay request, on average, will be about \$850,000.00.

**8. BOARD COMMENT:**

**9. CLOSED SESSION:**

**10. DISTRICT COUNSEL:**

**11. ADJOURNMENT: TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:44 AM**

Approved at the  
Airport District

Regular meeting of the board of directors of the Indian Wells Valley

Board Clerk: \_\_\_\_\_