

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE INDIAN WELLS VALLEY AIRPORT DISTRICT  
MAY 14th, 2020 @ 6:00 PM (Held via Teleconference)**

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

Paul Valovich called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Present were: Directors Paul Valovich, Russ Bates, Steve Morgan, Jim Paris, Axel Alvarez, General Manager Scott Seymour, Office Administrator Demi Mace, and District Counsel Scott Nave, and Airport Engineer John Smith, all via teleconference

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG WAS LED BY PAUL VALOVICH**

**3. CONSENT CALENDAR:**

A: APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING APRIL 14TH, 2020 AND WAIVE FURTHER READING OF THE MINUTES

B: APPROVAL/RATIFICATION OF PAYMENT REGISTER FOR MARCH/APRIL 2020

C: FINANCIAL REPORTS: APRIL 2020

D: APPROVAL/RATIFICATION: FEBRUARY UNION CREDIT CARD STATEMENTS APRIL

Motion was made by Director Bates, seconded by Director Alvarez

**TO APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS AS PRESENTED**

Motion was passed by roll call vote: 5 ayes

**4. BUSINESS ITEMS: None**

**5. COMMITTEE REPORT**

**6. MANAGERS REPORT:** Scott Seymour asks John Smith to report on runway project AIP 34. He tells the board it is a very large project, the airport tried to execute this project 10 years ago and was unsuccessful. He tells the board that we submitted all documentation for this project over the past year and we have had successful meetings with the grant manager, Manson Wong, about this project. The 11 million dollars that the airport will be receiving is going to be match free funding. The project includes all of runway 20 and will be removal and reconstruction, including new lighting and signage to bring things current and fix damages. Taxiway B3 will be removed, as it is an unsafe taxiway. We may end up with an asphalt runway or a concrete runway depending on FAA funding. The goal is to have two runways open concurrently at all times. Director Alvarez asks why B3 taxiway needs to be removed, John Smith explains that FAA standards changed and all taxiways should connect to runways at 90 degree angle. Alvarez asks why we are not going to remove the other taxiways that do not meet requirements. Scott Seymour explains that it will cost us more in the future and we want to do it while the reconstruction is happening. Director Valovich asks what happens if we do not eliminate it? Scott Seymour says it will cost us more in the future and we would be throwing money away in

the design, and that if it is not in the specs it doesn't make sense to keep it and he implores the board to comply with this plan. Director Morgan tells us that he would have liked to have the documents sent to him before this meeting, and asks is there an alternative plan with the intersections made of concrete and other portions be asphalt. John Smith says no. Scott Seymour says was not designed that way. Seymour says its best to do either all asphalt or all concrete because it can cause issues where the two meet. Director Valovich asks if the airport's planning is thorough enough to go to bid in June/July and what is driving timeline? John Smith says it is driven by the FAA grant cycle, and Seymour says this project has been in the works since 2011 and has been pushed by himself and John Smith since the earthquake in July because of the damage and that he has total confidence in the airports engineer and his planning. He also says that it's a once in a lifetime opportunity for the airport. Smith says the fact we have designed this before gave us a step up on timeline and we are very confident in meeting deadlines. Seymour says the current low price of oil is also a factor in the project. Seymour goes on to say that the district staff has stayed busy, and that we have purchased two loads of jet fuel, about 16,000 gallons, at the cheapest price Scott Seymour has ever seen, and one load of AV gas at a low price as well. Av gas will sell at the airport \$1.20 cheaper than its previous price. The prospective tenant for our GTMR building has been in contact and they are seriously considering moving in after the pandemic, but do not want to make a commitment yet. He also mentions that we are still planning to have a military event in July, including MQI's.

**7. PUBLIC COMMENT:** Demi Mace, Office Manager, Tells the board she has been working with a tax company who is employed by the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) to fix an issue that occurred in 2015 to 2017 where the airports fuel sales system charged the US Government sales tax on fuel when it should not have. The sales tax was then collected by the airport and either kept in our bank account or turned over to CDTFA as a part of a regular sales and use tax refund. The portion that was kept by the airport will need to be paid back to the Government in the form of a check in the amount of \$35,006.22.

**8. BOARD COMMENT:** Director Bates mentions that Tom Szarkowski wants to put up an antenna for flight aware info on a building at the airport and he will be in touch with Scott Seymour. Director Alvarez mentions that there is a drag racing group who want to talk to the board about drag racing at airport, Scott says he has spoken with them and the insurance is high for such activities and that could be an issue for them. Director Alvarez also says the airport looks great and the recent fuel sale had a lot of positive reviews.

**9. CLOSED SESSION:** None

**10. DISTRICT COUNSEL:** Scott Nave says that there is a bill, pertaining to COVID-19 funds, coming to government tomorrow and if the house passes this bill it will be important as there will be a lot of money available for local governments.

**11. ADJOURNMENT:**

**TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 6:46 PM**

Motion was passed by voice vote: 5 ayes

Approved at the Regular meeting of the board of directors of the Indian Wells Valley Airport District

Board Clerk: Danielle