

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE INDIAN WELLS VALLEY AIRPORT DISTRICT  
February 14, 2013**

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

Vice President Jim Paris called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm. Present were: Directors Jim Paris, Axel Alvarez, Paul Valovich, Steve Morgan, Assistant General Manager Nicole Hale and District Counsel Scott Nave. President Bates was absent.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG WAS LED BY DIRECTOR MORGAN**

**3. CONSENT CALENDAR:**

- A. **Approval of minutes of regular meeting of January 10, 2013 and waive further reading of the minutes.**
- B. **Approval/Ratification of Payment Register for January 2013**
- C. **Approval/Ratification of Financial Reports: December 2012 & January 2013**

Motion was made by Director Morgan, seconded by Director Valovich

**TO APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS AS PRESENTED**

Motion was passed by voice vote: 4 ayes, 1 absent

**4. BUSINESS ITEMS:**

**A. DISCUSSION/APPROVAL: MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
BEWTWEEN NAVAL AIR WARFARE CENTER WEAPONS DIVISION AND  
INDIAN WELLS VALLEY AIRPORT DISTRICT**

Motion was made by Director Alvarez, seconded by Director Valovich

**TO APPROVE MEMORANDUM WITH REVISIONS PROPOSED BY  
DISTRICT'S COUNSEL**

Motion was passed by voice vote: 4 ayes, 1 absent

**B. DISCUSSION: PROPOSED PISTACHIO FARM**

Item was opened for Public Comment: Several members of the community including: Steve Pennix, Casey Wilson, Mike Wright, and Brian Cepaitis expressed their objection to the pistachio farm going in approximately 1.5 miles south of the airport. It was pointed out that the trees could be a potential bird attraction and there is concern with a potential bird aircraft strike hazard (BASH) which could put the airport and surrounding community's safety at risk. The Districts Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan was brought into question regarding agricultural allowance requiring a permit.

Staff reported that they have been in contact with the owner as well as the County and FAA and are looking into what if anything can be done. The Directors expressed their appreciation for the

communities concern and that the matter is not being taken lightly. They also gave their input on the research they had been doing on the airports behalf.

**5. MANAGERS REPORT:**

Nicole Hale reported that SkyWest had 411 enplanements in January. She reported filming: Caspar Davies did a still shoot for Volvo for four days and there is a potential Mt. Dew commercial in the works. The Army will arrive Monday February 18, 2013 with nine helicopters and will be basing operations out of IYK for 2 weeks. The Admiral from China Lake was briefed on our UAS efforts and was pleased. The tenant contact list has had great response with 25 + requesting to be added.

**6. COMMITTEE REPORT:** The Lease Committee reported they are still working on setting up a meeting with SkyWest to review their contract. The Hangar Waiting List Policy is still being detailed and should be ready to present to the public and Board for review shortly and on the next agenda for approval.

For the UAS committee, Eileen Shibley reported the FAA had released the SIR document that afternoon and they were all busy beginning to comb through the paperwork and excited to get started.

**7. PUBLIC COMMENT:** See Business Item B

**8. BOARD COMMENT:** Director Valovich inquired if anyone had information regarding a travel change proposal, there is none. Director Alvarez added that as for now it is out of their hands. Director Morgan requested frequent UAS updates, the Safety and Security Committee will arrange a time to meet regarding the pistachio farm issue, the Lease Committee will also set up a time to finalize the Hangar Policy and update SkyWest contract, he also informed the group that Seymour is currently out on medical leave and will be back in a week. Director Paris thanked the public for their attendance and input and encouraged them to continue to do so.

**9. CLOSED SESSION:** None

**10. DISTRICT COUNSEL:** None

**11. ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion was made by Director Morgan, seconded by Director Valovich  
**TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 5:30 PM**

Motion was passed by voice vote: 4 ayes, 1 absent