

AIRPORT LAND USE COMMISSION
MINUTES FOR MEETING OF DECEMBER 15, 2005

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman Whitehurst called the meeting to order at 2:07 p.m. in Conference Room 301 on the third floor of the Merced County Administration Building, located at 2222 'M' Street, Merced, California.

II. ROLL CALL OF COMMISSIONERS

Commissioners Present: Tony Whitehurst, Chairman
Al Romero, Vice Chairman
Frederick Honore
Gail McCullough
Scott Malta
Lloyd Partin

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: William Nicholson, ALUC Secretary
John LeVan, ALUC Staff
Celeste Aguirre, Recording Secretary

Legal Staff: None

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: M/S MALTA - MCCULLOUGH, AND CARRIED BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE, THE COMMISSION APPROVES THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 7, 2004.

IV. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

None.

V. NON-HEARING ITEMS

A. Consideration of support for a grant application by Merced County to the Federal Aviation Administration under the Airport Capitol Improvement Plan to update the County Airports Land Use Compatibility Plan for Castle Airport.

John Fowler stated that if the airport is going to be fixed a Master Plan update needs to be done. A grant application has been prepared for the Board of Supervisors. A discussion was held with the FAA to discuss the criteria to be used. The discussion of those policy items has to do with the California Guidance handbook and we need to make sure they are in compliance with the direction by the Board. The money is available now for the Master Plan and the documents should be turned in on January 13, 2006.

Gail McCullough asked how much the Master Plan update will cost. Mr. Fowler answered that the Master Plan and environmental review will cost around \$400,000. Ms. McCullough asked when Mr. Fowler will be assured he will get this money. Mr. Fowler replied approximately January 13, 2006.

Tony Whitehurst asked how the cost relates to the ALUC Master Comprehensive Land Use plan. Mr. Fowler answered that the cost should take care of the Master Chapter for Castle. Mr. Fowler stated that funds will be used specifically for the Master Plan and environmental survey.

There was more discussion on the cost and the time frame for updating the Master Plan between the Commissioners and John Fowler.

MOTION: MCCULLOUGH – PARTIN, UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THE COMMISSION ASKS THAT BILL NICHOLSON SUBMIT A LETTER OF SUPPORT TO THE COUNTY FOR THE GRANT APPLICATION TO FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE AIRPORT CAPITOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN TO UPDATE THE COUNTY AIRPORT LAND USE COMPATIBILITY PLAN FOR CASTLE AIRPORT.

VI. GENERAL BUSINESS

None

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:07 p.m.