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Gaines' contract renewed for three years

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BULLHEAD CITY — The Mohave County Airport Authority voted to approve a three-year employment contract extension for Laughlin/Bullhead International Airport Director David Gaines at a special meeting Friday morning.

"It turned out the way I wanted," Gaines said.

Gaines said he believes the vote of confidence the board showed will go a long way toward adding stability to the planning of the airport.

Board Member Jim Zaborsky said the board is "very happy" with Gaines' performance.

"We expect the same type of performance for the next three years," Zaborsky said.

Gaines said the job as airport director has been "a pleasure for me."

"I think that morale from the staff is at an all time high," Gaines said.

Gaines said the support of the board and the community at large have made his job easier, and said he hopes that the community continues to support his efforts to get regularly scheduled air service in and out of the local airport.

Gaines manages a staff of 15 at the airport, including administrative staff and a fire service. Gaines has been the airport director for four years.