

MINUTES OF THE QUARTERLY MEETING
of
WALKER FIELD AIRPORT BOARD
Held April 7, 1958 at Grand Junction, Colorado

The meeting of the Walker Field Airport Board was called to order by Chairman, Henry J. Tupper, at 10:30 A.M., in the Council Chambers of the City Hall, Grand Junction, Colorado. The following members were present:

County Commissioners: Henry J. Tupper, Charles L. Walker and
Roe F. Saunders

City Councilmen: Harold Shults, Herbert Wright and William
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Also present were:

L. M. Finnessey, Secretary
Robert Cheever, Airport Manager
Thomas K. Younge, County Attorney

A motion was made by C. L. Walker that this meeting be considered the regular quarterly meeting which would normally be called for the 4th Monday in April. Motion seconded by Bill Orr and carried.

The minutes of the last meeting were read, and a motion was made by Harold Shults that the minutes be approved as read. Motion seconded by C. L. Walker and carried.

A brief progress report was given by Airport Manager, Robert Cheever explaining that additional gravel had been placed on the taxi ways, and that construction was proceeding on the runway project, and that the parking lot had been graded and graveled. He stated that United Airlines had informed him of their intent to renew service by July 1st. Mr. Cheever also stated that Frontier Airlines is interested in placing an 18,000 gallon bulk storage plant on Airport property and asked that the attorneys check on an agreement to be made with Frontier. He also stated that Frontier would be willing to pay for the use of the land, possibly at a rate of one cent per square foot per year.

Motion was made by Herb Wright that the Board authorize the Airport Manager to work out the necessary agreements with the attorneys and Frontier Airlines, so that the bulk storage plant could be placed at the Airport. Motion was seconded by Bill Orr and carried.

Mr. C. L. Walker asked what progress had been made in regard to placing the Crash Truck in operation at the Airport. Mr. Chewver explained that he was waiting for a report from Fire Chief Kreps to determine if chemicals could be obtained from Civil Defense, and also to determine what staff the Fire Chief recommends for the operation of the Crash Truck. Another problem brought out was the fact that this truck should be stored in a heated garage during the winter months, and no solution was given to this particular problem.

The question of liability insurance was brought up, however, no action was taken. It was determined that both the City Council and the County Commissioners should determine if they could pay for half of the premium costs for insurance. As this item was not in the Airport budget, special action might be needed by both the City Council and the County Commissioners for obtaining insurance at this time.

Chairman Tupper asked that Mr. Mark Shipman, Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce Aviation Committee, give his report. Present from the Aviation Committee were:

Claude Smith, A. A. Bolotin, Vern Carlson, Bob Burns,
Don Severson, Boots Kellogg, Tom Clark, Dale Hollingsworth and Ruben Shults

Mr. Shipman explained that the Aviation Committee had been quite active in the Kanab-Page and Glen Canyon case, and that they had made a tour to stimulate public relations in some of the communities involved. He also explained that a hearing would be held on April 28th in Grand Junction at which time the Kanab-Page Glen Canyon case would be considered, and also the non-stop flight for the Frontier Airlines. He called on Ruben Shults to explain the schedules proposed by United Airlines. On their return to the Grand Junction

schedule. Mr. Shultz stated that the proposed flight at this time was:

Westbound flight would leave Denver at 7:25 A.M.,
and arrive in Grand Junction at 8:40 A.M.

Eastbound flight would leave Grand Junction at 10:45 P.M.,
and arrive in Denver at 12:00 Midnight.

Mr. Shultz explained these flights will make good connections with trans-continental service both to the East and West.


Mr. Don Severson reported that the Aviation Committee had given some assistance and moral support to the County Clerk in her effort to collect aircraft taxes, and that all members of the Committee had paid their taxes. He stated this Committee had no authority to collect taxes and this would have to be done by the County Clerk, however, they would continue to assist her in every way possible.


Claude Smith presented a detailed report which the Aviation Committee had prepared in regard to proposed future improvements for the Airport. Mr. Smith was complimented on the report and none of the Airport Board took exception to any of the proposals, however, it was mentioned by C. L. Walker that the improvements mentioned in the report would require a considerable expenditure and there is also a Chamber of Commerce Committee that each year urges the City and County to cut the Mill Levy.

A motion was made by Harold Shults that the report of the Aviation Committee of the Chamber of Commerce proposing plans for future developments of Walker Field be made a part of the minutes of the Airport Board and that the Aviation Committee be complimented for the time and thought given to this report. Motion seconded by Herb Wright and carried.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 12 Noon.

APPROVED:


Chairman


Secretary