

MINUTES OF THE QUARTERLY MEETING
of
WALKER FIELD AIRPORT BOARD
Held April 20, 1959 at Grand Junction, Colorado

The meeting of the Board was called to order by Chairman, Roe Saunders at 4:00 P. M. in the County Commissioners Office in the Court House annex, Grand Junction, Colorado. The following Board members were present:

County Commissioners: Roe Saunders, Arthur Jens and
Henry J. Tupper

City Councilmen: Herbert Wright

Alders present were:

Tom Younge, County Attorney, Ed Strnad, City Councilman, Carl Alstatt, City Engineer, Carl Johnson, Chief of Police, J. F. Campbell of the local F. A. A. Office, Tom Copeland, County Road Supervisor and Larry Finnessey, Secretary to the Airport Board.

The first item for consideration was a discussion of the drag strip activity. Mr. Cheever explained that Tom Copeland had done a very good job in the drag strip construction, and had been responsible for all the work done on the drag strip to date.

It was brought out that at a previous meeting of the Airport Board it was requested that a responsible organization be designated to supervise all activities on the drag strip. Carl Johnson reported that at a recent meeting Mr. Bruce Tawson of the National Hot Rod Association was present, and explained how drag strip activities were conducted in other places. He recommended that a committee be appointed composed of representatives from the City, the County, the Hot Rod Clubs, the sponsoring group, and possibly other citizens who had contributed to the development of the drag strip. This committee to be responsible to the Airport Board for all activities conducted on the strip.

After some discussion a motion was made by Arthur Jens that the Chairman of the Airport Board appoint a drag strip committee as suggested by Mr. Tawson, and that Carl Johnson be appointed to represent the City, and that Tom Cepeland be appointed to represent the County. This motion was seconded by Herb Wright and carried.

The matter of insurance was discussed and a motion was made by Herb Wright that the Airport Board require the Festival Company to insure all activities held in conjunction with the Festival operation and that for the Air Races and Air Circus, a minimum requirement of \$100,000.00 per person, and \$2,000,000.00 per accident. This motion was seconded by Henry J. Tapper and carried.

Second motion was made by Herb Wright to the effect that the Airport Committee require insurance coverage from the Festival Company for \$500.00 property damage, and bodily injury limits of \$50,000.00 per person and \$100,000.00 per accident for all activities concerning the drag strip during the Festival celebration. This motion was seconded by Art Jens and carried.

A letter from Mr. Amos Crosby, owner of the Hertz-Rent-a-Car Service was read and Mr. Crosby stated that he was not satisfied with the accommodations provided for his operation at the Airport Terminal. He stated that he felt he was entitled to facilities equal to those of his competitor. After some discussion Herb Wright moved that Mr. Cheever bring the plan as submitted by Mr. Crosby to the next meeting of the Airport Board so that consideration can be given to his request. This motion was seconded by Art Jens and carried.

The next item for discussion was the Control Tower. Mr. Cheever explained that no application had been made to the Federal Government for matching funds for construction of a Control Tower, because it would be required to state in the application when the City and County funds would be available.

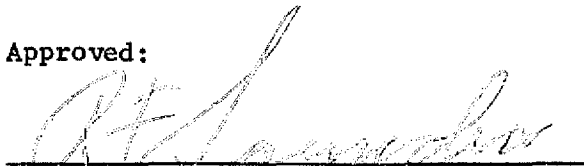
Mr. Jim Campbell of the F. A. A. Office at the airport gave a brief summary of conditions, which in his opinion, pointed out the necessity for a

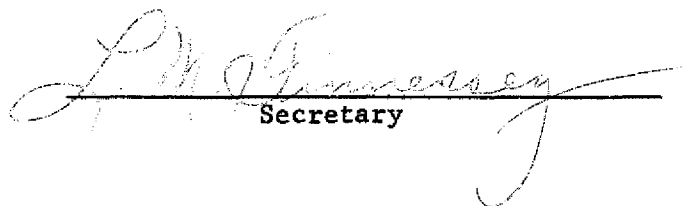
Control Tower. He stated that there was nine thousand operations per year by Airlines, that there was possibly an additional twenty to twenty-five thousand operations of local planes. The F. A. A. studies reveal that after there is twenty thousand operations per year, an Airport Control Tower is necessary. Mr. Art Jens asked if a five story tower was absolutely necessary, and Mr. Campbell said that he did not know. Mr. Cheever stated that the F. A. A. letter which he had received, indicated that the tower should be at least 50 feet above the Airport Landing Strip, and that the cost of the Control Tower was based on a survey made by Mr. Turney. A motion was made by Herb Wright that the Airport Board recommend to the County Commissioners and the City Council that both agencies include \$40,000.00 in their 1960 Budget so that an application could be made to the Federal Government for construction of a Control Tower. This motion was seconded by Henry J. Tupper and carried.

Mr. Cheever also explained that it might not be necessary to expend this money as a bill was being considered by Congress, which would make it possible for the Federal Government to pay the entire costs of construction of Control Towers for Airfields where these structures are necessary. Mr. Cheever also reported that City water is needed at the Airport Terminal, and that the cost of putting city water into the Terminal would be \$92,402.00. He also mentioned that if this was brought in under a Federal participating project that the government would pay some \$41,000.00 and the City and County would have to pay an additional \$51,000.00.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 P.M.

Approved:


Chairman


Secretary