

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING

of

WALKER FIELD AIRPORT BOARD

Held Thursday, February 4, 1960 at Grand Junction, Colorado

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Henry J. Tupper at 11:00 A.M.

in the County Commissioners' Office in the Court House Annex, Grand Junction, Colorado.

The following members were present:

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

City Councilmen: Ed Strnad, Bill Orr, Ray Meechum and Harry Colescott.

Also present were: Acting Airport Manager, Carl Alstatt, Acting City Manager, John Burton, Secretary, Larry Finnessey and County Attorney, Tom Younge.

Government Officials

were:

Tom Hall, Airways Engineer of the F. A. A.,  
Los Angeles Office

Don Himes, Air Traffic Control of the F. A. A.,  
Los Angeles Office

A. W. Walstrom, U. S. Weather Bureau, Regional Office,  
Kansas City, Missouri

J. N. McClelland, Assistant District Airport Engineer,  
Denver, Colorado

W. J. Ziegler, U. S. Weather Bureau, Regional Office,  
Kansas City, Missouri

Ted Mundhenk, F. A. A. Technician, District Supervisor,  
Grand Junction, Colorado

S. K. Kerr, U. S. Weather Bureau,  
Grand Junction, Colorado

J. F. Campbell, Chief of Air Traffic Control,  
Grand Junction, Colorado

Carl Alstatt reported to the Board that he had made a survey of the Airport area, together with Governmental Officials, to determine the best location for the Airport Control Tower. It was agreed by the survey team that the best possible location would be West of the existing Terminal Building and that the Tower should be as close to the existing building as possible, so that the Weather Bureau could use part of the existing space in the Terminal Building and have additional space on the ground floor of the Airport Tower building. If this area did not prove feasible because of soil conditions, an alternate location East of the existing Terminal Building in the vicinity of the McNarch Aviation structure would be second choice. It was generally agreed by the Airport Board and all present, that certainly, the soil conditions should be adequate to permit the construction of the Airport Tower West of the existing Terminal Building.

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Mr. Jim McClelland, District Airport Engineer from the F.A.A. Office in Denver, gave the Board a review of the status of the application at the present time and a number of questions were asked. Mr. McClelland stated that the height of the Tower would be approximately 60 feet and that the space requirements should be approximately the same as those figured on the original application, providing proposed and present Weather Bureau facilities could be combined. Mr. McClelland also gave assurance that the April 1st deadline for submitting preliminary plans and other information would be extended because of the recent F.A.A. directive indicating that separate communication and control facilities might be used.

Mr. McClelland further reported that it would probably be six months before bids could be let, as the preliminary plans and the final plans must be processed through his office and go through channels before receiving approval from the other governmental agencies involved.

A clarification of the possibility of radar installation in this area was requested and Mr. Hall of the Los Angeles F.A.A. Office stated that the only plan that they have is for a radar scope installation, possibly located on the Grand Mesa or in the Douglas Pass area, and that there would be no installations necessary on the City-County Airport property. It was also mentioned that \$100,000.00 had been allocated for equipment for the Control Tower and that money was available for operational personnel.


Ed Strnad made a motion that the Acting Airport Manager be instructed to make the necessary arrangements for an immediate soil test of the proposed site, so that all the information possible could be obtained before the Airport Manager met with Mr. McClelland at his office in Denver to discuss preliminary plans for construction program. Also that local Architect, Robert Hightower, accompany Carl Alstatt to Denver to further coordinate architectural plans with Architect, Reddy and Mr. McClelland. This motion was seconded by Roe Saunders and carried.


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Chairman

  
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Secretary