

MINUTES  
of the

AVIATION COMMITTEE

PRESENT: Mark Shipman, Chairman; Gary Heeren, Don Severson, Bob Burns, Tom Clark, Carl Alstatt, Joe Lacy, Wallace Corn, Dale Hollingsworth, and Gary Evans.

Gary Evans, of Peters, Writer & Christensen, was introduced as a new member of the committee. Evans worked for many years with the CAA and later with the FAA.

Chairman Shipman advised the committee that a meeting had been set with the officials of Frontier Airlines for April 26. (This has now been changed to May 17) Bonanza Airlines has requested a meeting on April 20, but the committee feels a May meeting would be best for Bonanza. Since the change of Frontier's meeting day, it is possible that a late April meeting can be arranged with Bonanza, and the committee will be kept informed of any changes of dates or times of meetings.

The March 1958 PROGRAM FOR LONG-RANGE PLANNING FOR WALKER FIELD was reviewed by Carl Alstatt and the entire committee. The overall program was outlined in four phases as follows:

- Phase 1 Rebuild Main Runway - now completed
- Phase 2 Construct Taxiways - only partially completed
- Phase 3 Construct Control Tower - completed in late 1960
- Phase 4 Purchase land and construct Runway Extensions not completed, but progress being made on land acquisition.

Alstatt stated that considerable study had been made on the extension of a water line to the airport, but the cost is still too extensive. A line down 28 Road was considered, since the Federal Government will participate 53% of the cost of that portion within the airport boundaries. Much more need of useage will probably have to come before water can be piped to the airport, according to Alstatt.

Alstatt outlined the progress on the Control Tower - wtil a lot of technical work by the FAA will be needed - actual construction date unknown, but bids must be out June 14, with bids opened June 20. There will be another delay after the bid openings, but it is hoped that construction can actually begin in July or early August.

The committee expressed their thanks to Alstatt for his outline of the present status of the airport - also congratulated the City-County Airport Board for their efforts in completing many needed improvements on the field. The airport was in a sad state of affairs in March 1958 when the Chamber's Aviation Committee first submitted its report to the City-County Airport Board, according to Tom Clark, committee member. Much has been accomplished, and much more is in the planning stages. Some of the advances since March 1958:

1. Runway rebuilt - United Airlines resumes service to Grand Junction - Frontier starts non-stop service to Denver - Convairs installed on many Frontier routes to and from Grand Junction.
2. Control Tower to be a reality next fall.
3. Plane parking and unloading apron completed

4. Eating facilities available at airport.
5. Taxiways graveled and improved.

Chairman Shipman appointed Tom Clark, Claud Smith, and Bob Burns on a sub-committee to up-date the PROGRAM FOR LONG RANGE PLANNING OF WALKER FIELD for presentation to the City-County Airport Board.

City Manager Joe Lacy thanked the Aviation Committee for its efforts in working for the community toward the improvement of Walker Field. Lacy stated that the City-County Airport Board is most anxious to have the Aviation Committee present an up-dated report on the long-range planning for the airport, and also to keep them advised on all matters concerning the air facilities effecting Grand Junction.

Chairman Shipman appointed Reuben Schultz and Don Severson as a sub-committee to work on the contacts with cargo carriers on the possibility of utilizing Walker Field facilities.

The next meeting will be May 17, unless a special meeting is established with United Airlines, Bonanza Airlines, or Pacific Airlines. All three companies have been contacted to determine their plans for service to Grand Junction.

Mark Shipman, Chairman  
Aviation Committee