

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING
OF
THE WALKER FIELD AIRPORT BOARD
Held March 8, 1963 at Airport Tower, Grand Junction, Colo.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Henry J Tupper at 8:05 A.M. in the meeting room of the Airport Tower at Walker Field, Grand Junction, Colo. with the following members present:

County Commissioners: Henry J. Tupper, Roe F. Saunders, Art Jens

City Councilmen: Ed McCormack, Ray Meacham

Also present were: Joe Lacy, City Manager, Carl Alstatt, Airport Manager, Tom Copeland, Road Supervisor, Ted Wing, City Engineer, Tom Younge, attorney and Ed Strnad, Secretary.

Chairman Tupper opened the meeting by requesting that since the meeting was called by the City Manager he should be the first to present the reason for the meeting, although it was known by everyone concerned as to why the meeting was called. Since this was the case he suggested that perhaps the Airport Manager, Carl Alstatt might present to the Board his version of what had been discussed between he and Tom Copeland. Carl Alstatt stated that some weeks back Copeland had approached him and said that he had available some equipment that could be used on the extension of the runway or it could be used in the upper country. It was the thought of the Commissioners that it would be better to use the equipment at the Airport at the present time rather than move the equipment into the upper country this early in the season and perhaps have it down a part of the time because of bad weather. The Airport Manager then stated that he would survey and get the grade ready for Copeland, and this was done at which time Copeland started work on the extension. As far as the Airport Manager was concerned he understood that this was in accord with what the Board had discussed in September. At this time the Chairman suggested that perhaps the only thing that was not accomplished was coordination between the Airport Manager and

the Board or rather that part of the Board represented by the City Council members.

Mr. Meacham then raised the question as to whether we could collect money from FAA for the work that was being done now. The Airport Manager stated that we would not be paid for this work.

Mr. Lacy then asked if it was the intent of the County Commissioners to request payment from the City for the work that is being done. Mr. Saunders then stated that this is true and that nothing had changed as far as our agreement was concerned which calls for half and half expenditures. Mr. Lacy then stated that the City was in no position to take on this project as its money was to be spent on 7th Street this year and it was part of the agreement that was signed by the Commissioners, and would this be handled on a basis of carry-over into next year. As it had been done in the past, this could be worked in the same manner should the City so desire.

At this time it was suggested that perhaps work orders should be instigated by the Airport Manager and thus better coordination would be accomplished between the board, the road department and the City Council.

At this time Mr. Jens moved that the County remove all equipment and stop work on the runway extension. The motion died because of a lack of a second to the motion. Mr. McCormack then moved that we ratify the work that had been done and to proceed with the work on the runway to the extent that it is economically feasible for the County Commissioners to use their equipment and that tests be made for compaction as well as grade to meet FAA specifications and that a work order be made by the Airport Manager for the work at hand and for all future work. The motion was seconded by R. F. Saunders and carried.

The Airport Manager then stated that a resolution is needed from the Commissioners as well as the City Council for the land that was sold which belonged to FAA. Roe Saunders moved that the resolution be drawn by the attorney and Ray

Meacham seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Because of changes in personal at City Hall, Mr Carl Alstatt would be leaving to take a position as City Manager in Gunnison. It was moved by Art Jens that a letter of thanks be written to Carl Alstatt for the fine work he had done as Airport Manager. Ray Meacham seconded the motion and the motion carried.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:15 A.M.

APPROVED:



Chairman



Secretary