

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
of the
WALKER FIELD AIRPORT BOARD
Held March 9, 1964 at Grand Junction, Colo.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Arthur J. Jens at 11:00 a.m. in the Court House Annex, Room 203A, Grand Junction, Colorado, with the following members present:

County Commissioners: Arthur J. Jens, Henry J. Tupper, R. F. Saunders

City Councilmen: Ray Meacham, Ed McCormick, Warren Lowe

Also present were: Gus Byrom, Airport Manager; Tom Younge, Attorney;
Tom Copeland, County Road Supervisor; Ed Strnad,
Secretary

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The first order of business was a discussion by Gus Byrom pertaining to the status of airline lease negotiations. It was reported that both United Air Lines and Frontier Air Lines have had new leases submitted to them. Mr. Byrom reported that Frontier Air Lines promised him a representative was to be at our meeting, but no one had shown up. To date, no commitment had come from either airline; however, the airport manager had been requested to make a commitment by way of the Board as to when we would have the extension on our runway completed. It was the consensus of the Board that we were in no position to make any such commitment, and it was suggested by Ed McCormick that we shouldn't be too concerned as to what the airlines may do with the new leases for the present, because we will be in a position to negotiate a year from now,

Mr. Reuben Schultz, Chairman of the Aviation Committee of the Grand Junction Chamber of Commerce, presented to the Board two suggestions which the Chamber of Commerce thought pertinent to the operation of Walker Field. The suggestions were as follows:

1. "In 1958, our committee completed a research study on the recommended improvements for Walker Field. This study was accepted by the City-County Airport Board as a guide for growth of Walker Field. The program was up-dated in 1960 and has had

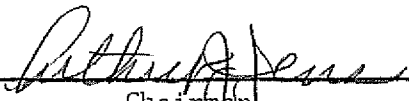
minor periodic changes. It is our suggestion that the City-County Airport Board retain the services of a qualified Airport consulting engineering firm to complete a master plan for growth and development of Walker Field. With the previous studies and information now available on Walker Field, it is our belief that such a study could be undertaken immediately at a cost of about \$4,000 to \$5,000. Since so much of the development of the airport depends upon proper plans, it is our opinion that this small investment would be money well spent.

2. "Previous planning for Walker Field has always included lengthening of the main runway. We have all recognized that an extension of 7,500 to 7,800 feet has always been a necessity, but we have also recognized that such an extension involves considerable expense. It is the recommendation of the committee that a request to the Federal Aviation Agency be made during 1964 for funds to lengthen the runway to about 7,500 feet. The committee further suggests that even though the lengthening is in the planning stages for 1966, every effort be made to have the work moved forward and completed in the year 1965."


The Board thanked Mr. Schultz for his presentation. Discussion followed on the gasoline sales, but no action was taken. The airport manager then discussed with the Board the possibility of hiring Western Associates, Unlimited, as consulting engineers to prepare a master plan for Walker Field. The fee which this firm quoted was around \$4,800.00. Discussion followed as to the advisability of hiring consulting engineers for the master plan, but no action was taken at this time. It was suggested that an Airport Board meeting be held on March 23, 1964 at 11:00 a.m., at which time it was hoped that we would have had some word from the airlines pertaining to the new leases, and at which time action might be taken as to authorizing the hiring of consulting engineers for the master plan.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

APPROVED:



Chairman



Secretary