

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
WALKER FIELD AIRPORT BOARD
HELD AUGUST 30, 1968, GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO

Chairman Ed Lamm called the meeting to order at 2:00 P. M.,
August 30th, 1968. Members present were as follows:

County Commissioners: Ed Lamm, Clyde Lowe, and Paul Heidel
City Councilmen: Ray Meacham, Herb Wright, and Mayor
Dick Youngerman,
Also present were: Dick Gray, City Manager; Gus Byrom, Airport
Manager; Greg Isbill, Airport Consultant;
Jack Williams, Budget Rent-A-Car; Thomas J.
Dean, Avis Rent A Car; Mr. Halverson, Hertz
Rent A Car; Everett Pond, National Car
Rental System; and Wallace Corn, Corn
Construction Company.

It was moved and approved that the minutes from May 31, 1968,
through August 19, 1968, be accepted without reading.

The first item of business taken up by Mr. Byrom was the recon-
struction of the center section of runway 11/29. Bids on the main
runway repairs were opened on the twenty-eighth of August at 11:30
o'clock A. M. in the Commissioner's Room at the Court House. Corn
Construction Company was the low bidder at \$174,554.65. (Sheets showing
contractor bids and estimated costs filed with minutes.)

Gus Byrom stated he had just learned from the Bureau of the Budget
that all funds were frozen, which could mean waiting to begin major
repairs until next year. If the freeze on funds were released before
October, he felt there would be sufficient time to proceed with the
reconstruction.

Greg Isbill presented several alternatives, eliminating the 6"
perforated drain pipe or constructing the runway 2150' X 60' and
installing the pipe. Mr. Isbill felt necessary repairs only being
made it would probably run about \$10,000 with more expensive repairs

necessary in the spring. Mr. Byrom figured approximately \$4000 had been spent on maintenance alone since February.

Mr. Byrom stated there are 45 days before it is necessary to give the constructors the right to proceed, we might see if the funds become available and then decide what to do at that time.

Wallace Corn of Corn Construction had offered to cut \$5,000 from his bid if they could receive the notice to proceed before the 5th of September as they have a highway job at Snowmass. It was felt this would not be possible.

The second item of business concerned the seal coating of the center strip of runway 4/22. Gus Byrom estimated the center section could be seal coated for approximately \$4500.

Gus Byrom read an application placed by Jack Williams, President of Budget Rent-A-Car, requesting space at the airport because of proposed remodeling. Mr. Williams stated he would save any remarks for rebuttal.

Thomas J. Dean, Assistant Vice President of Avis Rent A Car, felt since there were already three competitors vying for the same market, it should be shown service is inadequate or that there would be new services offered. In addition, Mr. Dean asked the Board to consider if there would be enough physical space made available.

Mr. Halverson from Hertz Rent A Car felt everyone's profit would be lessened and that there would be no stopping point for people interested in having space at the airport.

Mr. Everett Pond of National Car Rental felt services were adequate as they were and as presently operated, the customers satisfied.

Mr. Byrom then presented a letter to the Board from Everett L. Pond, Jr. (copy included with minutes).

Mr. Williams mentioned that they had a franchised organization and that he felt his operation would be engendering new customers as the cost of car rental being the prohibitive factor in finding new customers.

Gus Byrom presented a letter to the Board from Daren Cyphers making application for space in the terminal for the Ford Rent-A-CAR System. (copy included with minutes).

Gus Byrom stated that Stapleton sets minimum requirements to assure certain minimum revenues and that the revenue income would vary depending partially on whether gasoline purchases were included or excluded.

Paul Heidel felt present facilities sufficient and that success among the present operators should be possible.

With only about 100 square feet more made available, Ray Meacham felt this should be made into more waiting room or in some way made available to the public.

Mr. Byrom said that the terminal remodeling is in the same halted position as the runway reconstruction.

Mr. Williams then requested his application be tabled, which Paul Heidel moved and Ray Meacham seconded.

Gus Byrom proposed purchasing a Hi-Way Utility Spreader from the Highway Department for approximately \$970, which would be self contained and sit on the back of a pick-up truck. He is in hopes this will solve the problems caused by icing over of the runway. If the reconstruction and remodeling are carried out, in addition to the purchase of the spreader, the Airport Fund would be approximately \$20,000 over the budgeted expenses. However, Mr. Byrom mentioned two unexpected expenses which hadn't been planned on, \$4345 which was transferred to

the Road Department because of the drag strip, and \$4000 spent on maintenance. The spreader would be needed around the first of December, but Gus Byrom felt it should wait until more was known about the runway repairs.

Herb Wright stated that construction once started, could probably be completed in a matter of two weeks.

Mr. Corn suggested starting without the FAA approval on present funds until the FAA stops the freeze on theirs. Mr. Byrom replied that anything started without their approval would not be paid by the FAA.

Herb Wright questioned the possibility of a later rebid, feeling it would be unfair as bids had been already revealed.

The Board agreed to extend the bid.

Paul Heidel suggested getting bids on the sander and working from there.

Gus Byrom placed under consideration the addition of several persons to the Board with an aviation background, as well as, having the Board consist of one City Councilman and one County Commissioner, which would have the same authority as the present Board.

Mr. Lamm stated he felt that the Board had always been open to anyone wishing to attend.

Herb Wright suggested a compromise might be an advisory member or two to give suggestions and appraisals for the benefit of the Board members.

The matter was left open for consideration.

City Manager, Dick Gray, asked the Board to consider capital improvement projects to be included in the 1969 budgets.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 P. M.