

INFORMAL MEETING - AIRPORT BOARD

January 29, 1969

Those present: Ed Lamm, Jack Wadlow, Lawrence Aubert, Ray Meacham, Herb Wright, Richard Youngerman, Gus Byrom, Ted Ford, Richard Gray, and Gerald Ashby

The meeting convened at 7:40 P.M. Airport Manager, Gus Byrom, explained five reports, a Summary Fiscal Outline, Airline Passenger Boardings, Rent-A-Car Agency Revenues, a detailed Airline Passenger Boardings Report, and an Airline Operations Report.

Byrom said passenger boardings continue to increase. He said responsible people in aviation see no end in sight, and he said January 1969 boardings exceeded those in December 1968.

Byrom suggested that the Airport Board should look into the building of a new terminal. He said there is sufficient revenue from the airlines and rent-a-car agencies to afford a new terminal. He said the terminal is jam-packed on many occasions. Byrom suggested a new terminal could be financed thru revenue bonds.

Byrom said the Airport Board this year will have to renegotiate airport landing fees which expire in June. He said a survey form and letter have been prepared to send to other airports for their analysis of their landing fees. Byrom said it might be possible to double the present fee schedule. Byrom also suggested the Board begin negotiations with Continental Trailways on a fee for passengers they pick up at the airport. Byrom was given approval to contact Mr. Floyd K. Roberts of Continental Trailways who will be asked to attend the next meeting of the Airport Board scheduled for February 10 at 8:30 A.M. in the County Commissioners' meeting room.

Landing fees for chartered and other nonscheduled landings was discussed. It was generally agreed fees would not be imposed upon general aviation and operators of executive jets, but that a fee schedule would be drawn up for the chartered airline landings. The consensus was either a landing fee be imposed or gasoline be purchased by these people. The latter would bring revenue to the airport since the airport receives four cents on each gallon of fuel sold.

Airport Board Meeting
January 29, 1969
Page 2

Member Youngerman questioned whether there was anything new on an extension of the runway and taxiway. Byrom said no money was budgeted in 1969 for these projects. Byrom also explained that \$20,000 budgeted for a perforated drain will be needed for the terminal remodeling. Byrom explained the drain was taken care of at the same time the keel section of the runway was repaired.

Board member Lamm asked whether the Piper Aircraft proposal from Mr. Carl Weil is still hanging fire. Byrom explained that Mr. Weil has given the airport an \$800 option check for his proposed fixed base operation. Byrom said the option is for one year and has only been in effect four months.

The Board also discussed the possibility of having representatives of the Chamber of Commerce at Airport Board meetings, and it was recommended that Byrom talk to the Chamber president about this.

Possible future beautification of the airport was briefly discussed along with the proposal from the Airport Parking Corporation of America which was turned down at an earlier board meeting. Byrom said the Company now has a new plan which will provide more money to the airport. Byrom said a new proposal will undoubtedly be made by the Company.

Byrom briefly explained a new plan to provide more rent-a-car parking spaces closer to the terminal.

The Board adjourned at 9:06 P.M.