

AIRPORT BOARD MINUTES - JANUARY 26, 1970

Those Present: Lawrence Aubert, Jack Wadlow, Richard Youngerman, Ray Meacham, Stan Anderson, Airport Attorney Gerald Ashby, Airport Manager Gus Byrom, and City Manager Richard Gray. Secretary Ted Ford was absent. Also present: Bruce Hefner, Daily Sentinel; Clinton Bowman, Mr. Harkey, and Jim Fell representing Ralph Williams Rent-A-Car. Mr. Bob Sommers and Mr. Lee Young representing Aspen Airways. Representing local rental car dealers was Dan Halvorsen, Dick Pond, Everett Pond, and Gene Pearman. Representing Monarch Aviation, Mr. Clyde Davis; also Councilman Bob Evans.

Byrom outlined the present situation at the Airport regarding rental car space and mentioned the previous requests for additional agencies. He then read a letter from Richard Rusk, Frontier Airlines, requesting that the Airport Board authorize the Ralph Williams agency at the Airport and suggesting that a portion of the Frontier counter could be used for this purpose.

Mr. Bowman outlined the new arrangement between Frontier Airlines and Ralph Williams Rent-A-Car regarding their joint reservation service. Mr. Harkey mentioned that because of their agreement with Frontier, they would be in business in Grand Junction and that they wanted to be on the Airport; however, if not on the Airport, Walker Field would lose this revenue. Mr. Halvorsen, speaking in opposition, stated that other rental agencies at the Airport are not economic at this time and that if "Ralph Williams" was allowed on the Airport, it probably would put National out of business. Mr. Pond did not comment. After further discussion, it was moved by member Stanley Anderson that at the present time we limit the Rent-A-Car Operation at the Airport to the present three agencies. Mr. Jack Wadlow seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously with the Chairman Mr. Aubert abstaining.

Mr. Robert E. Sommers, Aspen Airways Manager, and Mr. Lee Young, Vice President of Aspen Airways, appeared. Mr. Young explained that due to (1) the loss of their temporary exemption from the C.A.B. in regard to the operation of aircraft over 12,500 pounds on the Grand Junction - Aspen route, and (2) their recent Convair accident at Aspen, they are withdrawing their request to operate this schedule. They indicated that such time in the future when we might have additional terminal space, they would like to reapply.


Attorney Ashby outlined his discussions with W. R. Hall in regard to long-term leases on the land he presently must sell to the Airport. The Board asked Mr. Ashby to attempt to work out a satisfactory "to both parties" lease arrangement and report back at our next meeting.

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An informal discussion followed covering several subjects. (1) Mr. Meacham suggested that the Airport should be receiving some revenue from Monarch Aviation as they have a portable counter in the terminal. Mr. Davis of Monarch said that they would remove the counter. (2) Mr. Byrom was instructed to notify Western Airmotive that they had 45 days to comply with the Board's request to supply a financial statement. They must not perform any aircraft business on the Airport and are not to permit aircraft to be stored on their proposed lease in the meantime.



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Gus Byrom, Acting Secretary

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