

AIRPORT BOARD MINUTES - JUNE 23, 1970

Those Present: Members Youngerman, Meachem, Anderson, Aubert, Wadlow, Lamm. Also, Airport Manager Gus Byrom, City Manager Richard Gray, Everett Pond of National Car Rental, W. F. Reno of Boulder, Secretary Ted Ford.

Byrom read a letter from Everett Pond which outlined sale of National Car Rental to W. F. Reno, who has other National Car Rental Agencies in Boulder, Longmont, Glenwood Springs, Vail, Aspen, and Eagle. Byrom said this transfer of ownership must be okayed by Board. He said with agencies at Aspen and Vail, National should increase revenue.

Mr. Reno told Board he plans to sell Longmont agency and move to Colorado West.

Meachem questioned availability of parking for rental cars, especially if National increases business.

Reno answered he has talked with Standard Oil about possibility of using closed station along Horizon Drive.

Byrom said he spoke to Dan Halverson about possibility of sub-leasing some of Hertz land to National. Byrom also said some of the space in the parking lot might be available later.

Byrom said Mr. Reno would like additional office space in terminal when it is available.

Mr. Reno advised Board he intended to sell his used rental cars. Member Meachem said he was against this procedure. He said no cars should be sold at airport.

Byrom asked if Meachem proposed changing rule on car sales for National Car Rental only. Byrom suggested any new restriction should apply to all rental agencies in regard to selling cars at airport at same time.

Board Member Lamm agreed. Byrom said contracts will be renewable at end of year.

Mr. Reno said auto factories will eliminate buy-back provision in 1971, so dealers will probably keep cars longer. Reno also said he intends to buy most cars here, and license them here.

Board discussed practice of Avis in licensing through Denver. Lamm suggested contracts be changed so rental agencies would have to license vehicles here.

Anderson made motion the Board approve transfer of National Car Rental Agency from Everett Pond to W. F. Reno, subject to approval from National. Youngerman seconded the motion, which passes unanimously.

Byrom told Board of recent meeting with Dwight Neil, State Director of Commerce and Development. He said Neil suggested request for \$200,000.00 from Four Corners Commission rather than \$600,000.00

Byrom also read letters from Governor Love, Congressman Aspinall, Evans, and Rogers and Senator Dominick, all pledging support of request for Four Corners funds.

Byrom read letter from Henry Kimball of F. A. A., which indicated Board might hear on request for federal funds for airport runway extension in July.

Byrom said runway extension might have to be accomplished in two phases, the earth work and property purchase in 1970, and the asphalt and other work in 1971.

Anderson said payments would be steep with the present higher interest rates, some \$74,000.00 per year with 8% interest ... over \$91,000.00 yearly,

if Four Corners funds not available.

Board discussed whether airlines are able to pay landing fees to cover payments this large. Unsteady financial picture of Frontier discussed. Byrom said Frontier was looking to replace convairs with small jets, or modern jet props. Anderson suggested general tax monies might have to be used to help support airport while runway extension is being paid off.

Purchase of land at airport was discussed. Meachem called Attorney Ashby to find out progress of negotiations with W. R. Hall. Ashby will report on progress at next meeting of County Commissioners, June 30, 1970. Lamm reported Weiner and Hamlin properties will probably have to be condemned.

Board also discussed possibility of erecting steel building to use as baggage claim area. Byrom said Weather Bureau needs line of sight to observation building, so spot on top of terminal may have to be built for them if steel building is put just south of west end of terminal, near Weather Bureau Offices.

Board adjourned 9:30 P. M.

T. M. Ford, Secretary