

AIRPORT BOARD MINUTES - NOVEMBER 23, 1970

Present: Chairman Lawrence Aubert, members Edwin S. Lamm, Stan Anderson, Jack Wadlow, Ray Meachem, and Richard Youngerman, Airport Manager Gus Byrom, City Manager Richard Gray, Aeroplane Restaurant owner Richard Pond, County Budget Officer Ted Ford

Byrom said William Reno of National Car Rental has asked the Board to fund \$3,000.00 toward the estimated total cost of \$4,100.00 for a new office, which would be located just south of the present National Car Rental space in the terminal. Byrom said this was same arrangement made with Avis and Hertz for office space, with each paying back the money, with interest, over a three year period.

The Board discussed the proposal, whether the money could be put to better use, what interest rates to charge, whether money is needed for land aquisition. Byrom said land aquisition funds would come from the sale of Revenue Bonds, along with runway extension project.

Member Wadlow moved the Board go along with Reno's request, that he be given prerogative to pay off loan earlier then three years if he desires, and that rate of interest be 8 1/2 percent. Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Byrom said he had received a call from FAA man Henry Kimball advising him that legals for planned airport runway extension had to be run over again, which presently is holding up the grant. He said Airport Consultant Greg Isbell had prepared, with the help of R Dixson Speas, an economic report on the airport which has been sent to Boettcher and Company. Byrom said Boettcher indicated bonds could be sold, but that Boettcher wants in writing a pledge from the Board that all revenues will be pledged to the bonds before any is used for operation of airport.

Byrom also reported baggage check area and new portable bathrooms will be completed early in December.

The matter of land acquisition came up again with Youngerman requesting what is being done. Byrom said nothing is being done at present time, although he did say Attorney Ashby had worked out a friendly condemnation procedure with one of the land owners near the airport. Byrom also fixed the entire cost of land acquisition for the runway extension at about \$120,000.00. He suggested that if the Board wanted to purchase the land that some \$100,000.00 in revenue bonds be purchased, because Boettcher and Company representatives feel the bond market is going to get better, with lower rates in the future, so it would not be wise to buy all the bonds for the runway project until they are needed.

Byrom also advised the Walker Field has the Glide Slope Instrument landing system, lacking in the tragic Huntington, West Virginia crash. He also said Avis and National have decided not to build extra car storage areas, and will rent space from APCOA (Parking Corporation).

Aeroplane Restaurant owner Richard Pond reported to the Board that in first year of APCOA operation, his restaurant had validated over \$900.00 in parking tickets. He said he tried for a better invalidation price of fifteen cents per ticket from APCOA, but they would not go for it. Pond also suggested Board might help his operation by talking to airlines about airline catering, which Pond said he had had from time to time, but not now.

Board adjourned at 8:57 P.M.

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Y. M. Ford, Secretary