

AIRPORT AUTHORITY MINUTES - AUGUST 27, 1973

Those Present: Chairman Harry Colescott, Members Larry Kosizek, Lawrence Aubert, Jack Wadlow, Edwin S. Lamm, Stanley Anderson. Others: Clerk T. M. Ford, Grand Junction City Manager Harvey Rose, Airport Manager Gus Byrom.

The minutes of the last meeting were not read, and were approved as mailed, on a motion by Mr. Aubert, seconded by Mr. Kosizek, with a unanimous vote.

Chairman Colescott read a letter from Aeroplane Restaurant Manager Dick Pond, expressing a desire to renew the present lease, and Byrom suggested a Board study session might be held to review the lease.

Byrom went over F.A.A. requirements for a crash-rescue unit at the Airport. He said this would be necessary before F.A.A. certification could be obtained. He said six full time crash and rescue personnel would cost some \$120,000.00 per year, which the Authority could not afford, so he requested the F.A.A. to allow a volunteer force, which the F.A.A. agreed to providing agreements were reached with volunteers and their employees. Byrom said a test of volunteers was held this morning, and the F.A.A. passed the group. He said additional insurance would be necessary, and recommended pay for the volunteers at a rate of \$10.00 monthly, with monthly training sessions. Three training sessions have been held and 22 volunteers participated.

Mr. Ed Dunnaway of Frontier Airlines indicated Frontier would probably cooperate in the plan, after they received some answers. Byrom said several alternates were available to the volunteer staff, including one paid man on duty at all times, at a cost of about \$25,000.00 yearly. Board member Wadlow and Kosizek indicated they favored the volunteer system. Chairman Colescott appointed members Wadlow and Anderson to work out details of the agreements for the volunteer crash-system group with Gus, Fireman R. T. Matlo, and the tenants. Clerk Ford was to check on the Insurance necessary.

Architect Robert Van Deusen showed slides to the group of a planned addition on the East of the terminal. He said the total cost of the project should not exceed \$75,000.00, for the 3,000 square foot structure. The money would come from City

and County Revenue Sharing Funds.

After the slide presentation Member Lamm moved the Architect proceed with the project as he recommended, with expenditures not to exceed \$75,000.00. Mr. Colescott recommended Van Deusen be allowed to negotiate the building to save time, and Mr. Lamm agreed to make this a part of the motion. Mr. Kosizek seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Grand Junction City Manager Harvey Rose reported about 40 applications for the soon to be vacated Airport Managers job have been received. He recommended a committee be formed to conduct interviews. Chairman Colescott appointed Rose, and Members Kosizek and Lamm to a committee to screen the applicants and arrange interviews. A possible salary was discussed, but no conclusions were reached. Member Aubert wondered what relationship the City Airport Manager would have to the Airport Authority Board. Rose said he felt the man should be either a City or County Department Head. Aubert said this issue should be resolved as to whether the new Airport Manager should work for the City Manager, County, or the Authority Board. Rose said if the man works for the Authority Board, he will have to have a higher salary. Member Lamm said he felt the Authority should have separate bookkeeping, maintenance and that it would be better to have the Airport Manager report directly to the Board. He said maintenance, now done with City crews, could either be contracted, or maintenance men could be hired. Members Anderson, Madlow, and Kosizek indicated approval of Lamms ideas, although no official action was taken.

Byrom said a bulletin from the F.A.A. raised the question of danger from birds hovering around dumps, and wondered if the counties application for a land fill near the airport might pose such a threat. Several members said they felt Mesa County had no bird problems at their sanitary land fills. The Authority adjourned at 6:32 P.M.

T. M. Ford, Clerk