

AIRPORT AUTHORITY MINUTES - JUNE 24, 1974

Those Present: Chairman Pro Tem Lawrence Aubert, Members Larry Kozisek, Edwin S. Lamm, Jack Wadlow
Airport Manager Jim Spelman, Clerk T. M. Ford

The Minutes of the last meeting, June 10, 1974, were approved on a motion by Mr. Kozisek and seconded by Mr. Wadlow.

Manager Spelman reviewed the finances as of June 1, 1974. He said a check in the amount of \$18,839.25 was ready to pay the City for expenses, leaving a \$10,374.88 operational balance. Spelman said it appears about \$20,000 is needed monthly to meet operating expenses, but that income probably is not quite that. If needed, revenue sharing will be used on permitted expenditures to take up the slack. Spelman said he is optimistic about the solvency of the Airport and planned programs. Spelman also reported he is getting estimates on a new ticket counter for United Airlines..... that Sun Valley Key Airline has expressed interest in taking over the Grand Junction - Moab route abandoned by Frontier.....and that the security and firetruck projects are proceeding. He asked for a signature from acting Chairman Aubert for the FAA aid request. Kozisek moved this be granted. Lamm seconded the motion which passed. Spelman said the total of the two projects would be about \$90,000 for fire fighting equipment, and \$56,000 for the security fencing. He said the projects would cost directly from airport funds about \$15,000.

Spelman said he had met with Aeroplane Restaurant owner, Dick Pond, and auditor Robert Coe, and a settlement had been reached to give Pond \$17,500 and have him start the new 7% lease payments effective January 1, 1974. Spelman said Pond would owe the airport about \$7,312.74 through May. Pond, in attendance

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at the meeting, indicated he had not agreed to the 7% lease. Several Board Members and Manager Spelman indicated the 7% with parking reimbursal had already been settled. Pond said he felt the payment of \$17,500 for capital construction should be settled separately from the lease. Pond argued the new lease called for an increase in rent of as much as 900% some months and he predicted some dramatic increases in his restaurant prices to meet the rent payments. There was some discussion including a statement by Pond to go ahead with the 7% figure, before Pond said he had to leave the meeting. The Board informally gave authority to make the complete settlement of the reimbursals for all capital improvements as outlined by Spelman. The Board then discussed the review date terms of the lease and informally agreed the date should be changed from 10-31-75 to 10-31-76.

Spelman reported he will be in Denver tomorrow, the 25th of June, on the FAA grant request, and meeting with Continental Trailways attorneys.

Spelman also discussed a letter from Frontier Airlines in reply to Spelman's letter requesting more seats to Denver. The reply indicated those with reservations are being taken care of. Mr. Aubert said his concern was for those not able to get reservations, and he said he knew of some people who were unable to get seats to Salt Lake. The Board agreed many people are being turned away.

The Board adjourned at 3:47 P.M.