

AIRPORT AUTHORITY MINUTES July 26, 1976

Those Present: Chairman Lawrence Aubert, Members Larry Brown, Harry Colescott, Robert Van Houten, Maxine Albers, Howard Roland. Airport Manager Jim Spelman, Clerk T. M. Ford.

The Minutes of the July 12, 1976 meeting were approved as mailed, on a motion by Mr. Van Houten, seconded by Mrs. Albers.

Mr. Spelman suggested the change in By-laws, approved at the last meeting, be incorporated into a formal amendment to the By-laws. Mr. Colescott so moved. Mr. Brown then asked if members wanted to consider the possibility of another meeting day and time, as was discussed at an earlier meeting of the Authority. Mr. Aubert pointed out the county commissioners are not able to get the County business accomplished by 3:00 p.m. The members discussed several possible new meeting days and times, then arrived at the fourth Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Colescott moved this new time for the meeting. Mr. Van Houten seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Mr. Spelman introduced Mr. John McCormack, Sector Chief for the FAA, to discuss the proposal for the VASI installation. Mr. McCormack said the cost of installation and cost of moving as stated in the last meeting was in error. He said the installation would be \$20,000, and the cost of moving the installation would be \$5,000. The Authority would be required to pay 10% of the moving cost, or \$500.00. Mr. Aubert asked Mr. McCormack if he would recommend installing the VASI if it would have to be moved within five years for the lowering of the runway. Mr. McCormack said, yes, that pilots feel the VASI is very important. The possibility of the project for lowering the runway being accomplished within a year or so was dis-

cussed. Mr. Spelman said the new D.O.T. appropriation bill carried no carryover provision so some A.D.A.P. projects might have to be in "bits and pieces". Mr. Colescott said he felt the VASI project should be approved, and he so moved that Mr. Spelman be allowed to negotiate a lease with the FAA for the VASI. Mr. Roland seconded the motion which passed.

Mr. Spelman delivered the Treasurers Report covering the first six months of 1976. Operations and Maintenance Expenditures were at 51% of the budget, while Unrestricted Revenues showed collections at 55% of the budget after six months. Mr. Spelman said the cash accumulation was over \$32,000 and the report indicated the airport in a health financial condition.

The Accounts Receivable Report was reviewed, and Mr. Colescott wondered if Western Air Stages would improve its shaky financial condition. Mr. Spelman said he personally felt they would but wasn't taking any chances and was moving ahead to make them a judgment creditor.

Mr. Brown said that Mr. Pond of the Aeroplane Restaurant is planning to construct a facility off the airport to handle his airline catering business, and that the Authority should let Mr. Pond know at once that the lease covers this operation. Mr. Spelman said the lease covers a 6% gross including the catering service, and that the airlines must purchase food from someone the Authority approves. This situation was discussed, and then Mr. Van Houten moved that food hauled from outside for catering purposes provide the Authority with the 6% gross fee. Mr. Aubert said this might be too high, since the Authority would not have an investment of funds for an off-airport facility. There was more discussion and Mr. Brown said he felt this

would be a starting point, and he seconded the motion. Mr. Spelman suggested this motion apply to every one and be adopted as a tariff. Mr. Colescott agreed to amend the motion to accomplish this. The motion carried. A copy of the motion was to be sent to Mr. Pond as soon as possible and will be published.

Mr. Spelman reported enplanements for this year are way up over last year by 7,594.

Mr. Van Houten moved for payment of the bills. Mr. Colescott seconded the motion which passed and a list is attached hereto.

Mr. Spelman said a Mr. Fleer wants to operate a small private landing strip for his own plane, about six miles west of Walker Field, and asked approval of a letter to the FAA advising against allowing this field to operate. He said this matter had been noted to Mr. Jim Kyle, since the area lies within the "Area of Influence" of the Land Use Bill (HB 1041), and to Gene Allen since there may be zoning requirements and the local Air Traffic Control had already registered strong opposition to the air strip. Mr. Brown first moved that a stronger letter of opposition to the air strip be sent, then modified his amendment calling for the approval of the letter as proposed. Mrs. Albers seconded this motion which passed.

Mr. Spelman reported the Land Trade Application, which is very complicated, has been filed that the ADAP situation remains in a state of flux due to a number of factors that the proposed new Fire Cache operation for the GSA will probably be delayed a year. Mr. Spelman also said applications are being readied for the runway and taxiway projects, and that he continues to explore obtaining oil shale funds for the airport.

Mr. Spelman also reported that Grand Junction City Manager Jim Wysocki had inquired about a viewing area for the airport. Mr. Brown said he felt the Authority could make a lot of people happy by providing a free parking area for viewing.

Mr. Van Houten said he receives a number of complaints about the parking situation at the airport and particularly allowing the rental agencies to park cars so close to the terminal. Mr. Brown said he would like to see APCOA allow free parking for 30 minutes, and move the rental agencies away. Mr. Spelman said the APCOA Lease would be up in 1978, and that perhaps free parking could be instigated at that time if the revenue loss could be made up from other tenants.

No formal action was taken on these matters.

The Authority adjourned at 4:45 p.m.