

WALKER FIELD AIRPORT AUTHORITY MINUTES

January 9, 1980

Members Present: Chairman pro tem Robert Holmes, Members Bill O'Dwyer, Louis Brach, Mike Kelly and Rick Enstrom. Acting Airport Manager Paul Bowers and Deputy Clerk Mary Ann Harms. Guests: John Pabst, President of Monarch Aviation, Floyd Keller of Horizon Aviation, and Joe Bestgen of Avis.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman pro tem Holmes at 12:10. Mr. Louis Brach was officially recognized as the interim Airport Authority Member from the City Council to fill in for Member Dale Hollingsworth while Dale is recovering from major surgery.

The Minutes of the December 20, 1979 meeting were approved unanimously on a motion by Mr. Enstrom and second by Mr. Kelly.

Mr. Bowers stated that the appraisals on the parcels indicated in the Five Year Plan for land acquisition had begun and that the whole appraisal package should be completed by the end of April. Continuing with the management report, Mr. Bowers said architect substitution for the D.O.E. Solar Grant had officially been made. The D.O.E. had not yet responded.

Monarch's revised fuel flow agreement was in the process of negotiations and Mr. Bowers said the letter he had included with the Agenda regarding an agreement was no longer current; that Mr. Pabst had called and said there had been a misunderstanding and more negotiations would be necessary. Mr. Holmes and Mr. Enstrom said they did not want to see the Board put into a position of negotiating the contract, but would like to see it worked out between Mr. Bowers, Mr. Pabst, and Mr. Keller.

Mr. Pabst also requested tentative approval of condominiumizing his three new T-hangars. He proposed selling the units to airplane owners as an investment and would like the Board's approval of the concept before he proceeded any further, wherein he would sublease the ground under the T-hangars to a condominium association. Mr. Brach asked how much interest there had been in this type of setup and Mr. Pabst said about half of

the current rentors had expressed an interest in this type of investment. Mr. Holmes said he felt the Board needed to study this concept and receive legal advise before acting on the proposal. Mr. Pabst asked if this would be ready for discussion at the next meeting and Mr. Holmes asked Mr. Bowers to look into this and if it appeared necessary to invite the airport attorney to the next meeting to field questions.

Meeting dates for the design team workshop sessions were established for January 17th and February 1st, from noon to 4:00 p.m., to include lunch and be held in the airport manager's office. The Board also decided to let the second Wednesday luncheon meetings stand.

A letter to United Airlines expressing concern over United's intention to decrease service would be written and sent before the next meeting. There was a general discussion on how to get the public to respond to United's cutback in service to Grand Junction and Mr. Bowers said he had been trying to address as many service clubs as possible to generate community and individual response which would carry more weight than "form" letters. Mr. Pabst asked what had been done about contacting other airlines to take over the vacated routes and Mr. Bowers said several carriers had been contacted and others will be, however, none have expressed plans to come into Grand Junction.

A discussion of the terminal restrooms remodeling noted they will be ready for use by this weekend. The \$21,000 plus initial estimate would now have exceeded \$25,000 with the change in floor covering, added tile work, wall paper and paneling. The project now stands at \$9,994.46 with \$330 of this to replace broken commodes. New signs for the terminal are being done by Sanborn signs. Mr. Holmes asked if there would be some way of signing the terminal ramp entrance so people would be able to locate the lever and Mr. Bowers said a "panic" bar has been ordered and will replace the lever entry.

The information corner was a comparison of the Cannon Bill/Administration Bill regarding ADAP.

Mr. Brach asked that Mr. Wade Conwell of Yellow Cab be contacted regarding a conflict between the various limousines and cabs serving Walker Field. Mr. Bowers said this would be done, as well as addressing a Yellow Cab payment in arrears situation.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.