

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
March 26, 1981

Members Present: Chairman Maxine Albers, Commissioners Barney Barnett, Louis Brach, Rick Enstrom, Dale Hollingsworth, Bill O'Dwyer. Airport Manager Paul Bowers Clerk Mary Ann Harms. Guests: Joe Bestgen from Avis; Dick Pond from Aeroplane Restaurant and Mountain Bell Representatives

Meeting was called to order and the Minutes of the March 11, 1981 Regular Meeting and the March 19, 1981 Special Meeting were unanimously approved as mailed on a motion by Bill O'Dwyer, second by Rick Enstrom.

United Airlines is planning to discontinue service May 11, 1981 and vacate its terminal space on May 15. Mr. Bowers said he had not received official notice from United but had been in touch with their home office. However, as it appeared this space would soon become available, inquiries had been received from interested commuters: Louebelle Helicopters, Golden Gate Airlines, Trans Colorado and Transwestern. Any agreements drawn for the sharing of this space by the commuters would contain a provision that any 121 air carrier would be provided space.

Commissioner Hollingsworth said he had been in touch with our Congressional representatives and United needs CAB approval to discontinue services. He suggested that prior to the United Airlines hearing before the CAB, the Airport Authority contact the CAB regarding the necessity of United continuing to service the west particularly as United Airlines has not provided schedules conducive to economic operations. Mr. Bowers said that CAB approval is automatic unless the essential air services of a community are affected and this only happens when there are less than two carriers in the market. Commissioner Hollingsworth suggested that the Airport Authority send a letter of inquiry to the CAB clearly stating the arguments for continued air service to the west cost being provided by United. Commissioner O'Dwyer seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Mr. Brach suggested Mr. Bowers continue to pursue a contract with the commuters interested in United's space. He did not anticipate United remaining in Grand Junction and said we should act accordingly.

Ute water has started their water line across airport property which has caused Runway 4/22 to be closed for a week to ten days. The Airport/Ute contract for the new terminal and fire lines is currently with Attorney Ashby. Barnett requested the agreement be worded so that the full \$22,050 be used in goods or services if any remains after the line installations and that the airport engineer supervise the compaction and paving of the runway. The water service system for the new terminal facilities will be designed by Western Engineering with Isbill Associates.

A letter of comment from the Authority had been sent to the Planning Department regarding the proposed Currier Preliminary Plat Plan. Traffic flow comments from Isbill Associates and the City Traffic Engineer did not agree. Commissioner Brach suggested the City Engineer's plan had more merit for long range planning. Commissioner Brach asked Mr. Bowers to work with the City Engineer and work out the details. Mr. Barnett would also like to see a more refined plat plan for airport review. Commissioner O'Dwyer suggested Mr. Bowers attend the hearing on this development and Mr. Bowers' attendance was confirmed.

The Airport rezone will be posted and go before the planning commission on April 6. This is a rezone of all airport lands to a Planned Airport Zone (P.A.Z.), which is similar in use to the County's light commercial zone.

Terminal planning is in final stages and should go to bid in late April. Construction should begin in early June.

The Management Reports were presented. The ADAP 07 project is approximately 80% complete; Porter has been paid approximately 2/3 of his fee. Commissioner Brach made a motion the bills be paid, Commissioner Enstrom seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Mr. Barnett asked that Horizon Aviation be contacted regarding their 90 day delinquent account. Bowers indicated he would pursue resolution of this immediately.

The enplaned passenger report reflects the poor ski season, with enplanements down nearly 16% for the month of February.

Mr. Bowers was in Washington the week of March 16 to speak out for the small hub dependency on the continuation of ADAP funding. An early June ADAP bill is expected. Mr. Bowers had requested a \$5 million discretionary fund set aside for Walker Field as a line item on the Bill but said such a request has a slim chance of being granted. He said he also checked on our Section 16 release and we should get some legislative action on this soon.

Mr. Barnett said the hotel negotiations team had been meeting daily. Attorneys are handling the negotiations which are extremely complicated.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 A.M.