

MINUTES

Walker Field Airport Authority
Special Board Meeting
March 24, 1989

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Theobold, Directors Love, Ingvertsen, Gibbs, and Faussone. Also present: Airport Manager Jeff Wendland and Deputy Clerk Tess Sullivan.

GUESTS: Keith Koler of Armstrong Consultants, Inc., Dick Witsken of West Star Aviation, Julie Roth, America West Airlines; Angelo J. Mancini; Dixie Williams, Western Aviators; Mike Sutherland, City Planning Department; and Jim Over.

Meeting Called to Order

Chairman Theobold called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. A quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes Dated February 24, 1989

Chairman Theobold requested the Minutes be changed to reflect Mesa College as "Mesa State College". With this change Director Gibbs moved the Minutes be approved; Director Ingvertsen seconded the motion and the same was unanimously carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Board Member Recruitment

Director Ingvertsen, Chairperson of the applicant review committee, reported that the Committee is still in the process of reviewing applicants for the at-large Board Member position. ✱

Currier Drainage Settlement

Director Ingvertsen stated that the Contracts Committee had reviewed the proposed settlement and determined that there are still areas of questions. The Committee recommended that no action be taken at this time. The same was tabled.

NEW BUSINESS

Grant Projects

Manager Wendland reported that bids had been opened for the various AIP construction projects which include an apron around Western Aviator's new hangar, building an apron and providing utilities for the Confederate Air Force T-hangar when it is relocated, extending the safety area off the end of Runway 29, and overlaying the ramp in front of the old terminal building. The F.A.A. is presently reviewing the co-sponsorship agreement between the Airport

Authority, the City of Grand Junction and Mesa County and upon approval by the F.A.A.'s counsel, they will send the Airport Authority a grant offer for approximately \$687,000.

Discussion followed regarding the runway safety area.

Director Ingvertsen stated the Contracts Committee reviewed the proposed Grant Offer, recommended approval and so moved. The motion was seconded by Director Love and was unanimously carried.

Co-Sponsorship Agreement/City and County

Manager Wendland discussed the co-sponsorship agreement and the F.A.A.'s requirement that the Airport Authority make certain assurances in order to receive the Grant monies, one being that the Airport Authority will fund the 10% match, will continue to maintain and operate improvements, and provide for zoning and land use program so that the Airport will continue to operate. Since the Airport Authority cannot levy taxes, it looks to sponsors to sign on the grant to make sure the assurances can be met. The City and County have both raised questions regarding the co-sponsorship. Airport counsel has drafted this co-sponsorship agreement and has reviewed it with the City Attorney; the County attorney has requested similar assurances.

Director Ingvertsen stated the Contracts Committee has reviewed the proposed agreement and moved that the Board accept the co-sponsorship agreements with the City and County. The motion was seconded by Director Love and unanimously carried.

Amendment to Grant

Manager Wendland explained that the Amendment to last years' grant allows 90% reimbursement from the F.A.A. for movement of airport signs.

Director Ingvertsen stated the Contracts Committee had reviewed the grant amendment and found no problem with acceptance of the same and moved that the Board approve the Amendment No. 1 to the Grant Agreement. The motion was seconded by Director Gibbs and was unanimously carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee

Chairman Love stated the Finance Committee had met and that the balance sheet was still strong. The Airport Authority has been at a break-even point for the last two months. Manager Wendland stated the Committee had discussed our collection efforts in the Frontier bankruptcy, and the Committee decided to accept all cash now in lieu of notes and cash.

Director Fausson suggested that since we will have two new members

shortly we have a workshop after next months' statements are completed.

Contracts Committee

Chairperson Ingvertsen stated there was nothing further to report.

Planning Committee

Manager Wendland stated the Planning Committee had met and reviewed projects in the AIP 08 grant, underground utilities, and the proposed irrigation pond.

Discussion followed regarding use of the pond fill at the proposed Confederate Air Force T-hangar site, the pond location, and the status of the water rights issue on the Benchmark property.

Terminal Action Committee

Chairman Faussone stated they had received and reviewed an engineering report from Armstrong Consultants, Inc. which describes proposed remedies for the terminal canopy defects.

Board Member Selection Committee

Chairman Ingvertsen stated they expect to have made a selection and have a new board member by the next meeting.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Introduction Operations Manager

Manager Wendland provided background regarding the Airport Operations Manager position and recruitment. Last Friday six candidates were assessed on-site. The assessment center resulted in offering Mike Sutherland the job as Operations Manager. He has accepted and will be here April 10 or 11. Mike was introduced and spoke briefly regarding his background.

Land Acquisition

Manager Wendland stated the present position on Benchmark. It is our understanding that Tony Marchun and Benchmark have come to an agreement and their attorney is sending us a copy of the agreement. We are hopeful we are getting close to that acquisition.

On Horizon View, our appraisal of the property was \$11,000; the Horizon View people submitted an appraisal of \$118,000. We have a meeting scheduled later this month with Horizon View people to hopefully come to some agreement.

Director Gibbs inquired as to the status and current progress being made with respect to the BLM land. Manager Wendland stated we have continued discussions with local people who will be having

discussions with the Director of the BLM regarding the transfer.

Advertising Concession

We thought we were getting close to having an agreement with a concessionaire. They have had some changes in their ownership structure, and we have been informed that they are not presently in a position to take on a new project. They are still interested in coming in to Walker Field but might be 60 to 90 days before they would be ready to discuss it again.

OTHER MATTERS

Director Faussone asked what was happening with the Hertz construction. Manager Wendland stated it had been approved last fall but due to weather, they could not get concrete laid. Weather permitting, we expect that they will begin construction soon.

Director Ingvertsen said that since reservations must be in by the first part of April, some thought should be given to the AAAE Conference in Nashville in May. Discussion was held as to who should attend. Manager Wendland gave a brief statement as to what this meeting would cover. He was instructed to make reservations for two.

Chairman Theobold presented a plaque to Director Gibbs, whose term is expired, for his service on the Board.

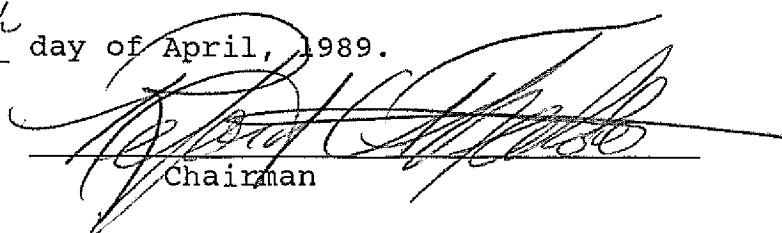
PUBLIC COMMENT

Dick Witsken of West Star Aviation commended Manager Wendland and the airport staff for patching the ruts left by the KC-10.

Director Faussone requested the name of the low bidder for the construction work. Manager Wendland stated it appeared to be United Companies of Mesa County. Once the Confederate Air Force lease is approved, the construction plans will be finalized.

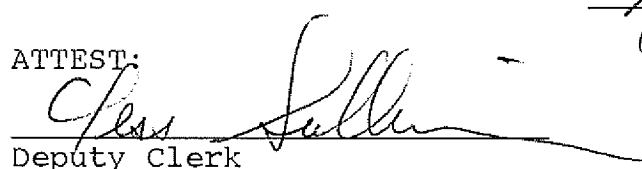
There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Theobold adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:30 a.m.

ADOPTED AND PASSED this 26th day of April, 1989.



Chairman

ATTEST:



Deputy Clerk