

MINUTES

Walker Field Airport Authority  
Regular Board Meeting  
July 16, 1991

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman John Leane, Directors Pierre Bettelli, Larry Jokerst, Joe Croker, John Bennett, Earl Payne, and Elaine Ingvertsen. Also present: Airport Manager Jeff Wendland and Airport Administrator/Clerk Corinne Nystrom.

GUESTS: Keith Koler of Armstrong Consultants, Inc., Kevin Lauck of West Star Aviation, Mimi Donnelly of America West Airlines, Carol Gifford and Debbie Kovalik of the Visitor & Convention Bureau, Ginger Rice of The Daily Sentinel, Al Halbert of Western Aviators, Harry Griff (Airport Attorney), and Reford Theobold of the City of Grand Junction City Council.

Meeting Called to Order

Chairman Leane called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. A quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes Dated May 23, 1991

There being no changes or corrections, a motion was made by Director Bettelli to accept the minutes as presented; seconded by Director Ingvertsen. Unanimously carried.

Oath of Office - John Bennett

John W. Bennett, the newly-appointed City Council representative from the City of Grand Junction, was given the Oath of Office by Manager Wendland. }

CONTRACTS COMMITTEE

Three-Year Engineering Contract

Manager Wendland provided background and a summary of the proposed contract with Armstrong Consultants, Inc. General discussion followed. Director Payne made a motion that the Board accept the three-year engineering contract for final approval; seconded by Director Jokerst. Unanimously carried.

Settlement Agreement 82D Special Assessment

Chairman Leane provided a brief summary of the proposed settlement agreement. Director Ingvertsen made a motion to accept the agreement between the City of Grand Junction and the Airport Authority to settle this assessment; seconded by Director Bennett. Discussion followed. Unanimously carried.

Memorandum of Understanding with Bureau of Land Management and Authorization For Expenditure of Up to \$18,000 for Mining Claim Withdrawal

Manager Wendland and Airport Attorney Harry Griff provided background and a summary regarding the memorandum of understanding discussions with the BLM, the proposed agreement, and the mining claim withdrawal application. Director Croker made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Bureau of Land Management; seconded by Director Payne. Unanimously carried.

Manager Wendland provided additional information regarding the mining claim withdrawal application. Director Croker made a motion to authorize the expenditure of up to \$18,000 ( which includes funds already on deposit) to process the application; seconded by Director Bettelli. Unanimously carried.

Chairman Leane read Resolution 1991-004 which would authorize the Chairman to sign the Memorandum of Understanding on behalf of the Airport Authority. Director Bettelli made a motion to approve the resolution; seconded by Director Jokerst. A roll call vote approved the resolution unanimously.

Manager Wendland announced that the formal signing of the document will occur at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 18th at the Aviators Memorial Park. The Board members and the public were invited and encouraged to attend.

Special Presentation

Chairman Leane presented a plaque to outgoing Board member Reford Theobald in appreciation of his service to the Airport Authority.

PLANNING

Director Jokerst presented the proposed Airport Authority Strategic Plan to the Board for consideration. He made a motion to approve the plan and carry on with its implementation; seconded by Director Bettelli. Unanimously carried.

Director Jokerst stated that a continuation of the planning process will include:

1. Scheduling focus group meetings to discuss particular planning items
2. Continuing to discuss planning items at Board workshops
3. Placing planning items into the budget and into the personnel performance evaluations.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Irrigation Water: A proposed agreement has been provided to the Highline Canal authorities for consideration.

Terminal Building Food Service: Air Host, Inc. has verbally indicated that they will not renew their lease with the Authority in September. At the August Board meeting, staff will present a proposal to the Board to consider operating the restaurant through the Airport Authority on an interim basis. Discussion regarding this proposal followed.

Schedule Pension Plan Trustee's Meeting: Staff will be contacting the Vice Chairman and the Finance Committee Chairman (who serve as trustees for the Authority's pension plan) to schedule an annual meeting of the trustees.

OTHER MATTERS

Director Ingvertsen requested that an updated address and telephone list of the Board members be provided.


PUBLIC COMMENT

Debbie Kovalik of the Visitor & Convention Bureau commended the Authority on the Memorandum of Understanding with the BLM.


ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Director Bettelli made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:27 p.m.; seconded by Director Payne. Unanimously carried.

ADOPTED AND PASSED THIS 20<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1991.

  
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J.M. Leane, Chairman

ATTEST:

  
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Corinne C. Nystrom, Clerk