Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting

March 19, 1996

BOARD COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

John Crouch Larry Jokerst Gary Morris David Graham Martin O'Boyle

AIRPORT STAFF PRESENT:

Marcel Theberge Dennis Wiss Tymesha Watkins Corinne Nystrom Susan Stokes Ron Bumann

ALSO PRESENT: Jim Biber of Biber & Co.; Doug Thompson and Diane Gibson of West Star Aviation; Kent and Ruth Pfleider of Colorado Skunkworks; Miles McCormack of the Confederate Air Force; Keith Koler of Armstrong Consultants; Peg Wallace of Thunder Mountain Ground Service; Mike Sutherland of PDM Consultants; Ginger Rice of the Daily Sentinel; Justin Carver, Roger Fischer, and Pat Carroll of Timberline Aviation; Joseph V, Marie, II as interested observer; Becky Hall of Rocky Mountain Aircraft Detailing; and Jim Roussin of Asphalt Specialists and Supply.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman John Crouch called the meeting to order at 5:19 p.m. A quorum was present. He introduced David Graham who has been appointed by the City Council to take the place of Reford Theobold. Mr. Graham was asked to take Mr. Theobold's place on committees; he consented.

II. MINUTES OF BOARD MEETINGS

Commissioner O'Boyle asked why the tenant ad hoc meeting had not taken place as scheduled. Commissioners Jokerst and Crouch stated that they had decided to wait to meet until Mr. Graham joined the Board. A meeting date will be set.

Commissioner Jokerst moved to accept the Minutes of the February 20, 1996 Regular Board Meeting. Commissioner O'Boyle seconded. Motion carried.

III. PROPOSALS

A. Proposal by Colorado Skunkworks to Install Earth Berms and to Wash Vehicles

Director Theberge explained the chronology of activities and correspondences to date, and recommended approval of berms, but not of auto/truck detailing citing access problems regarding bringing land vehicles airside. Commissioner Morris suggested using asphalt berms. Commissioner O'Boyle recommended allowing auto/truck detailing. Becky Hall explained how she brings vehicles in through the Confederate Air Force gate, stating that she had been given a key. The length of the lease remaining—9 months—was discussed as relevant to any decision. Discussion followed. Commissioner O'Boyle moved to approve construction of the earth berms, to allow detailing of aircraft, and to defer the decision regarding approval of

detailing autos/trucks until the next Regular Board meeting, pending solicitation of FAA comments. Commissioner Morris seconded. Motion carried.

B. Proposal by West Star Aviation to Locate a Storage Trailer on E. Side of Paint Hangar

Director Theberge presented a brief explanation and recommended approval. Diane Gibson noted that the trailer would be located on the *east* side of the paint hangar. Commissioner Jokerst moved to approve; Commissioner Graham seconded. Motion carried.

C. Proposal by West Star Aviation to Install Phone Cable to Completions Facility

Director Theberge provided a brief overview and recommended approval. Diane Gibson noted that the cable will not be encased in a sleeve. Commissioner Morris moved to approve the installation and to pass on to West Star the cost of drawing up any agreements between WFAA and West Star. Commissioner Graham seconded. Motion carried.

D. Letter of Intent from Sage Corporation

Dennis Wiss noted that Sage *did* want to delineate the leased space with either painted markings on the asphalt or with physical barriers. Discussion followed. Security deposit will be "two months on a two-year lease." The Board gave a nod to proceed.

E. Letter of Request from Mesa County Assessor to Reduce Photocopy Costs

Director Theberge provided a brief chronology of the communication between WFAA and Mesa County. Discussion followed. Commissioner O'Boyle suggested working out an exchange of goods/services with the county. Commissioner Jokerst expressed interest that no money be exchanged. A way to "swap" goods/services will be pursued.

F. Request from Community Air Service Task Force for \$2000 to Procure a Consultant

Director Theberge explained the request. Commissioner Graham asked what the consultant's duties would be. Director Theberge distributed copies of an article/interview held with Boyd, the consultant under consideration. Discussion followed. Commissioner Graham asked what entity would have oversight of the consultant. He asked what economic incentives, if any, would be offered to airlines. Commissioner Crouch responded that no incentives will be offered. Commissioner Graham moved to approve the contribution of \$2000, subject to final ratification by the WFAA of the contract offered to the consultant. Commissioner Jokerst seconded, and motion the carried.

G. Proposal by US West to Install Additional Pay Phones in the Terminal

Director Theberge explained that negotiations with the Denver office of US West had been underway for nearly two years, with no success; and that US West's Oregon office had offered an agreement to provide the additional phones. Commissioner Graham expressed concern regarding the costs that WFAA would incur should the phones be removed prematurely again. Discussion followed. Commissioner Jokerst moved to approve the contract; Commissioner Graham seconded. Motion carried.

H. FAA Letter RE Improvement to Safety Area on Runway 29

Director Theberge provided a brief overview of the FAA request, noting that FAA will pay 90% of the costs incurred. The remaining 10% will come from the WFAA PFC program. Director Theberge stated that the FAA had denied a request for a waiver. Commissioner O'Boyle moved to comply with the FAA directive in conjunction with AIP 15. Commissioner Graham seconded, and the motion carried.

I. C-DOT Grant Project Bid Results (RE Pavement Marking and Fog Seal)

Director Theberge recommended granting Martin Construction the bid for painting, and Asphalt Specialists the bid for the fog seal. Commissioner O'Boyle moved to accept both companies' bids. Commissioner Jokerst seconded, and the motion carried.

IV. CONTRACTS

Director Theberge pointed out key points of the contract between Timberline Aviation and WFAA, explaining that Timberline has negotiated with Ron Rouse of Colorado Airlines to purchase the building owned by Mr. Rouse. Timberline would like to lease 60 feet of RUST Geotech land on which the Colorado Airlines lease holders have encroached by depositing dirt; Director Theberge will approach RUST Geotech with that proposal. Discussion followed. Commissioner Crouch explained the difference between a Right of First Refusal and an Option. Roger Fischer asked if Timberline was to be charged landing fees or fuel flowage fees, or both. Commissioner O'Boyle noted that this issue had been discussed at a previous Board meeting and that either landing fees or fuel flowage fees were to be levied, and that Director Theberge and Harry Griff, the airport attorney, were to have worked out the details. Mr. Fischer recommended that general aviation pilots not be charged landing fees because of the "bad taste left in their mouths" upon finding that they had to pay each time they landed at Walker Field. Director Theberge agreed. Discussion followed. The decision regarding landing fees vs. fuel flowage fees was deferred. The Timberline lease will be re-negotiated on this issue when a final decision is made. Roger Fischer asked about the "owned outright" phrase in the lease; Harry Griff will be directed to address the discrepancies. Mr. Fischer asked WFAA to share the cost of installing the required fire hydrant; a final decision will be considered when Mr. Fischer has complete data regarding costs and specifications. Mr. Fischer noted that Harry Griff has a copy of the agreement between Ron Rouse and Timberline Aviation. Commissioner Graham moved to allow Mr. Griff to make necessary adjustments to the language of the lease, with the exception of page 28 ("free and clear" issue). Commissioner O'Boyle seconded, and the motion carried.

V. FINANCE

Corinne Nystrom presented the financial report for the month of January, noting that, overall, January 1996 was better than January 1995. Commissioner Jokerst moved to accept the report; Commissioner O'Boyle seconded. Motion carried. Commissioner Graham abstained from voting.

Commissioner Graham called for a Point of Order: Why does the Board ratify the financial report in the present manner? Director Theberge was directed to research and respond.

VI. STAFF/COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. February Reports of Passenger Traffic and Airfreight

Director Theberge noted that Air 21 has been filling most of their seats, and noted that 1996 YTD was showing better than 1995 YTD. Discussion followed.

Commissioner O'Boyle asked about the recent landing by an Air 21 plane on runway 4/22, expressing concern because of weight limitations. Director Theberge responded that WFA does not and cannot dictate which runway a pilot must use; that runway choice is ultimately a pilot decision. He noted that FAA allows "occasional use" of a runway by an aircraft exceeding specified weight limitations for that runway. Discussion followed. Commissioner O'Boyle pointed out that the tower cannot refuse a pilot's request to land on a particular runway. Airport staff reported that the pilot of the Air 21 craft under discussion chose runway 4/22 because of a 50-mile-per-hour crosswind.

Kent Pfleider stated that he had talked with a representative in the FAA office in Denver and was told that an airport did have the right to refuse to allow a pilot to land on a particular runway. Commissioner O'Boyle asked for a definitive statement from FAA. Commissioner Crouch stated that the airport already had clear direction.

B. Flight Schedule

Director Theberge noted the addition of Air 21 flights to the schedule.

C. Banner Associates Correspondence RE the Bookcliff Technology Center Project

Director Theberge said the correspondence was included as FYI for the Board.

D. Attorney Selection Committee

Commissioner Jokerst reported that interviews are scheduled for March 27 and 28, and that the committee will have a final decision to present at the next Board meeting.

E. Automated Surface Observing System

Director Theberge said documents were included as FYI.

F. Appointment of David Graham to WFAA Board of Commissioners

Commissioner Crouch again noted the addition of David Graham to the WFAA Board.

G. List of WFAA Board of Commissioners

Gary Morris submitted a change in his work phone numbers: work 285-7600, work fax 285-9334, noting that the numbers are local, not long distance.

H. Other Items

- 1. Commissioner O'Boyle asked if the GAO investigation was still ongoing, and was told, Yes.
- 2. Commissioner O'Boyle asked Commissioner Morris if the location for mounting the A6 had been decided, and suggested it be mounted out near Horizon Drive. Commissioner Morris provided an update on his quest to obtain outside provision for the project, noting that many donations in kind had been offered. He stated that he wanted to have the project completed in time to dedicate the aircraft when the Blue Angels come in for the air show in September. The possibility of combining the A6 display with an entry sign to Walker Field was discussed, and Mike Sutherland (former WFA employee) pointed out that \$5,000 was donated several years ago by a former Board member to be set aside for a sign.
- 3. Commissioner O'Boyle asked Commissioner Morris about the status of the Mission Statement project. Commissioner O'Boyle was asked to replace Commissioner Jokerst on the committee. He consented. Commissioners Morris and O'Boyle and Director Theberge will meet and work to draft a statement.
- Commissioner O'Boyle asked about the effort to involve outside agencies in commercial development discussions. Commissioner Crouch stated that the issue is slated for discussion at the next Board meeting.
- 5. Commissioner O'Boyle suggested extending an invitation to BLM officials (Robertson, Lancelot, Bosch) to meet with the WFAA Board to discuss BLM's plans and wishes for the BLM air base center. A workshop to include BLM personnel will be scheduled within the next two weeks to discuss, rather than negotiate, BLM's needs.

- 6. Kent Pfleider asked why the Public Comments portion of the Board meeting had been taken off the agenda. Commissioner Crouch answered that it had not been taken off, only moved and is now "New Business."
- 7. Kent Pfleider told of helping an elderly passenger struggling with luggage, and suggested WFAA provide a service for those people who cannot handle their own bags. Commissioner Crouch said the Board will take the issue under consideration.
- 8. Doug Thompson asked if the Board would revisit the decision of several years ago regarding the Army Corps of Engineers and the Army Reserves. He stated that if an agreement could be struck with those entities, all the military could come into WFA, and the result would be a "tripling of revenue." He suggested negotiating a lease. Director Theberge stated that a decision had not been reached in the earlier negotiations because of unresolved conflicts with the Master Plan. Commissioner O'Boyle will call Commissioner Crouch to discuss further.
- 9. Commissioner Crouch stated that a "consent agenda" will be used at the next Board meeting in an effort to shorten the length of the meetings. Any items on the consent agenda that need lengthy or further discussion will be pulled from the agenda for discussion at a later time.
- 10. Commissioner Crouch stated that a personnel policy change drafted by Harry Griff will be discussed at the next Board meeting.
- 11. Commissioner Crouch asked the Board when they would like to consider filling the position of Vice Chair vacated by Reford Theobold. Commissioner Graham said he would try to spur the City Council to appoint a replacement for the seat vacated by Judith Humphries. Appointment of a new Vice Chairman was deferred.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

No new business was discussed.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

ADOPTED AND PASSED THIS 23rd DAY OF APRIL 1996.

ATTEST:

Chairman

Susan Stokes, Deputy Clerk

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