

Walker Field Airport Authority

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting

January 21, 1997

ORIGINAL

BOARD COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Larry Jokerst Martin O'Boyle
Robert McCormick Jim Richards
David Graham Gary Morris
John Heimburger

AIRPORT STAFF PRESENT: Corinne Nystrom Dennis Wiss
Ted Balbier Susan Stokes
John Thomas

ALSO PRESENT: Dalton Garlitz as interested citizen; Miles McCormack of the Confederate Air Force; James B. Braden as interested citizen; Peg Wallace of Thunder Mountain Ground Service; Ron Rouse of Colorado Air Lines; Diane Gibson and Doug Thompson of West Star Aviation; Larry Kempton of Kempton Air; Paul Davies of the Daily Sentinel; and Harry Griff as Airport Attorney.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jokerst called the meeting to order at 5:17 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

No public comments.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes: December 17, 1996, Regular Board Meeting

B. Cancellation of Air 21 Operating and Leased Space Agreements

Dave Miller, Senior Auditor for Air 21, via facsimile sent December 30, 1996, requested cancellation of the Air 21 Operating and Leased Space Agreements effective December 31, 1996.

C. Resolution 1997-001: State Grant Contract Resolution

The resolution states that WFAA requests assistance from the Colorado Aeronautical Board and the Division of Aeronautics in the form of a State aviation system grant, and that the grant will be used solely for aviation purposes. This resolution is in conjunction with the 1997 CDAG project to construct a general aviation access road and install security perimeter fencing in the 4/22 general aviation area.

D. Resolution 1997-002: Amendment to Fees & Charges Schedule Regarding Fees for Miscellaneous User Supplies and Services

The resolution establishes a uniform rate schedule for miscellaneous supplies and services supplied by WFAA staff.

E. Installation of Remote Radio Transmitter for Emery Air Freight

Aeronautical Communications Group, Inc. installed a radio receiver/transmitter to transmit messages to in-flight aircraft as they pass over Grand Junction. WFAA will receive \$50.00 per month for the space the equipment occupies in the 2nd floor custodial closet. A licensing agreement will be signed with Emery.

Commissioner Richards moved to approve the Consent Agenda; Commissioner O'Boyle seconded. Roll call: all ayes. Motion carried.

V. **NOVEMBER 1996 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS / ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE**

Manager Nystrom provided a summary of the November 1996 Financial Statements and the current Accounts Receivable delinquency list. Commissioner Graham moved to acknowledge receipt of the Financial Statements; Commissioner McCormick seconded. Roll call: all ayes. Motion carried.

VI. **ACTION ITEMS**

A. Revised Colorado Skunkworks Lease Agreement

Manager Nystrom presented the lease terms, noting that a parking variance is requested by Colorado Skunkworks, and that future Specialized FBO's wishing to operate from the Skunkworks premises must sign an agreement with WFAA for additional parking before commencing operations. She recommended approval of the agreement. Commissioner McCormick moved to approve the lease and to authorize the Chairman to sign it; Commissioner O'Boyle seconded. Roll call: all ayes. Motion carried.

B. Resolution 1997-003: Amendment to Fees & Charges Schedule Regarding Land Lease Rates

Manager Nystrom explained that the 3% increase was set according to the CPI-U from October 1996, and noted that the FAA requires the lease rates be set to ensure that the airport is financially self-sustaining. Brief discussion followed. Commissioner Graham moved to ratify and adopt the 3% increase, to approve and adopt Resolution 1997-003, and to assign January 1, 1997 as the effective date of the increase. Commissioner Richards seconded. Roll call: all ayes. Motion carried.

VII **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

A. At-Large Board Member Recruitment

Commissioner Richards described the recruitment effort to date. Commissioner Graham suggested sending the list of candidates and the accompanying résumés to the City Council after a Board appointment has been made.

B. Bennett Property Acquisition

Manager Nystrom explained that \$52,000 had been offered and accepted for the purchase of the Bennett property. The closing was held on January 10, 1997. An environmental assessment revealed no contamination or hazardous waste materials. However, at the Authority's request, prior to closing, Mr. Bennett filled in a cistern found on the property.

C. Air Service Task Force Update

Manager Nystrom provided an overview of the air service marketing trip to Minneapolis and St. Louis, noting that both Northwest and TWA had been impressed by the financial stability of Walker Field Airport.

D. Maverick Airways

Manager Nystrom provided a brief recap of the inaugural reception and ribbon-cutting ceremonies of earlier this day.

E. Structural Engineering Report - WFAA Hangar East of Terminal Building

Ted Balbier distributed copies of a letter from L.J. Lindauer, Inc., a structural engineering firm that conducted a walk-through inspection of the hangar, and provided a brief summary of the firm's findings. Commissioner McCormick stated that long-range plans for the hangar should be determined, and that the roof should be repaired soon. Commissioner Graham asked staff to obtain the costs to repair the hangar. Manager Nystrom noted that Lindauer had not examined the electrical system and suggested an electrical evaluation be performed. Commissioner Graham asked if the hangar was in danger of imminent collapse. Mr. Balbier responded, no. Discussion followed. Commissioner McCormick moved to authorize Staff to issue a Request for Proposals for the roof repair; Commissioner Heimburger seconded. Roll call: all ayes with Commissioner O'Boyle abstaining. Motion carried.

F. Acquisition of F18A Aircraft for Static Display

Doug Thompson explained that F18 aircraft were being decommissioned and may become available for static displays. He believed that acquisition and mounting of an F18 would cost less than the A-6 project cost because of the uniqueness of the A6 mounting. He suggested that acquiring an F14 perhaps would be less still if the craft could be flown in to Walker Field. WFAA would have to pay for transportation costs for the aircraft. Staff was directed to send a letter requesting to be added to the list of potential recipients for an F14 and an F18.

VIII. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Commissioner Richards nominated Robert McCormick as Chairman of the Board for 1997; Commissioner Morris seconded the nomination. Commissioner Morris nominated Martin O'Boyle as Vice Chairman of the Board for 1997; Commissioner Graham seconded the nomination. Commissioner Richards moved the nominations be closed; Commissioner Heimburger seconded. A roll call vote was taken to encompass the nominations and the call to close nominations: all ayes. A unanimous vote resulted in the following appointments: Robert McCormick as Chairman, Martin O'Boyle as Vice Chairman, Corinne Nystrom as Treasurer, Susan Stokes as Clerk, and John Thomas as Deputy Clerk.

IX. OTHER ITEMS

A. Runway 11/29 Rehabilitation Litigation

Manager Nystrom distributed copies of a letter from Kumar & Associates, Inc. outlining their recommendations regarding repair of Runway 11/29: removal of the existing open-graded friction course on the surface and an additional ½-inch of the P-401, then application of a new porous friction course surface. Commissioner Richards moved to accept the report from Kumar & Associates, to authorize Isbill Associates to proceed with the repair according to the recommendations of Kumar, to award the construction bid to Elam Construction contingent upon a successful negotiation of the additional costs that will be associated with the removal of the additional ½-inch, and to authorize Isbill to work with Elam to schedule the work;

Commissioner O'Boyle seconded. Manager Nystrom noted that FAA approval of the recommendation would be required. Roll call: all ayes. Motion carried.

Harry Griff provided an update on the litigation proceedings. He noted that Corn Construction asserts that it is entitled to compensation for additional work that includes sweeping operations and application of a lime solution to the porous friction course when the aggregate did not adhere to the surface of the runway. Mr. Griff stated that use of the runway materials as salvage is under discussion.

B. Blue Angels Air Show

Ted Balbier confirmed that the Blue Angels are scheduled to perform at an air show at Walker Field Airport in Fall 1997.

C. Recognition of Emergency Response by WFAA Personnel

Ted Balbier related that a traveler suffered a full arrest heart attack at Timberline Aviation on January 20th, and that WFAA ARFF team members Frank Tenorio and Todd Watkins responded and were able to resuscitate the victim. Staff was directed to draft for Board signature letters of commendation for Mssrs. Tenorio and Watkins.

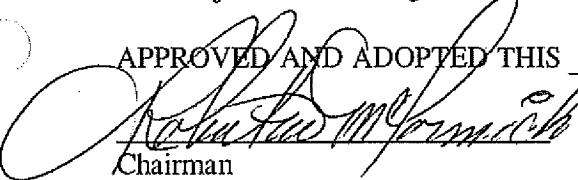
D. TRACON

Commissioner O'Boyle reported that he has been working with Doug Clayton, FAA Tower Chief, to get a mountain TRACON installed for Walker Field. He recommended that staff contact Mr. Clayton to offer assistance with this endeavor.

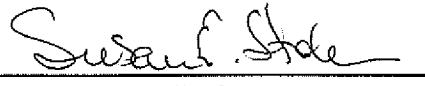
X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Richards moved to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Graham seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 18th DAY OF February, 1997.


Chairman

ATTEST:


Susan Stokes, Clerk