

Walker Field Airport Authority

Minutes of the Special Board Meeting

June 26, 1998

BOARD COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Martin O'Boyle Robert McCormick
 Miles McCormack Gary Morris
 Jim Richards

AIRPORT STAFF PRESENT: Corinne Nystrom Ted Balbier
 Dan Reynolds David Anderson

ALSO PRESENT: David Naski and Park Douma of West Star Aviation.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman O'Boyle called the meeting to order at 5:15pm.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman O'Boyle asked for additions or changes to the published agenda. There were no additions or changes.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner McCormick asked if a thank you letter was being prepared for former Authority Board Commissioner Charles Gillett. Chairman O'Boyle commented that he was in the process of preparing a thank you letter. Because of the hard work Mr. Gillett put into Federal Express possibly commencing service at Walker Field, Chairman O'Boyle requested that Staff personally invite Mr. Gillett to the future Board meeting at which the Federal Express Use and Lease Agreement will be considered.

IV. RESOLUTION 1998-005: AIP-17 GRANT AGREEMENT

Staff presented the Board with proposed Resolution 1998-005: AIP-17 Grant Agreement. Approval of the Airport Improvement Program (AIP)-17 Grant would allow the Authority to receive up to

\$413,000 from the FAA to install a portion of airport perimeter fencing (approximately 5,200 linear feet); rehabilitate portions of the terminal building; and rehabilitate parallel Taxiway "A" (design work and engineering only). The provisions of the Grant Agreement appear to be materially similar to the provisions contained in the AIP-16 Grant Agreement which was approved in 1997. Staff recommended approval of the Resolution.

Commissioner McCormick moved to approve Resolution 1998-005: AIP-17 Grant Agreement. Vice Chairman McCormack seconded. Roll call: all ayes. Motion carried.

V. AIP-17 SUPPLEMENTAL CO-SPONSORSHIP AGREEMENTS WITH MESA COUNTY AND CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION

Staff presented the Board with proposed Supplemental Co-Sponsorship Agreements with Mesa County and the City of Grand Junction. Manager Nystrom noted that the City and County prefer to enter into this agreement because it defines the relationship between the Authority and those two entities. The FAA does not require the Supplemental Agreements. However, it serves two purposes. First, AIP grants may only be issued to entities with taxing authority. Because the Authority does not have taxing authority, but the City and County do, the involvement of the City and County in the signing of the Grant is required by the FAA. Second, as a part of the FAA grant assurances, the entity responsible for the land use planning and zoning in areas surrounding the Airport must agree to implement compatible land use policies. The City and County are responsible for zoning and land use planning in areas adjacent to the airport.

Manager Nystrom also commented that the provisions of the Supplemental Co-Sponsorship Agreements with the City and County are materially similar to the provisions contained in the Supplemental Co-Sponsorship Agreements with the City and County that the Board approved in 1997. Staff recommended approval of the Supplemental Co-Sponsorship Agreements with Mesa County and the City of Grand Junction.

Commissioner McCormick moved to approve the Supplemental Co-Sponsorship Agreements with Mesa County and the City of Grand Junction. Commissioner Richards seconded.

Chairman O'Boyle asked if either the City of Grand Junction or Mesa County have ever voiced any concerns over these agreements in the past. Manager Nystrom commented that several years ago, when the FAA expanded the requirements under the grant assurances relating to contractors, the City and County had questions regarding the extent of their liability. However, after further review, the City and County have not expressed any concerns since that time.

Roll call: all ayes. Motion carried.

VI. CONTRACT WITH R.W. JONES FOR TERMINAL BUILDING RENOVATION

Staff presented the Board with a proposed contract between the Authority and R.W. Jones for the terminal beams renovation project. The terminal beams renovation project is a part of the Airport Improvement Program (AIP)-17 project. Manager Nystrom commented that R.W. Jones provided the Authority with signed original contracts, and will be forwarding a performance bond, payment bond, and insurance to the Authority. Staff recommended approval of the R.W. Jones Contract.

Commissioner McCormick moved to approve the contract between the Authority and R.W. Jones for the terminal beams renovation project. Commissioner Morris seconded. Roll call: all ayes. Motion carried.

VII. AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO CONTRACT WITH NICHOLS ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR TERMINAL BUILDING RENOVATION ENGINEERING SERVICES

Staff presented the Board with a proposed Amendment No. 2 to the Contract between the Authority and Nichols Associates, Inc. for terminal building renovation engineering services. At the June 16, 1998, Regular Board Meeting, the Board approved a motion to amend the original Contract with Nichols to change the contract price to an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00. Amendment No. 2 would incorporate this change.

Chairman O'Boyle asked if there were any other engineering firms involved with this project. Manager Nystrom noted that Isbill Associates is performing the administrative duties for this project. Staff recommended approval of Amendment No. 2 to the Nichols Contract.

Commissioner Morris moved to approve Amendment No. 2 to the Contract between the Authority and Nichols Associates, Inc. for terminal building renovation engineering services. Vice Chairman McCormack seconded. Roll call: all ayes. Motion carried.

VIII. OTHER ITEMS

As requested by the Board at the June 16, 1998, Regular Board Meeting, Manager Nystrom presented the Board with a document pertaining to the Airport Manager's compensation increase.

Vice Chairman McCormack inquired about the status of the Fruita VOR. Manager Nystrom updated the Board regarding this issue. Apparently, the FAA in Seattle may take a second look at the status of the VOR in light of recent feedback they have received from Authority Staff and local FAA officials.

Chairman O'Boyle commented that a better location for the VOR could be west of its current location. Such a location would be more suitable for stacking arriving aircraft during inclement weather. Staff commented that the FAA is processing a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request from the Authority to provide copies of the instrument landing system (ILS) log which will contain information pertaining to the number of times the ILS has been out of service. Vice Chairman McCormack recommended asking the FAA to provide the Authority with the same amount of money as it would have cost the FAA to dismantle the VOR. The money could then be used by the Authority to relocate the VOR.

Chairman O'Boyle asked if the FAA has considered purchasing the land on which the VOR now stands. Manager Nystrom commented that the FAA indicated the purchase price is too high. Vice Chairman McCormack inquired whether a land swap between a land owner west of the Airport and the Authority would be a feasible alternative. Manager Nystrom responded that Staff is considering as many alternatives as possible. Commissioner McCormick asked if the certification criteria are


the same whether the FAA relocates the VOR or the Authority relocates it. Manager Nystrom noted the criteria are the same.

Vice Chairman McCormack inquired about the Authority-owned hangar renovations. Manager Nystrom commented that approximately 12 contractors were in attendance for the walk-through inspection for the renovations, and the closing date for the bids is next Tuesday, June 30th. The remediation work and oversight is being put out to bid, and will be advertised in next week's newspaper. Commissioner McCormick asked if Staff has been able to access the hangar. Manager Nystrom commented that Staff has had access to the hangar for inspection purposes.

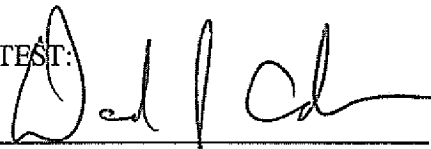
IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner McCormick moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Morris seconded. Unanimously carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:51pm.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 21st DAY OF July, 1998.



Martin O'Boyle, Chairman

ATTEST: 

David J. Anderson, Clerk