

**THE UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING**  
**MINUTES OF THE TRUSTEES**

**February 1, 1942**

**For the confidential information**  
**of the Board of Trustee**

A special meeting of the Board of Trustees was held at 11:00 a. m., February 1, 1942. The following were present: President Linn, Mrs. Grieve, Mr. Facinelli, Mr. Sill, Mr. Barrett, Mr. Ferrall and President Morrill.

*Roll Call*

This special meeting was convened in order to reconsider the sale of Airport land to the City. The Mayor of Laramie was present before the Trustees on January 31 and stated that the resolution adopted by the Board on January 19 regarding the sale of this land was unsatisfactory to him.

*Airport*

The following correspondence was received from the Mayor and City Council.

CITY OF LARAMIE

Laramie, Wyoming  
1-31-42

President Ralph S. Linn  
and the Board of Trustees  
University of Wyoming  
Laramie, Wyoming

My dear President Linn:

In view of the lack of action on the part of the C.A.A. in ruling on the possibility of tri-party sponsorship of the proposed airport, it appears that such tri-sponsorship will not be permitted at all or at least not without much delay. Our experience with the present set-up at the airport leads us to believe also that a partnership arrangement would hamper many uses which would probably be necessary in the building and maintenance of the proposed improvements. We believe, therefore, that the proposals contained in the first portions of the Board's Resolution of January 19th are not acceptable and that the University officers should avail themselves of the third alternative of the Resolution, that is, to deed the land to the City, or City and Albany County jointly, with the understanding that the city will proceed immediately with the proposed improvements of the field.

*Correspondence  
with City on  
Airport Sale*

Albany County has indicated its willingness to transfer all title to the property to the City of Laramie and permit the City to continue alone. This may or may not appear feasible and any decision as to whether the city will continue in the sponsorship alone or will be joined by the County must be decided later.

On behalf of the present City Council, I may assure you of full cooperation by the City of Laramie with the University in the use of the

field and its facilities. The University will be given preference in all matters relating to such use, insofar as it is feasible and there is no conflict with governmental regulations or agencies. I speak for the Council and City of Laramie when I state that I am confident that it will be agreeable with this and future administrations to consult with the University in the event of a contemplated sale of the properties at any future date.

Very truly yours,

/s/ S. W. Moyle

S. W. Moyle  
Mayor, City of Laramie

CITY OF LARAMIE  
Laramie, Wyoming  
1-31-42

President Ralph S. Linn  
and the Board of Trustees  
University of Wyoming  
Laramie, Wyoming

My dear President Linn:

I am enclosing the letter which was read at the Board Meeting this date. The last sentence was added on the recommendation and with the approval of a majority of the Council Members.

I sincerely hope that the Board of Trustees of the University of Wyoming will see fit to make the transfer of lands in order that the City and County and the University may take advantage of the money as tentatively allocated by the Administrator of Civil Aeronautics, with the approval of a Board composed of the Secretaries of War, Navy, and Commerce for improvements at our local airport which have been designated as necessary for national defense and that we may therefore be permitted to take immediate action in this respect in the interest of national defense. I can assure you of the continued cooperation of the City of Laramie and Albany County in this respect, and request that future administrations cooperate with the University of Wyoming in that they shall not deprive but rather that they shall permit the University to avail themselves of every possible advantage and to grant them the right to carry on such research work as is consistent and not in conflict with governmental rules and regulations.

Your full consideration in this matter will be appreciated by the City of Laramie and Albany County in that it will enable us to take immediate steps that will be for the welfare of all concerned.

Very truly yours,

/s/ S. Moyle

S. Moyle - Mayor

*Correspondence  
Cont'd.*

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CITY OF LARAMIE  
Laramie, Wyoming  
February 1, 1942

President Ralph S. Linn  
and the Board of Trustees  
University of Wyoming  
Laramie, Wyoming

Dear Sir:

Supplementing the letters of January 31, 1942, sent to you by Mayor S. Moyle, I wish to tell you on behalf of the City of Laramie that the City will not deprive the University of Wyoming of the full use of the airport facilities without cost to the University so long as such use does not conflict with Federal regulations. No sale or lease will be made without consulting the University, and no sale or lease will be made which is not required by superior public authority or approved by the University.

Yours truly,

/s/ L. E. Walter  
President of the Council and  
Acting Mayor

/s/ H. W. Nielsen  
Councilman

/s/ J. Marius Christensen  
Councilman

/s/ B. A. Deti  
Councilman

/s/ W. W. Grothe  
Councilman

Thereupon Mr. Facinelli moved that the action of the Board taken January 19th with reference to the sale of this property be reconsidered. This motion was seconded by Mr. Sill and unanimously carried. It was then moved by Mr. Sill, seconded by Mr. Facinelli and unanimously carried that this resolution of January 19th with reference to the sale of land at the airport be rescinded and stricken from the records.

Mr. Facinelli then moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mrs. Grieve and unanimously carried.

*Correspondence  
Cont'd.*

*Resolution of Jan. 19  
stricken from records -  
Sale reconsidered*

Whereas, the Board of Trustees of the University of Wyoming in special session on this date with a quorum present, as attested by the roll call herewith appended, has considered the request of the City of Laramie, State of Wyoming to transfer to the City of Laramie the title in fee simple to certain land hereinafter described, for the purpose of further developing, through federal aid, the airport now located on said land in the interest of national defense,

And whereas, it is the desire and purpose of this Board that the University of Wyoming cooperate to the fullest degree with the said City of Laramie and with the United States government in the development of said Airport in this national emergency and for the future uses of the public and the community,

Now, therefore be it resolved that the proper officers of the University of Wyoming, said officers being the President and Secretary of the Board of Trustees, be and they are hereby authorized and directed to execute and to convey by proper deed to the City of Laramie, the following described lands for a cash consideration of \$1,280.00 to wit:

The West Half ( $W\frac{1}{2}$ ), Section Thirty-five (35), Township Sixteen (16) North, Range Seventy-four (74) West of the Sixth (6th) Principal Meridian, Albany County, Wyoming, together with all easements, improvements, and hereditaments thereon or thereunto appertaining.

Mrs. Grieve moved that the President of the Board of Trustees transmit the following letter to the Mayor and each member of the City Council.

Seconded by Mr. Sill and carried.

February 1, 1942

Mr. S. W. Moyle, Mayor  
Mr. L. E. Walter, President of the Council  
Mr. H. W. Nielsen, Councilman  
Mr. J. Marius Christensen, Councilman  
Mr. B. A. Deti, Councilman  
Mr. W. W. Grothe, Councilman  
City of Laramie  
Laramie, Wyoming

Gentlemen:

The Board of Trustees, at a special session held on February 1, 1942, considered the two letters of S. W. Moyle, Mayor, dated January 31, 1942, and the letter of L. E. Walter, President of the Council, and H. W. Nielsen, J. Marius Christensen, B. A. Deti, W. W. Grothe, Councilmen, under date of February 1, 1942, and have directed that I write you as follows:

*Resolution Adopted*

*Trustees reply  
to City*

The Board of Trustees are most anxious to cooperate with the United States and with the City of Laramie in the matter of the use of its property for airport facilities. Of course, we all wish to be most helpful in the present emergency. At the same time, we are zealous of the continuation and development of the activities of the University along aeronautical lines and we appreciate that the City of Laramie is as anxious as we are to insure the full use of the airport facilities to the University in conformity with the regulations of the Civil Aeronautics Authority.

Of course, you know we have determined to convey the property to you for less than its actual cost, and we are very happy that you have advised us that "the City will not deprive the University of Wyoming of the full use of the airport facilities without cost to the University so long as such use does not conflict with Federal regulations. No sale or lease will be made without consulting the University, and no sale or lease will be made which is not required by superior public authority or approved by the University."

Enclosed herewith is the Resolution of the Board unanimously passed on February 1, 1942 and the deed for the property is available at the office of the Comptroller on payment of the consideration involved.

Sincerely yours,

Ralph S. Linn  
President, Board of Trustees

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,



Fay E. Smith  
Secretary

*Adjournment*