

HAWAII AERONAUTICS COMMISSION  
 Minutes of Regular Meeting  
 Monday, October 22, 1951

The regular monthly meeting of the Hawaii Aeronautics Commission was held in the Conference Room of the Commission on Monday, October 22, 1951, at 11:10 a.m.

Present were: Dr. F. K. Sylva, Chairman  
 Mr. C. J. Pietsch, Jr., Vice Chairman  
 Mr. Ralph C. Honda, Secretary  
 Mr. Roy R. Bright, Member  
 Mr. David Furtado, Member, Hawaii  
 Mr. H. W. Rice, Member, Maui  
 Mr. Dorsey W. Edwards, Member, Kauai

Absent: Mr. O. J. Burnett, Member  
 Mr. R. A. Anderson, Member (on mainland)

Attending: Mr. Peyton Harrison, Director, HAC  
 Mr. R. M. Lee, Adm. Asst., HAC  
 Mr. T. A. Vierra, Architect  
 Mr. Cy Gillette, Supt. A & O, HAC  
 Mr. C. M. Kee, Asst. Dir., HAC  
 Mr. G. W. Roseberry, CAA  
 Mr. Ford Studebaker, HAL  
 Mr. H. K. Graves, PAA  
 Mr. James Morrison, DPW  
 Mr. Richard Rupp, United Air Lines  
 Mr. Dorsey, Northwest Airlines  
 Mr. Arthur Carter, concessionaire  
 Mr. David Benz, TPA  
 Mr. William Randall, TPA  
 Mr. Mailer, Dept. Agriculture  
 Mr. Hoozier, " "  
 Dr. Hendershot

**HILO TERMINAL BUILDING PLAN:** Mr. Theodore Vierra presented and elaborated on the latest plans for the construction of the new Hilo Terminal Building. The cost of the terminal was estimated at \$250,000, of which \$171,000 was for the terminal building itself. Mr. Vierra said further that these plans had been approved by the CAA, Weather Bureau and Department of Public Works.

Mr. Furtado moved to approve the plans; motion was seconded by Mr. Rice and carried.

Mr. Vierra stated that he would get the plans out of his office within a month.

**MAUI AIRPORT:** The Chairman reported that several members of the Commission had inspected the Kahului Airport site and that they had questioned the propriety of spending funds in excess of the amount appropriated by the Commission for use at this airport. He suggested that the Commission approve expenditures already made, but with the admonition that proper procedure be followed hereafter.

Mr. Honda read a recommendation of his committee that B-2 temporary runway lights or equivalent, instead of permanent medium intensity lights, be installed and that present available fixtures be used for this purpose; also that immediate suspension of this project be effected and have the airport engineer work on the cost estimates and plans for completion of all necessary airport requirements to put Kahului in operation.

Mr. Rice said he would not like to see temporary runway lights installed. He pointed out that when the changeover to Kahului was started such extensive improvements had not been anticipated. (Including painting of smokestack for HC&S and razing of power plant stack.)

Dr. Sylva said that in order to keep the record straight, certain items should be kept in mind: The original idea was to build a \$15,000 temporary terminal, and this sum was allocated at a regular

meeting of the Commission. Subsequent to this, the terminal changed, without authorization, to a permanent structure. In this expansion, money was spent without authorization and there was no alternative but for the Commission to approve whatever sum had been expended.

Mr. Rice said he would like to continue until the 31st of October with both County and HAC crews and after that time the work could be finished by the HAC crew. However, he pointed out the need for retaining two County painters. He emphasized the importance of handling the matter in an orderly fashion and giving County workers sufficient notice.

Mr. Rice moved to continue work with County and HAC crews until the 31st of October, and that thereafter the Commission staff and engineer furnish cost estimates and plans for completion of all necessary airport requirements. Mr. Furtado seconded the motion.

Mr. Edwards moved to amend the motion to read that work be continued with our own workmen only.

Mr. Furtado moved to amend the amendment to leave County painters on the job.

In the following discussion, Mr. Furtado withdrew his motion. Mr. Honda seconded Mr. Edwards' motion; however, the amendment died for lack of sufficient votes.

Mr. Rice's motion was carried on deciding vote of the Chairman.

Mr. Bright moved that the Kahului Lighting System be included in the above plans and estimates; seconded by Mr. Edwards and carried unanimously.

It was agreed to hold a special meeting to review completed plans and estimates.

✓ POLICY RE ISSUANCE OF PURCHASE ORDERS: Outlining procedure on issuance of purchase orders, Mr. Lee pointed out that they are being issued directly by airport managers and that the central office has no knowledge of their issuance until a copy and substantiated invoice are received by the central office. He emphasized the fact that a purchase order becomes a binding contract once it is issued.

Mr. Honda explained that the subject matter had been discussed at length by the Finance Committee as a result of experiences encountered in the over expenditure of funds for the terminal building at Kahului and that in order to effect adequate financial control, as a temporary measure, effective immediately, it was the committee's recommendation that purchase orders be issued only by the central office. Motion by Mr. Honda, seconded by Mr. Edwards and carried.

✓ KAMUELA AIRPORT: The Director reported that there was only \$127,000 uncommitted funds in the fuel tax fund and that the new Kamuela Airport had been estimated at approximately three-fourths of a million dollars. The Chairman added that there was also a balance of \$40,000 remaining from the direct appropriation and that there is \$400,000 available from the Loan Fund.

MEETING ADJOURNED FOR LUNCH AT 12:30 PM AND RESUMED AT 1:10 PM.

✓ GROUND TRANSPORTATION UNIFORM POLICY (ALL ISLANDS): Mr. Honda made the following Finance Committee recommendations:

- (1) Taxi Concession - Effective January 1, 1952, exclusive taxi concessions be let for a period of one year by call for sealed bids. The upset price to be determined by the administrative staff and that the staff immediately prepare necessary specifications thereof.
- (2) U-Drive Concession - Effective January 1, 1952, exclusive U-drive concession be let for a term of one year by call for sealed bids. The upset price to be determined by the administrative staff and that said staff prepare necessary specifications thereof.
- (3) Individual Tour Concessions - Effective January 1, 1952, individual tour concessions be licensed on one year term at the rate of 10% of gross receipts per month, minimum amount to be \$50.00.

- (4) Airline Operators Flight Crew Ground Transportation - It should be continued without a fee charge as heretofore.
- (5) Badges - The issuance of badges for ground transportation requirements be handled by the administrative staff and the Committee.
- (6) Ground Transportation Licenses - That all ground transportation operations be effected under a license plan.

Mr. Bright moved to approve these recommendations on ground transportation, by the Finance Committee and that the matter be referred to the Attorney General's office for approval. Motion seconded by Mr. Honda and carried. Mr. Rice voted in the negative.

**DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS:** The Director reported that TPA, Andrew Flying Service and Trans-Air Hawaii are the only consistently delinquent airline accounts.

**UPOLO AIRPORT:** It was reported that work at Upolu would re-commence this week.

**PUNENE WATER LINES:** Mr. Rice reported that a letter had been received from CAA stating that transfer of the water lines had been cleared by the Navy.

**CHARGE OF 5% ON DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS:** Mr. Lee said that a year ago the Commission passed a motion to the effect that the delinquent accounts were to pay up 5% of what they were owing of a certain date, and if they did not comply with paying the 5% on the old balance and keeping current charges paid up they would be evicted; however, to date no one has been evicted. He inquired into the applicability of the 5% charge, and asked whether or not it was the commission's desire to evict tenants not complying.

The Chairman said that this policy applied to those accounts delinquent at the time of adoption of the policy and not delinquencies occurring thereafter. As to eviction of tenants, the Chairman stated that non-aeronautical tenants not complying with established policy should be evicted.

**MINUTES:** The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Commission held September 24, 1951 were approved as circulated.

**KAMUELA:** Mr. Honda reported and recommended as follows: The Finance Committee was advised that the Department of Public Works estimated the development of a new runway at Kamuela, Hawaii, to accommodate freight planes and the Convairs, at approximately \$728,000. The Committee was also advised that the foregoing did not include the cost of an access road, acquisition of additional land, installation of utilities, runway lights, a freight terminal and a passenger terminal. The Committee was also advised that approximately \$400,000 may be appropriated by the Commission out of the Loan Fund appropriation, Act 18, Special Session Laws of 1949, since these funds have not been obligated and that Federal aid was not available; that any additional funds required for the completion of this project must be financed by the Airport Fuel Tax Fund or through the sale of revenue bonds.

Mr. Honda recommended that the Director be authorized to apply to the Governor's Credit Restraint Committee for approval of this project, advising said Committee that the project is to be partially financed by the Loan Fund, Act 18 of SSL 1949 in the amount of \$400,000.

Mr. Furtado moved to approve the Finance Committee's recommendation; also that the Director proceed with advertising for bids upon receipt of the approval from the Governor's Credit Restraint Committee. Motion seconded by Mr. Bright and carried.

**HILO AIRPORT BUILDINGS:** It was the Public Works Committee's recommendation that the warehouse and Hilo Flying School building at Hilo Airport be moved, in order to conform with the master plan, at an estimated cost of \$8,000. Mr. Bright moved to approve recommendation of Public Works Committee; seconded by Mr. Furtado and carried.

**NASKA TOWER:** A Dr. Hendershot, representing the U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary on Maui, said that the Auxiliary is under jurisdiction of the Coast Guard and is particularly active in Air-Sea Rescue Work. At the present time, because of dismantling of buildings at Maui Airport the Auxiliary has no base of operations and would like a room in the old NASKA tower.

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Mr. Rice said that the CAP was also desirous of sharing the area with the Auxiliary. Dr. Hendershot found no objection to this.

The condition of the structure was discussed.

The Chairman instructed that this matter be included in the survey to be made at Kahului.

✓ KAHULUI AIRPORT HANGAR RENTAL RATE: Mr. Honda reported that it was the Finance Committee's recommendation that a temporary rate of \$13.00 per month be set for hangar rentals at Kahului. Motion for approval by Mr. Honda; seconded by Mr. Pietsch and carried.

✓ DRAINAGE DITCH AT LANAI: Mr. Rice reported that the drainage ditch at Lanai Airport was in great need of being cleared and enlarged and that the work could be handled by Western Builders before their departure from Lanai, for a total cost of \$1408.00. He explained that this work is somewhat of an emergency nature and necessary to prevent flooding by heavy rains. He moved that \$1408.00 be appropriated for this purpose. Motion seconded by Mr. Bright and carried.

IMPROVEMENTS TO OVERSEAS TERMINAL, HONOLULU AIRPORT: Dr. Sylva reported that Mr. James Morrison of DPW and Mr. Richard Rupp, representing the Airport Users' Technical Committee, had been working together on a plan for expansion of the Overseas Terminal, incorporating some of the ideas of the various airlines.

Mr. Rupp presented a plan worked out by himself and Mr. Morrison. He explained the various changes to be made, and pointed out that it was proposed to separate domestic and overseas operations. Mr. Rupp emphasized the fact that the terminal is an old structure and there is not enough room to expand and to meet everyone's needs; that the plan is one of compromise.

Mr. Benz of TPA stated that this plan was new to him and he had not had the opportunity to study the effects it would have on their operations. He said that TPA does not want to be relocated at all, and that if necessary TPA could relinquish a portion of the baggage area occupied by them.

It was pointed out to Mr. Benz that the intention was not necessarily to move TPA, but to formulate a workable plan to eliminate some of the congestion in the lobby, and that TPA merely happens to be located in a spot which should be free in order to facilitate terminal operations.

Mr. Mailer and Mr. Hoozier of the Department of Agriculture said that they saw two disadvantages to Mr. Rupp's plan: (1) insufficient counter space; and, (2) insufficient visibility.

After further discussion, the Chairman stated that the matter would be taken under advisement.

ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO COVER APPROVED PROJECTS: Mr. Honda reported that the Finance Committee in reviewing the financial report of September 30, 1951, concerned themselves with excess expenditures of certain approved projects and after careful consideration recommended that additional funds required to cover the excess expenditures be approved. Seconded by Mr. Honda and carried.

ALTERATIONS HAL TERMINAL, HONOLULU AIRPORT: Mr. Stuebaker asked what the estimated figure of \$102,000 for improvements to HAL's terminal included. Mr. Kee reported that \$52,000 was estimated for terminal building improvements and \$50,000 for drainage.

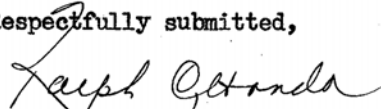
Mr. Stuebaker was informed that action on the matter had been deferred for further study. The Chairman stated that consideration of the development of new terminal facilities on the overseas side of the Honolulu Airport, in lieu of the \$102,000 on HAL improvements and perhaps \$25,000 for moving TPA, will be taken up by the Commission.

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LIHUE TERMINAL, ADVERTISING FOR BIDS: Mr. Edwards moved to approve advertising for bids for improvements to the Lihue Terminal. Motion seconded by Mr. Bright and carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Ralph C. Honda, Secretary