

HAWAII AERONAUTICS COMMISSION
 Regular Monthly Meeting
 Saturday, May 18, 1957

The regular monthly meeting of the Hawaii Aeronautics Commission was called to order by Dr. Francis K. Sylva, Chairman, on Saturday, May 18, 1957, at 10:15 a.m. in the Board Room of the Commission, Overseas Terminal Building, Honolulu International Airport.

A quorum of the Commission was in attendance. (See record of attendance).

GENERAL

MINUTES OF APRIL 13, 1957: The Acting Director requested that the following corrections be made to the minutes under the caption of "Mr. John Baker's Request to Operate Aircraft Sales and Service and Flight School": ".....subject to the terms of the normal space permit plus Mr. Baker's right to removal of improvements and the right of the Commission to require Mr. Baker to remove any and/or all of the buildings in the event the Commission finds it necessary for him to do so."

Mr. Duponte requested that the motion under "Request from Kamaaina Tours of Maui, Ltd." be changed to "seconded by Mr. Kobayashi....".

The minutes were then approved as corrected.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 47 RE UPOLU POINT: The Chairman stated that he received a Resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-Ninth Legislature of the Territory of Hawaii requesting that the Hawaii Aeronautics Commission repair Upolu Airport.

Since most of the necessary repairs to Upolu Airport have already been completed, Mr. Edwards inquired of Mr. Faris, Hawaiian Airlines representative, as to the condition of Upolu and whether it permits the operation of aircraft with a reasonable degree of safety in its present state. Mr. Faris, speaking for his company, stated that Upolu is now in a satisfactory operational condition.

It was moved by Mr. Edwards, seconded by Mr. Honda, and unanimously

VOTED: to inform the House of Representatives of the Twenty-Ninth Legislature by a letter from the staff that the repairs necessary for the safe operation of Upolu Point has been taken care of and also that a copy of the same letter be forwarded to the Speaker of the House.

REPORT FROM LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE: At the Chairman's request, Mr. Honda, Chairman of the Legislative Committee, gave a resume of the bills affecting or relating to the Hawaii Aeronautics Commission as follows:

- SJR 53 - Asking the Congress of the United States to enact legislation to authorize certain land exchanges for the development of the Honolulu Airport complex.
- SJR 55 - Asking the Congress of the United States to amend the Hawaiian Organic Act to clarify existing law relating to leases of land set aside for public purposes.
- HJR 57 - Authorizing the Hawaii Aeronautics Commission to issue \$14,000,000.00 airport revenue bond, and asking the Congress of the United States to enact legislation to approve and ratify such authorization.
- HB 631 - Clarifying and broadening the definition of aviation fuel to include all types of fuel used for aircraft. No change in the present 3-1/2 cent per gallon tax rate.

This bill, if signed by the Governor, will become effective July 1, 1959. Meanwhile, in the event jet planes should arrive before July 1, 1959, they will pay 8-1/2 cents a gallon fuel tax. This amount will go to the Highway Department and is not refundable to the operators.

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The Chairman stated that because of the effective date set for July 1, 1959, there may be some adverse effect on the sale of revenue bond. The Chairman also stated that in the event the entire project is set back because of the inability to sell the revenue bonds or if the Attorney General's Opinion is not favorable, we should look into the possibility of meeting with the users and discussing the situation, especially the users who were present at the legislative hearings.

Mr. Hodgson stated that according to a newspaper publication, the Users Association had reported to the Legislature that the airport terminal building as planned is a "great extravagance." Mr. Hodgson suggested that we have a meeting with the users to definitely establish the position of this organization. He also stated that approximately 50 or 60 per cent of the rising cost was primarily due to changes requested by these very same users. Mr. Hodgson suggested that we have an open meeting inviting both the public and the press. The matter was deferred at this point in order to allow Mr. Honda to complete his report.

(Mr. Ken Wetherell of Qantas, the only member of the Users Committee present, stated that his company would welcome such a meeting).

HB 702 - Fixing salaries of certain territorial officers; pegging the salary of the Director of Aeronautics at \$12,600 per annum. Also provides that the salary of the first assistant director shall not exceed 90 percent of the salary of the department head.

SB 779 - Providing for certain public improvements through general fund appropriations, including:

\$265,000 for relocation of Kona Airport (this project to be completed by sale of present airport site).

\$50,000 for a new Lanai Airport terminal

"Relocation of Kona Airport." The Chairman asked Mr. Dolan of CAA what he thought the prospects were of relocating the airport for the cost as stated in the bill. Mr. Dolan replied that the matter was taken up before with administrators in Washington and that three conditions were put on before the CAA would approve such action, to wit:

1. First, the airport with facilities which, in the opinion of the administration, are equal to or better than those existing in Kona be completely developed without Federal aid on a site acceptable to CAA and ready for operation.
2. Upon completion of such new airport the HAC enters into a grant agreement cancelling all grants that are applicable to the present site making new airport subject to the same conditions.
3. Any required relocation of government facilities be accomplished without cost to the Federal Government.

Mr. Dolan stated that estimated cost in 1954 was \$1,508,000 but today the price has undoubtedly increased. Another point Mr. Dolan clarified was that the CAA will participate only after the airport is ready to accept traffic.

Mr. Pietsch inquired, "What do you do with an old airfield?" to which Mr. Dolan replied that it was being considered as a possible hotel site. Mr. Edwards suggested that perhaps we could ask Hawaii County or Hawaii County Chamber of Commerce to have a group, such as Stanford Research Institute, make a survey and appraisal and look into these possibilities.

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HJR 69 - Requesting the Hawaii Aeronautics Commission to withhold expansion project into Damon Tract area until February 1, 1958.

SB 704 - Abolishing special funds and placing such funds under legislative and budgetary control in the same manner as the general fund.

Mr. Honda stated that this bill abolishes special funds and felt that since this will have an adverse effect upon the operation of HAC that the Acting Director meet with Mr. Thurston, Budget Director, to have some of the points clarified. The rest of the bill is self-explanatory.

HONOLULU

HAWAIIAN AIRMOTIVE'S REQUEST FOR REINSTATEMENT OF THEIR LEASE: Mr. Victor Pastushin, owner of Hawaiian Airmotive, asked permission of the Commission to say a few words at the end of the meeting. There being no objection the Chairman granted Mr. Pastushin's request.

RE-DESIGN OF PROPOSED INTER-ISLAND RAMP AREA: Upon the Acting Director's recommendation, it was moved by Mr. Pietsch, seconded by Mr. Hodgson, and unanimously

VOTED: to refer the re-designing of the Inter-Island Ramp Area for the new Honolulu International Terminal (as submitted by letter 5.5137 dated April 16, 1957, from the Department of Public Works) to the Terminal Planning and Coordinating Committee for study and recommendations.

MAUI

DEPARTMENT OF INSTITUTION'S REQUEST TO USE FOUR QUONSET HUTS AT KAHULUI: It was moved by Mr. Duponte, seconded by Mr. Pietsch, and unanimously

VOTED: to loan the Department of Institutions for a period of one year the use of four quonset huts located at Kahului Airport (as outlined in their letters of April 10, and April 17, 1957, respectively).

CONTROL TOWER AND RUNWAY LIGHTING - KAHULUI: It was moved by Mr. Duponte, seconded by Mr. Edwards, and unanimously

VOTED: to accept the cost estimates as submitted by the Department of Public Works for the installation of runway lights and standby power facilities and the construction of a Control Tower for Kahului Airport as follows:

Lighting (R/W 2-20 installation runway lights and standby power facilities)	\$ 138,965
Combined Station/Tower	95,026
	<u>233,991</u>
10% E & C	23,409
	<u>257,400</u>
Federal Funds	112,500
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Total	\$ 144,900

The Commission authorizes the Department of Public Works to proceed with final plans and to advertise for bids.

MOLOKAI

FUNDS FOR FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT: Upon the Acting Director's recommendation, it was moved by Mr. Duponte, seconded by Mr. Furtado, and unanimously

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VOTED: to authorize and appropriate the sum of \$4,000 for furniture and equipment for the New Molokai Terminal Building and requested the Airport Architect make recommendations without any obligation.

KAUAI

LIHUE ALTERATIONS AND PARKING AREA: Mr. Edwards stated that in view of the fact that in the preliminary plans certain objections were raised by the CAA that appeared valid and that needed adjusting, the matter be deferred to the next meeting. There being no objection, the matter was deferred to the next regular meeting.

Mr. Dolan suggested that since CAA usually handled project applications once a year and since it was so close to the end of their fiscal year the Lihue Plans be postponed until the objections were cleared.

GENERAL

REQUESTING AID FROM DELEGATE BURNS REGARDING RESOLUTIONS: In connection with (1) Senate Joint Resolution 53 asking the Congress of the United States to enact legislation to authorize certain land exchanges for the development of Honolulu Airport complex; (2) Senate Joint Resolution 55 asking the Congress to amend the Hawaiian Organic Act to clarify existing law relating to leases of land set aside for public purposes (65-year leases); and (3) House Joint Resolution 57 authorizing HAC to issue \$14,000,000 airport revenue bond and asking the Congress of the United States to enact legislation to approve and ratify such authorization, it was moved by Mr. Honda, seconded by Mr. Kobayashi, and unanimously

VOTED: to direct the Chairman of the HAC to send letters, which are to be prepared by the Acting Director, to Delegate John A. Burns requesting his efforts in getting the resolutions to Congress as soon as possible.

MEETING WITH UNDERSECRETARY OF COMMERCE: It was moved by Mr. Honda, seconded by Mr. Hodgson, and unanimously

VOTED: to have the Acting Director arrange for a meeting with Undersecretary of Commerce for Transportation, Mr. Louis C. Rothschild, together with representatives of the Navy, Army, Air Force, CAA and the Commission for the purpose of discussing Senate Joint Resolution 53 pertaining to exchange of lands and to seek his assistance in expediting preparation of legislation in Congress so that the exchange of lands will become an early reality.

COMMENDATION OF AIRPORT ARCHITECT: Mr. Honda, Chairman of the Legislative Committee, stated that during the legislative meetings he was questioned in regard to the ability of the Airport Architect. Upon the return of the delegation from the mainland where Mr. Vierra and HAC members attended the Annual Airport Operators Council's Convention, it was learned that Mr. Vierra was commended as one of the leading airport terminal architects of the nation. The Commission therefore should go on record in its commendation to Mr. Theodore A. Vierra in recognition of his outstanding work with this Commission.

NEXT MEETING DATE: The Chairman announced that the next meeting will be as regularly scheduled, June 22, 1957, 10 a.m. in the Board Room of the Commission at the Honolulu International Airport.

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PROPOSAL FROM LOCKHEED AIR TERMINAL, INC.: The Chairman stated that the Commission received a proposal from Lockheed for an agreement for consultation, guidance and/or services on general and specific problems of the Hawaii Aeronautics Commission (as outlined in their letter dated May 8, 1957, and circulated). It was moved by Mr. Honda, seconded by Mr. Hodgson, to accept the proposal as submitted by Lockheed Air Terminal, Inc. (as outlined in their letter of May 8, 1957) as consultants and authorize the Acting Director to proceed immediately with the contract.

Mr. Hodgson suggested that perhaps the motion should be amended to "for an indefinite period instead of for one year." Mr. Honda accepted the amendment to his motion, and it was unanimously

VOTED: to accept the proposal as submitted by Lockheed Air Terminal, Inc. (as outlined in their letter of May 8, 1957) as consultants to HAC for an indefinite period and to authorize the Acting Director to proceed with the contract.

USERS COMMITTEE MEETING: With reference to the recent legislation passed by the Territorial Legislature, it was suggested to hold an open meeting with the Users Committee, inviting both the public and press, to clarify matters relating to the new Honolulu International Airport Terminal facilities. It was moved by Mr. Honda, seconded by Mr. Hodgson, and unanimously

VOTED: to meet with the Users Committee, public and press at the call of the chair for the purpose of discussing matters pertaining to the new Honolulu International Airport Terminal facilities.

APPLICATIONS FOR DIRECTOR OF AERONAUTICS: Mr. Honda stated that as Secretary of the Commission he has collected approximately 25 applications for the position of Director of Aeronautics. Since the Legislature has established the salary of the Director at \$12,600 and since the time has arrived to select a director, he suggested that the Commission close the date for accepting applications for this position. It was moved by Mr. Honda, seconded by Mr. Hodgson, and unanimously

VOTED: to set the closing date of May 25, 1957, for accepting letters of application for the position of Director with the Hawaii Aeronautics Commission and that the Chairman select a committee of three members to screen applicants and report back to the full Commission.

LEASE - HAWAIIAN AIRMOTIVE: Mr. Victor Pastushin spoke at length about the history and development of Hawaiian Airmotive, Ltd. In view of the fact that there are numerous details involved in the study of the present lease, it was moved by Mr. Honda, seconded by Mr. Kobayashi, and unanimously

VOTED: to refer the matter of a new lease to the staff for study and to report to the Commission for consideration.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

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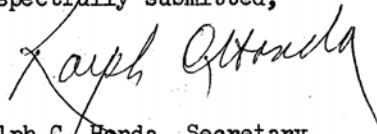
ATTENDANCE:

Hawaii Aeronautics Commission

Present: Dr. Francis K. Sylva, Chairman
 Mr. Dorsey W. Edwards, Vice Chairman (Kauai)
 Mr. Ralph C. Honda, Secretary
 Mr. David Furtado, Vice Secretary (Hawaii)
 Mr. George Kobayashi, Member
 Mr. Joseph V. Hodgson, Member
 Mr. Lionel V. Duponte, Member (Maui)
 Mr. Charles J. Pietsch, Jr., Member

In Attendance: Mr. R. M. Walton, Acting Director of Aeronautics
 Mr. Dick Faris, Hawaiian Airlines, Ltd.
 Mr. W. T. Waterhouse, Murrayair, Ltd.
 Mr. D. L. Grubb, Hawaiian Airlines, Ltd.
 Mr. Harold K. Graham, Shell Oil Co.
 Mr. Claude Burgett, Honolulu Star-Bulletin
 Mr. John V. Dolan, Civil Aeronautics Administration
 Mr. Ken Wetherell, Qantas Empire Airways
 Mr. Vic Pastushin, Hawaiian Airmotive, Ltd.
 Mr. D. McCraw, Aloha Airline
 Mr. Tim Ho, Department of Public Works
 Mr. Ted Vierra, Airport Architect
 Mr. K. Akita, Deputy Attorney General
 Mr. Mark E. Martin, HAC
 Mr. Gilbert L. Livingston, HAC
 Mr. Bo Tong Wat, HAC
 Mr. Roy J. Leffingwell, Honolulu Chamber of Commerce,
 Aeronautical Affairs Committee

Respectfully submitted,



Ralph C. Honda, Secretary