

HAWAII AERONAUTICS COMMISSION  
 Regular Monthly Meeting  
 Monday, October 23, 1950

The regular monthly meeting of the Hawaii Aeronautics Commission was held in the Conference Room of the Commission on Monday, October 23, 1950 at 1:45 p.m.

Present were: Dr. F. K. Sylva, Chairman  
 Mr. R. C. Honda, Secretary  
 Mr. R. A. Anderson, Member  
 Mr. R. R. Bright, Member  
 Mr. O. J. Burnett, Member  
 Mr. D. W. Edwards, Member (Kauai)  
 Mr. H. W. Rice, Member (Maui)  
 Dr. G. J. Silva, Member (Hawaii)

Absent was: Mr. C. J. Pietsch, Jr., Vice Chairman

Attending were:

Mr. C. M. Kee, Consult. Engr., HAC  
 Mr. G. R. Sims, Admin. Asst., HAC  
 Mr. C. Gillette, Supt. A & O, HAC  
 Miss M. Prendergast, Person. Adm., HAC  
 Mrs. M. Wood, HSA  
 Mr. Lloyd Osborne, HATS  
 Messrs. Thomas & Stephen Cooke, TAH  
 Mr. J. French, Navy Real Estate  
 Mr. T. A. Vierra, Architect for HAC  
 Mr. W. S. Holloway, Act. Mgr., Maui Airports  
 Mr. Ford Studebaker, HAL  
 Mr. Stanley Kennedy, Jr., HAL  
 Mr. Watry, Hon. Advertiser  
 Mr. Nelson, Star-Bulletin

MINUTES: The Minutes of the regular meeting of the Hawaii Aeronautics Commission held September 25, 1950, were approved as circulated.

CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION, Liquor License - Honolulu Airport: At the request of Mr. J. French, Attorney for the Navy, representing Admiral McMorris, the following resolution was adopted, on motion by Mr. Rice, seconded by Mr. Honda and carried:

RESOLVED: - That the Territory of Hawaii, acting by and through the Hawaii Aeronautics Commission, by this Resolution waives notice to it of a public meeting to be held in the office of the Liquor Commission on October 23rd at 4:00 PM and appears and registers with the Liquor Commission the absence of objection on its part to the issuance of a General Dispenser's license to the Civilian Employees Association and be it,

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary be directed to certify this Resolution in usual form for presentation to the Liquor Commission.

HR 25, AIRPORT AT KAU, HAWAII: The Director presented House Resolution No. 25, which requests the HAC to study the feasibility of constructing an airport in the District of Kau, Hawaii. It was pointed out that the Director had the matter under consideration and would make a report for submission to the next Legislature, in compliance with this Resolution.

HILO AIRPORT, Swimming Pool & Dog Pound: Dr. Silva reported that the County of Hawaii had verbally agreed to turn over to the HAC the swimming pool and dog pound located within the Hilo Airport. Mr. Kee informed the Commission that the Hawaii County Board of Supervisors had been requested that a formal letter to this effect be sent to the Commission.

Dr. Silva moved that the Director do whatever is necessary to have the pool and dog pound transferred to the HAC. Motion seconded by Mr. Rice and carried.

AMERICAN LEGION REQUEST, CLUBHOUSE AT KONA AIRPORT: The Director reported that a letter had been received from the American Legion, expressing their willingness to conform to necessary safety regulations at Kona Airport,

and also stating that they would negotiate with property owners for access to the proposed clubhouse. Dr. Silva moved that the matter be held in abeyance until after the Chairman has had the opportunity to look the area over during his trip to Hawaii within a few days. Motion seconded and carried.

KONA AIRPORT: The Director was instructed to check the paving around the passenger and freight terminals at Kona and also look into the matter of extending the runway to the length of 4250 feet.

Mr. Ford Studebaker said that Hawaiian Airlines would like to see all the airports at a minimum of 4250 feet at sea level.

HILO, BEAUTIFICATION OF AIRPORT: Dr. Silva informed the Commission that a letter had been written by the Women's Club of Hilo, requesting permission to assist the HAC in the beautification of the Hilo Airport entrance road. He moved that the letter be acknowledged with thanks and that their cooperation in this project be invited; Furthermore, that an estimate of cost for the accomplishment of this work be made. Motion seconded by Mr. Honda and carried.

The Director was also instructed to meet with the Women's Club and other interested organizations in Hilo relative to the matter.

HILO FENCING: Dr. Silva stated that after completion of the present fencing project, additional fencing will be needed to enclose open areas, and moved that \$5,000 be appropriated for this purpose. Motion seconded by Mr. Rice and carried.

ELECTRICIAN FOR HILO AIRPORT: Dr. Silva requested that an electrician be employed for Hilo Airport and asked specifically that a Hawaii resident be hired. It was reported that Civil Service regulations had to be complied with in that persons on the eligible list for this position must first be canvassed before an individual not on the list may be considered.

Mr. Rice moved that an attempt be made to exhaust the eligible list. Should said list prove unsuccessful, the Director is authorized to proceed with the provisional appointment of an electrician who is a resident of Hawaii County. Motion seconded by Dr. Silva and carried.

RE-LOCATION OF BUILDINGS, HILO AIRPORT: Dr. Silva pointed out that certain buildings on Hilo Airport would have to be relocated and said that this work should be put out to contract. He moved that the Director proceed with this. Motion seconded by Mr. Bright and carried.

KAMUELA, Repair of Landing Strip: Mr. Rice said the farmers at Waimea would like the Kamuela landing strip repaired as soon as possible. The Director reported that the Department of Public Works had been requested to act on the matter. He promised to look into this matter for early action.

RENTAL RATES HANA AIRPORT: At the Director's recommendation, rental rates for the Hana Airport were adopted as follows: Passenger Terminal - \$1.50 per sq. ft. per annum; Freight Terminal - 20¢ per sq. ft. per annum. Motion by Mr. Edwards, seconded by Mr. Anderson and carried.

DELEGATION OF POLICE POWERS: Police powers were conferred upon Ah Heen Chang, Caretaker at Hana Airport, and Clarence A. Crozier and Sylvester F. Correa at Kahului, on motion by Mr. Rice, seconded by Mr. Honda and carried.

It was also decided to increase Ah Heen Chang's rating (General Laborer CC-4) to CC-6. Motion by Mr. Rice, seconded by Mr. Honda and carried.

HANA AIRPORT PAVING: Mr. Rice reported briefly on progress of the paving of the Hana runway, and stated that the D.P.W. is going ahead with the job as authorized by the H.A.C.

HANA - FREIGHT TERMINAL REEFER: Upon inquiry, Mr. Studebaker said that HAL would like the portion of the freight terminal with the reefer. Trans-Air Hawaii reported as being uncertain about reefer space requirements. However, Mr. Studebaker said that if there were available space for both HAL and TAH, some arrangement could be made.

MAUI AIRPORT, ELECTRIC SYSTEM: After a short discussion, Mr. Rice made a motion that the Maui Electric Company be requested to take over the electric system at Maui Airport as of November 1st. Motion seconded by Mr. Bright and carried unanimously.

HANA AIRPORT OPENING: The Director went over the schedule of events proposed for the opening of the Hana Airport on November 11th. The Chairman announced that the public was invited to attend the airport ceremonies but must be responsible for their own transportation.

AHUKINI ROAD, LIHUE: Mr. Edwards moved that the Director enter into negotiations with the County of Kauai to have them take over the Ahukini Road where it crosses the airport property. Seconded by Mr. Rice and carried.

PERSONNEL, LIHUE: Mr. Edwards said something should be done to expedite hiring of additional personnel. He requested that the General Mechanic position already established be filled as soon as possible.

Mr. Edwards moved to establish and fill the positions of Janitress and Laborer. Motion seconded by Mr. Anderson and carried.

LIHUE AIRPORT PLANTING: Mr. Edwards stated that planting and landscaping at the Lihue Airport should be started immediately and moved that the Commission appropriate the sum of \$5,000 for this purpose, the work to be under the supervision of the Director. Motion seconded by Mr. Rice and carried unanimously.

GRASS CUTTING EQUIPMENT, LIHUE: Mr. Edwards moved to purchase a tractor and cycle bar type of mower for grass cutting at Lihue Airport. Seconded by Mr. Rice and carried.

LIHUE TERMINAL IMPROVEMENTS: It was reported that plans for the improvement to the present building have been prepared and are to be presented to the Chamber of Commerce and interested persons on Kauai very shortly, after which time they will be presented to the HAC for approval.

LIHUE FREIGHT TERMINAL: It was reported that construction is underway and should be completed within about 30 days.

LIHUE RUNWAY EXTENSION: Mr. Murray of CAA expressed the belief that there would be no objection by CAA to the exchange of land at Lihue necessary for the runway extension. The present status of engineering was reported on briefly.

HILO AIRPORT LANDSCAPING: Dr. Silva requested that Hawaii be appropriated funds for landscaping at Hilo Airport. Mr. Anderson moved to appropriate \$5,000 for the landscaping, which is to be in accordance with the master plan. Seconded by Mr. Edwards and carried.

RENTAL RATES - HATS, Cockett, Hawaiian School of Aeronautics & Andrew: The Director reported that a dispute had arisen over what these operators should have been paying for paved and unpaved land since the beginning of their tenancy on the airport. He said the operators had been charged 5¢ per sq. ft. per annum (paved) and 3¢ per sq. ft. per annum (unpaved) up to August of 1948, at which time rates were reduced to 3¢ and 1½¢. He said, further, that it is the operators' claim that prior to the reduction in rates, they had been promised verbally by the then Director of Aeronautics that the reduction would be retroactive to the date on which their tenancy began. The Director presented letters from the operators to this effect, and recommended that these letters be accepted and that the HAC adjust the rents according to their claims.

In the following discussion Mrs. Wood (HSA) pointed out that her claim was substantiated by the lease which had been presented to her some time ago for execution, and which contains a clause providing for retroactivity of rates.

The legality of the matter was discussed briefly. Mr. Rice moved to accept the Director's recommendation with the condition that the legal aspect be cleared. Seconded by Mr. Anderson and carried unanimously.

PURCHASE OF AUTOMOBILE: On motion by Mr. Honda, seconded by Mr. Bright and carried, the Commission confirmed the purchase of a Dodge Kingsway

✓ RENTAL RATE (TIE-DOWN FEES) - PRIVATE AIRCRAFT: Mr. Edwards reported that CAP aircraft do not pay tie-down fees at certain airports, but that no provision has been made for planes registered under the Coast Guard auxiliary.

In the course of discussion it was pointed out that the CAP planes were housed in buildings or hangars assigned to them for their use and that, therefore, they are not subject to the fee; that the same holds true for private aircraft housed in buildings or hangars rented or leased from the Territory.

Mr. Edwards said that if this concession is made to CAP, a similar service should be rendered to the Coast Guard Auxiliary, and made a motion to this effect. Motion seconded by Mr. Rice and carried.

CONDEMNATION OF LAND: The Director reported, relative to the condemnation of Damon Land adjacent to Honolulu Airport, that a survey is being made by the appraisers appointed by the Commissioner of Public Lands.

D & F VENTURES ACCOUNT, HONOLULU AIRPORT: The Director reported that a letter had been received from Mr. Canright, Deputy Attorney General, to the effect that the delinquent account of D & F Ventures, in the amount of \$1458.06, could be settled by accepting the offer of \$1300 offered by Mr. Harry Kronick, and the balance of the account to be written off. The Director requested approval of this action. Approval was granted on motion by Mr. Rice, seconded by Mr. Bright and carried unanimously.

TAXI PASSENGERS: The Director reported on the number of persons using taxi service to and from airports in the territory, for a one-month period.

PARKING METERS - Display of: The Director read an editorial from the Honolulu Star-Bulletin suggesting the placing of sample parking meters in downtown Honolulu for the purpose of familiarizing the public with their operation, the proceeds from which to go to the Honolulu chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, and asked the Commission's wishes in the matter.

Mr. Anderson moved that the Director display the meters as he wishes before installation. Motion seconded by Mr. Rice and carried.

PAVING HANGAR USED BY H.A.L., Honolulu Airport: Mr. Studebaker said that the inside of one of the hangars used by Hawaiian at Honolulu Airport was in need of paving, at a cost of \$300 or \$400 and asked for the Commission's approval, in view of the expiration of their lease on the hangars. Mr. Studebaker was requested to take the matter up with the Director.

TERMINAL SKETCHES - HILO AIRPORT: Sketches of the proposed Hilo Terminal Building and the surrounding areas were viewed.

Mr. Rice moved that a study be made to utilize the steel beams from the hangar at Puunene Airport. Motion seconded by Dr. Silva and carried.

ACCOUNTS, HONOLULU AIRPORT: The Director reported that the Property Administrator had, during the month of October, collected rentals in arrears in the amount of \$2030.37, and negotiated additional rentals totaling \$416.92.

HILO AIRPORT ENTRANCE, Revisions: The secretary read a letter from Mr. John L. Padgett, Chief Engineer, County of Hawaii, requesting that revisions be made to the Hilo Airport Master Plan to include certain improvements to the entrance road to the airport, for safety reasons, and offering to furnish an estimate of the cost of such work and perform the project if so desired by the Commission.

The Commission directed that Mr. Padgett's request be complied with and that he be asked for an estimate of the necessary repairs and changes. Motion by Mr. Rice, seconded by Dr. Silva and carried.

AIRPORT HOUSING: The housing of employees on airports was discussed. The Director was instructed to review the entire housing situation and make a report to the Commission at the next meeting.

HAWAIIAN AIRLINES, Re-Leasing of hangar space, hangar lean-to space, shop buildings & locker building - Honolulu Airport: In discussing the matter, the Commission agreed that the Director's counter-proposal to Hawaiian's proposal of September 22 offered a good base on which to negotiate with Hawaiian Airlines. The Director was instructed to negotiate with HAL and include - (1) HAC to do maintenance, and rental to be re-figured; (2) Term of 5 years, subject to the availability of space in the new terminal building. Motion by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Burnett and carried.

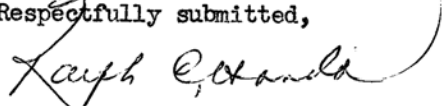
It was suggested that the Director point out to HAL that, at such time as the space becomes available in the new terminal and operations change to the present overseas side of the field, the HAC will move the hangars across the field for HAL, thereby effecting a considerable saving for HAL.

HATS HANGAR: The Director read a letter from Hawaiian Air Transport Service, under date of October 17, 1950, quoting the figure of \$30,743.43 for the purchase of their hangar. The Director recommended purchasing the hangar for \$22,500.

Mr. Anderson moved to follow the Director's recommendation, subject to the approval of the Attorney General as to the HAC's legal right to purchase it. Motion seconded by Mr. Rice and carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 4:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Ralph C. Honda, Secretary