

HAWAII AERONAUTICS COMMISSION
Minutes of Regular Meeting
Saturday - July 9, 1949

The regular monthly meeting of the Hawaii Aeronautics Commission was held at the Kona Inn, Kailua, Kona, Hawaii, on Saturday, July 9, 1949 at 2:10 p.m.

Present were: Roy R. Bright, Acting Chairman
Ralph C. Honda, Secretary
R. A. Anderson, Commissioner
Dr. F. K. Sylva, Commissioner
Dr. George J. Silva, Commissioner
Harold W. Rice, Commissioner
Dorsey W. Edwards, Commissioner

Absent were: O. J. Burnett, Commissioner
C. J. Pietsch, Jr., Commissioner

Attending were:
G. T. Belcher, Director
W. S. Holloway, Safety Engr., HAC
George R. Sims, Administ. Asst., HAC
R. M. Belt, Supt. Public Works
Edward S. Kaaua, Resident Engr., DPW

MINUTES: Minutes of meetings held June 6 and 22 were approved as circulated.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: The Secretary explained to the new members of the Commission the past procedure in the election of officers, stating that it had been agreed to re-elect officers every six months. The length of the Chairman's and other officers' tenure of office was discussed but not acted upon.

Mr. Bright was nominated Chairman of the Commission by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Rice and was duly elected.

Dr. Francis K. Sylva was nominated Vice-Chairman by Mr. Rice, seconded by Mr. Anderson, and was duly elected.

Mr. Honda was re-elected Secretary of the Commission on nomination by Dr. G. Silva, seconded by Mr. Rice and unanimously approved.

TAXICAB RULES AND REGULATIONS: Mr. Rice suggested that taxi operators be charged \$12.00 per year for permits to carry on taxi operations at Territorial airports.

To Mr. Edwards' inquiry as to the purpose of charging the taxi operators, it was explained that the reasons were twofold: control of drivers, and non-aviation income for the Commission. Mr. Rice expressed the opinion that it should be a permit to solicit business at airports, and pointed out that the suggestion at the last meeting was to charge \$60.00 per year per driver. Comparisons in rates at various airports were read by the Secretary.

In the ensuing discussion, Mr. Rice suggested a policy of a uniform regulation throughout the Territory, with no exceptions. An inter-office memo to the Director dated July 7, 1949 was read, which outlined (1) revenue derived from taxi operations at Maui; (2) statistics showing number of arriving and departing

passengers at that airport; (3) average rates charged; and (4) the fact that the Maui Taxi and U-Drive Association in their letter of November 13, 1948 to the Commission felt that approximately 5% of the annual revenue would be closest to a fair charge for rental fees -- which was estimated to be slightly over \$10.00 per month.

A suggestion to use a starter and to have taxis line up at Honolulu Airport was presented.

Mr. Rice made a motion to charge \$12.00 per year per driver for the privilege of doing business on the airport, but the motion died for lack of a second.

In view of the limited space available at Honolulu for parking taxis, it was thought that certain regulations should be set up, such as 24-hour service, metered taxis, etc., to limit the number of taxicabs.

Mr. Honda suggested that a uniform rate be charged for taxi permits, and that the rate for taxi stalls be set by the value of the stalls in accordance with their business potential. The Commission agreed unanimously to have Mr. Honda's proposal studied and worked out in detail by the Taxicab Committee, and that a report be presented at the next meeting of the Commission.

PROGRESS OF EXISTING AIRPORT PROJECTS:

LIHUE AIRPORT, Second Runway. A portion of a letter from Mr. T. E. Flaherty, C.A.A., to Commissioner Rice was read, in which it was stated that C.A.A. believed it inadvisable to build an alternate runway at Lihue Airport until further wind directional data had been obtained in order to determine whether or not the one existing runway as sufficient to handle the traffic. Mr. Edwards followed up with the commend that C.A.A. representatives had expressed themselves as being willing to agree to the construction of an additional runway when the need for it had been proven.

The Director reported that additional work to be done at Lihue (taxiways, auto parking, pavement, drainage, airport lighting) would amount to approximately \$500,000.

Relocation of Ahukini Road. In view of the contemplated abandonment of Ahukini terminal facilities and also the fact that C.A.A. desires to make further studies in connection with the proposed construction of the second runway, it was felt that it would be undesirable at this time to expend funds to relocate the Ahukini Road as outlined on the Master Plan. It was felt that an alternate location connecting the existing Ahukini Road, which would be just beyond the limits of the proposed construction under the second contract, would serve until a final decision is made on the construction of this second runway.

On motion by Mr. Edwards, seconded by Dr. Sylva, and carried, it was decided to construct the Ahukini Road in the alternate location.

Building Construction. Mr. R. M. Belt reported that bids would be advertised for the construction of the terminal building at Lihue by the first of August at the latest; also, that construction would be limited to 85 days.

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✓ Water Line Installation. The pipe needed for the installation of the water line at the airport was reported to be on board a ship in New Orleans, held up by the shipping strike. It was pointed out that the contract for this installation would not be let until such time as the pipe materials are on hand, in view of the 90-day limit placed on effectiveness of Federal wage rate scales used in projects in which there is Federal participation.

✓ KAMUELA AIRPORT:

It was explained that the present Kamuela runway could not be extended to meet C.A.A. requirements for scheduled airline use because of the terrain. The Director stated that a tentative site had been selected and wind information is being recorded and collected and that it will be necessary to wait until sufficient data is available before definitely setting a direction for the new runway.

✓ KALAUPAPA AIRPORT:

Survey on smoothing out the bumps on the airport and possible lengthening of the runway was approved on motion by Mr. Rice, seconded by Dr. Silva, and carried.

AIRPORT PROGRAM: Mr. Rice moved to have the Director send to the Superintendent of Public Works and Mr. T. E. Flaherty of C.A.A. the program of work adopted at this meeting and ask for their cooperation in carrying it out. Motion seconded by Dr. Sylva, and carried.

✓ REQUEST BY L. P. THURSTON, Access Road, Kona: A request from Mr. L. P. Thurston for permission to join a private road from his property to the access road to Kona Airport was discussed briefly. Permission was granted on motion by Mr. Edwards, seconded by Dr. Silva, and carried.

✓ DIRECTOR'S REQUEST FOR VACATION: The Director requested approval for an extended vacation to start on or about August 8, for a period of about eight weeks. The Director's request was granted on motion by Mr. Rice, seconded by Mr. Anderson and unanimously passed.

✓ MAUI AIRPORT: Fire Trucks. Mr. Rice requested authorization to get bids to move a building on the airport near the Hawaiian Airlines terminal for the purpose of housing two fire trucks. Request was unanimously approved.

✓ Puunene Airport Tower. The Director reported that the control tower at Maui does not meet with C.A.A. requirements and that the Territory must construct a new tower before operations can be started by C.A.A. The Director was instructed to expedite the matter by early negotiations with proper agencies.

✓ Revetments. The Director was authorized to effect the removal of earthen revetments located in the former military aircraft parking area between the runways at Maui Airport for the purpose of safety.

✓ Storage for Sugar. On motion by Mr. Rice, seconded by Mr. Honda and unanimously carried, it was decided to lease buildings at Maui Airport to Hawaiian Commercial & Sugar Company, Ltd. for sugar storage purposes because of the shipping strike.

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- ✓ HONOLULU AIRPORT, FIRE DEPARTMENT: When the question of the Commission's ability to support a full-strength fire department (31 men) at Honolulu Airport was brought up, the Director stated that although it was vitally necessary to maintain a full-strength fire crew, he questioned the wisdom of borrowing the \$200,000 loan authorized by the 1949 Territorial Legislature for this purpose.

Mr. Rice moved that the Commission continue to finance the fire department out of its own funds as in the past, and that the crew be increased by 10 more men -- a total not to exceed 20. Motion seconded by Mr. Anderson and carried.

- ✓ RULES & REGULATIONS: The Director was instructed to post in all airport terminals Part VI of "Rules and Regulations, Airports of the Territorial Airport System" entitled "General Rules of Conduct."

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Ralph C. Honda, Secretary