

HAWAII AERONAUTICS COMMISSION
 Minutes of Regular Meeting
 Monday, November 26, 1951

The regular monthly meeting of the Hawaii Aeronautics Commission was held in the Conference Room of the Commission on Monday, November 26, 1951, at 12:00 Noon.

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

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

Attending: Mr. Peyton Harrison, Director, HAC
 Mr. J. R. Canright, Dep. Atty. Gen.
 Mr. R. M. Lee, Admin. Asst., HAC
 Mr. C. M. Kee, Asst. Dir., HAC
 Mr. T. A. Vierra, Architect
 Mr. Cy Gillette, Supt. Maint., HAC
 Mr. Ford Studebaker, HAL
 Mr. McCraw, TPA
 Mr. Geo. W. Roseberry, CAA
 Mr. H. K. Graves, PAA
 Mr. E. C. Peters, Peters Realty Co.
 Mr. Glueck, Hawaiian Cold Storage
 Miss Alauzet, Star-Bulletin
 Mr. Twigg-Smith, Advertiser

KAHULUI AIRPORT TITLE: The status of the Revocable Permit for NASKA (Kahului), Maui, between the U. S. and T. H., was discussed. The matter was reported to be in the hands of the Air Force in Washington, awaiting their approval.

Upon inquiry by the Chairman, Mr. Canright said that although the permit provides for cancellation in case of war or national emergency, it can also be terminated at any time, and that the permit has not yet been signed by the U. S. Government, although it was signed by the T. H. Referring to a letter from the Attorney General, dated August 19, 1950, he pointed out that it was up to the Commission to decide whether or not it is reasonable to spend money on Kahului.

Dr. Sylva pointed out that the status of occupancy has a bearing on how the Commission will operate; that the majority of Commissioners felt enough money had been spent for the Kahului terminal.

Participation in the lighting projects by CAA, when title is vested in the sponsor, was touched upon briefly. Dr. Sylva indicated that CAA's maximum participation on lighting for Honolulu Airport is 75%.

Dr. Sylva pointed out that under a bill now in Congressional committee, provision is made for reasonable payment for improvements by the U. S.

EQUIPMENT FOR KAHULUI: The Director reported that four sets of radio beacon transmitters had been turned over to the HAC by CAA, thereby saving the HAC approximately \$8,000 in equipment.

MINUTES: The minutes of special meetings held November 1 and 13th were approved as circulated.

UPOLU AND KONA AIRPORTS, ROTARY DISC MOWERS: Mr. Furtado moved that 2 Jacobsen-Worthington Rotary Disc Mowers be purchased for Kona and Upolu Airports at a cost of \$774.29. It was reported that these machines are manufactured on a schedule basis and must be ordered by the 1st of December. Motion seconded by Mr. Pietsch and carried unanimously.

KAMUELA AIRPORT: The Director requested authority to advertise for bids for the new Kamuela Airport as soon as right of entry clearance is obtained.

Mr. Furtado moved to advertise for bids for the Kamuela project as soon as right-of-entry clearance is obtained and approval received from the Credit Restraint Committee for use of Hawaii County Funds. Motion seconded by Mr. Edwards and carried unanimously.

HILO TERMINAL PLANS: The Chairman reported that plans for the Hilo terminal are practically through and are in such shape that the Commission can now take action on them.

Mr. Vierra presented the plans, stating that they were complete except for about 5 hours' work. He estimated the cost to be somewhere in the neighborhood of \$185,000. Total square footage of all covered areas: 23,000 square feet.

Mr. McCraw of TPA said that the floor plan has been changed somewhat from the last one he saw, and that TPA objected to (1) excessive area allotted to them and (2) the particular corner assigned them. He continued that they had originally been assigned an area approximately 21 ft x 25 ft., but the area assigned them under the revised plan is 28 ft. x 25 ft.

The matter was discussed briefly. Mr. Furtado said that he would like to see the plan modified to suit the users but would not like any delay. He then moved to approve the plans, subject to slight modifications in the terminal (changes to be solely in the office areas of TPA and HAL) agreeable to HAL, TPA, the Architect, and HAC administrative staff; also that the plans be put out to bid. Motion seconded by Mr. Pietsch and carried unanimously.

ISSUANCE OF PURCHASE ORDERS: As a matter of record, Mr. Rice presented the following signed notarized statement, which was read by the Secretary:

"Several Aeronautics Commissioners have intimated that I have requested Purchase Orders be issued in connection with the new Kahului Terminal. I therefore wish to make the following statement under oath:

I, HAROLD W. RICE, being duly sworn, on oath, deposes and says: that I have asked for Purchase Orders for my fare to Honolulu and return, and one other to be issued for Mr. Theodore A. Vierra. Other than that, all Purchase Orders have gone through regular channels.

(Signed) Harold W. Rice"

KAHULUI LIGHTING: Mr. Rice moved that permanent lights be installed at Kahului, but due to lack of a second the motion died.

Mr. Furtado asked to insert the fact in the record that at a special meeting of the Commission held June 5, 1951 "Mr. Rice expressed the opinion that it was unwise to spend money on airports for which the T. H. does not have clear title. He pointed out also that CAA could not participate in work on these airports until title was vested in the Territory..."

Mr. Rice replied that this was true, but since then the Commission has gone on record as moving out of Puunene and going into Kahului.

Mr. Furtado pointed out that the permit for Kahului could be cancelled at any time and that the document is not even signed as yet. He added that if the Territory had clear title to the airport he would favor permanent lighting wholeheartedly.

Mr. Rice said that a careful study of installing permanent lights had been made and could be done at a cost of \$54,535 -- that a good deal of wiring is there and would save the Commission money in that

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respect. He recommended against installation of temporary lights, pointing out that heavy rains may wash the lights away, and that at some future date, when permanent fixtures were to be installed, the airport would have to be closed in order to install the duct for running lines through. The engineering department estimated cost of labor for installing temporary lights at \$200 per runway, with the HAC providing the material.

Mr. Pietsch suggested that temporary lights be put in, plus the conduit.

The installation of the duct was estimated at \$4.00 a foot.

Mr. Pietsch moved that temporary lighting be put in for the present time and that adequate ducts be put in, in the areas where the runway crosses. Motion seconded by Mr. Rice.

The Secretary then read letters from the Maui Board of Supervisors, Rotary Club and Chamber of Commerce, endorsing the installation of permanent runway lights at Kahului and expressing concern over the "hazard" of installing B-2 lights.

By way of information, it was pointed out that B-2 lights were not hazardous installations and had been used at Puunene and Lihue airports, as well as other territorial airports, for some time.

Mr. Pietsch's motion was lost for lack of sufficient votes in the affirmative.

Mr. Furtado moved to install temporary lighting on two runways at Kahului, for a cost not to exceed \$1,000; seconded by Mr. Edwards. It was pointed out, however, that there were not sufficient fixtures for two runways.

Mr. Rice said that if Kahului is to be used, both runways need to be lighted. He continued that he would prefer that action be deferred until January to see that title being transferred.

Mr. Furtado withdrew his motion, and it was decided to defer the matter until January.

KAHULUI RADIO BEACON TRANSMITTERS: The Director reported that the only item necessary to purchase to install radio beacon transmitters at Kahului is a 5KW gasoline electric plant complete with built-in instruments, AC meter panel, starting batteries, 6 gallon built-in fuel tank and automatic line transfer control, 3 phase 220V -- price: \$1,529. He said that the location was decided at a meeting with CAA and HAL on November 19th.

Mr. Rice moved to purchase the generator requested by the Director. Motion seconded by Mr. Burnett and carried.

WASH ROOM FACILITIES & THIRD HANGAR, KAHULUI: Mr. Kee estimated the cost of wash room facilities in the center hangar at Kahului at \$720.00, and cost to complete hangar no. 3 at \$800.00.

Mr. Edwards pointed out that at the last meeting it was considered that there would be no trouble putting in the washroom facilities for \$200.00. He said that this indicates the advisability of having our engineer prepare plans and study factors which affect cost of these installations.

After a brief discussion, Mr. Rice moved to approve installation of these facilities and completion of Hangar No. 3 at the estimated costs. Motion seconded by Mr. Burnett and carried.

LETTERS RE KAHULUI LIGHTING: Mr. Honda moved that the Commission acknowledge, with thanks, the letters received from the Maui Board of Supervisors, Chamber of Commerce and Rotary Club, and advise them of HAC's action on the matter of Kahului lighting; also, that the Puunene Airport has been operating with B-2 lights for the last 10 years and there has not been any accidents as a result, and that the HAC considers them safe. Motion seconded by Mr. Bright and carried. Mr. Rice voted in the negative.

REQUEST FROM MAUI AJA'S: The Chairman reported that the Maui AJA's had requested \$321 worth of material to fix the building they are occupying. Inasmuch as the material was on hand and the matter was purely an administrative one he had granted this request.

LETTER OF THANKS FROM MAUI AJAs: The Secretary read a letter from the Maui AJAs, thanking the Commission for granting them the use of the former officers' club at NASKA. The letter was ordered filed.

REQUEST FROM KAUAI MOTOR TOURS: A request from Mr. Achor's Kauai Motor Tours and Auto Rental Service to lease land at Lihue Terminal for use as a service station was referred to the Finance Committee for study and recommendation.

AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR INSTALLATION OF SPRINKLER SYSTEM, OVERSEAS TERMINAL, HONOLULU AIRPORT: Verbal approval to award the contract for installation of sprinkler system in the Overseas Terminal, Honolulu Airport, to Grinnel Company for \$31,674, was confirmed on motion by Mr. Bright, seconded by Mr. Honda and carried.

AUTO RACE TRACK: The Director reported that an application for the installation of a quarter-mile and half-mile auto car race track, in area along Nimitz Highway between Damon Estate property and Kalihi Stream, had been received from Mr. E. C. Peters (Peters Realty Co.), Mr. Jack Russell (Russell's Auto Shop) and Mr. W. O. Martin of Martin Motors Company. He recommended that the Finance Committee be directed to go into details of this proposal.

The Chairman referred the matter to the Finance Committee for study and recommendation.

ALTERATIONS TO HONOLULU TERMINAL: Mr. Morrison of the Department of Public Works presented plans for alterations to the Overseas Terminal, Honolulu Airport.

Mr. Rice moved to approve the plans for alterations; also that an amount not to exceed \$55,000 be spent for this purpose. Motion seconded by Mr. Honda and carried.

LEI VENDORS' STANDS - PLANS FOR: Mr. Morrison presented and explained his plans for construction of lei vendors' stands at Honolulu Airport. Dr. Sylva said that material from the Maui Hangar was contemplated for use on this project. Discussion followed.

Mr. Honda moved that the plans be approved and put out to bid. Motion seconded by Mr. Bright and carried unanimously.

COLD STORAGE AREA: Mr. Glueck of Hawaiian Cold Storage Company said that he was planning to put in a continuous quick freezer for pineapple in his building and would like to use the equipment in the cold storage building (transferring same to his building) for this purpose.

Dr. Sylva said that this equipment is on a section of the airport held by the Navy and the request would have to be approved by the Commandant of the 14th Naval District. He asked that the request in writing be presented to the Finance Committee for study.

KAHULUI RENTALS: Mr. Rice asked if it were the Commission's policy to rent only on a month to month basis. Mr. Lee stated that inasmuch as Kahului is not territorial property, a longer lease would give tenants false security. Mr. Rice pointed out, however, that a longer lease was granted in the case of Central Motors.

Mr. Rice moved to refer the matter to the Finance Committee for study and that a report be made at the next meeting of the Commission. Motion seconded by Mr. Pietsch and carried unanimously.

HANDLING OF PURCHASE ORDERS: The Director stated that the staff is becoming bogged down because of purchase order restrictions on outside islands, and that if routine office work in Honolulu is to be kept up, Mr. Lee's force may have to be augmented.

Mr. Lee said that he was not recommending the hiring of additional help, but by permitting outside islands to accompany requisitions by typed purchase orders, the workload could be decreased. He asked that it be borne in mind that outer-island managers need certain autonomy in routine handling of affairs and, therefore, should be given authority to make certain emergency expenditures. He said that he had previously asked that an emergency fund of \$200 per month be established for this purpose.

In the course of the following discussion, Mr. Edwards said that he was opposed to making purchase orders available to airport managers. He continued, that it was only prudent management to take steps to insure proper controls, when it had been proven that a system had not offered such, and that if the policy is reversed now, the Commission would leave itself wide open to very justifiable criticism. He said, however, if it was Mr. Lee's suggestion that purchase orders be issued on outside islands and sent to the central office for validation, he would see no objection to that -- just so long as centralized control of funds is retained.

Mr. Edwards moved that, effective immediately, the outside island offices be instructed to prepare purchase orders and that they be sent to Honolulu for signatures; in addition, airport managers be permitted to validate purchase orders up to a total not to exceed \$200.00 in any one month to cover unforeseen contingencies and emergencies. Motion seconded by Mr. Pietsch.

Mr. Edwards' motion was carried over dissenting votes of Mr. Rice and Mr. Furtado.

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Mr. Honda reported that at the last meeting of the Finance Committee the only subject of discussion was the matter of lack of authoritative personnel at the airport during weekends and holidays. His committee therefore recommended that this matter be studied by the Director and reported back at the next meeting. Motion by Mr. Honda, seconded by Mr. Edwards and carried.

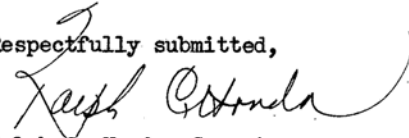
T-HANGARS, KONA: Mr. Furtado stated that the Finance Committee had asked for information from the outside islands to determine whether or not there was sufficient interest in the construction of T-Hangars at the expense of tenants. He moved that the Finance Committee give further thought to this matter and come back with a concrete recommendation at the next meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. Edwards and carried unanimously.

DATE OF NEXT HAC MEETING: In view of the fact that the next regularly scheduled meeting falls on Christmas Eve, it was decided to meet on the third Monday (December 17th) rather than fourth.

MEETING OF FINANCE COMMITTEE: Mr. Honda announced that the next meeting of the Finance Committee would be held on the 13th of December.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Ralph C. Honda, Secretary