

HAWAII AERONAUTICS COMMISSION  
 Regular Monthly Meeting  
 Saturday, January 21, 1956

The regular monthly meeting of the Hawaii Aeronautics Commission was called to order by Dr. Francis K. Sylva, Chairman, on Saturday, January 21, 1956, at 11:05 a.m., in the Board Room of the Maui County Waterworks Board, Kahului, Maui, T. H.

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

GENERAL

MINUTES OF DECEMBER 16, 1955 MEETING: Mr. Wheeler moved to approve the minutes, as circulated. Motion seconded by Mr. Honda and carried unanimously.

DELEGATES TO 1956 AIRPORT OPERATORS COUNCIL'S ANNUAL CONVENTION: Mr. Wheeler suggested that, as in the past, the Chairman select the delegates to the Airport Operators Council's Annual Convention.

It was the consensus of the Commission, with reference to the request from the Superintendent of Public Works in having the Airport Engineer attend this convention, that the request be endorsed and that the application for travel authorization to the governor be handled separately by the Superintendent of Public Works, and that H.A.C. funds be used to meet this expenditure, if necessary.

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

VOTED: That the Chairman be authorized to select the delegation after conferring with the Governor as to the number of delegates he would authorize to attend the ACC's Annual Convention to be held in Philadelphia April 15-19.

PREFERENTIAL RATE - AIR TAXI OPERATIONS: The Director advised the Commission that his staff had just completed the statistical data relative to the financial status of the two air taxi operators, namely, Andrew Flying Service and Cockett Airlines. He stated that it is the desire of these two operators to enjoy the preferential rate for air taxi operations, which expired December 31, 1955.

After discussion, the Chairman suggested that the matter be deferred to the next meeting.

Commissioner Wirtz pointed out that Andrew Flying Service is the only air taxi operator serving Kalaupapa Airport.

There being no objection, the matter was deferred.

HONOLULU AIRPORT

DEMOLITION OF BUILDINGS WITHIN NAF AREA: It was pointed out that, in line with airport development plans, demolition of buildings within the NAF Area would begin August 1st, and that it will be necessary for tenants in that area to vacate prior to that date.

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

VOTED: that tenants be notified to vacate the buildings in the NAF Area within 6 months; the notice to state precisely that demolition will start August 1, 1956.

PAINTING TPA HANGAR NO. 9: The Superintendent of Public Works advised the Commission that the lowest bidder on this project was Walter W. Inoue, the bid price being \$8,493.00. He recommended that the bid be accepted, together with \$307.00 for extras and \$450.00 for inspection.

The Director advised the Commission, at that point, that the Commission had previously appropriated \$7,000 for this project and that an additional \$2,250.00 was required to effect the contract.

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Mr. Wheeler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hodgson and it was unanimously

VOTED: to accept the bid and award the contract in accordance with the DPW's recommendation, and that an additional \$2,250.00 be appropriated for this purpose.

ADDITIONAL COUNTER SPACE - OVERSEAS TERMINAL: Mr. Wheeler made a MOTION, seconded by Mr. Honda, that in order to alleviate the problem of congestion experienced by the air carriers at their ticket counter areas, the Commission appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to relocate the agricultural inspection counter and their office from the lobby to an area in the old baggage claim location between the terminal building and foreign arrivals building and to extend the building overhang to the curb line, and to enlarge the Agricultural Inspectors' office, relocating the office immediately fronting the foreign arrivals building; and that construction be on an austerity basis and, wherever possible, to salvage any improvements in place for use in the new area. The floor was then thrown open for further discussion. During the discussion, it was the consensus of the Commission that this would improve the passenger handling services as interim relief until new terminal facilities become available.

Mr. Young of Pan American Airways stated that there was some question in their minds about all the airlines moving baggage from that area; however, that PAA felt they could manage in that new location. He stated that the installation of 6 counter scales at the new location, for weighing of baggage, will serve as a relief to the congestion now experienced at the present ticket counter. He further assured the Commission that PAA, if they were allowed to install, at their expense, the 6 scales and the conveyors back of the counter for the handling of baggage, would be willing and agree to having other carriers feel free to use their scales and conveyors whenever PAA is not using them.

Mr. Seely Hall of UAL stated that United Air Lines concurred with PAA's suggestions. He added, however, that UAL is willing to put in their own conveyors and scales.

With the consent of Mr. Honda, Mr. Wheeler amended his motion to increase the appropriation to \$20,000. The MOTION was unanimously carried.

During the discussion it was pointed out that the Commission has no objection to PAA and NW Airlines working out a plan for an exchange of counter space at no expense to the Commission, but that the Commission would agree to adhere to its present policy -- that is, any airline requiring additional rental area or modification thereof, must first obtain the consent of the Director. The Commission also agreed to allow Pan American and United Airlines to provide their own scales and conveyors; and, further, that other carriers shall have the privilege of using the scales and equipment whenever the principal carriers are not using them.

REZONING OF DAMON ESTATE PROPERTY - EFFECT UPON AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT PLANS:

The Chairman advised the Commission that the study of the plans as being developed indicates the necessity of securing, at an earlier date than heretofore anticipated by the Commission, of lands under the control of Damon Estate, particularly those areas along the airport property adjacent to Gate 2 Access Road. He also advised the Commission that application has been made by the Damon Estate Trustees to the City Planning Commission for the rezoning of their property.

Mr. Nutter, Superintendent of Public Works, advised the Commission of the three possible increments of the land procurement program within the Damon Estate which may be required for airport expansion.

The Chairman urged the Commission to take some positive action with regard to the Damon Tract property.

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Mr. Wheeler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Furtado, and it was unanimously

VOTED: that the Department of Public Works be instructed to prepare necessary plot plans to indicate necessary airport land requirements within the Damon Tract area, and that the Director advise the City Planning Commission of these requirements; also that a representative of the Commission attend all hearings necessary to present the Commission's position in the matter.

CONFIRMATION - PAM HANGARS: The Chairman explained that during the last storm the roof of the hangar, presently occupied by CAA, was completely removed by the high wind. The Assistant Director contacted each Commissioner by telephone to request approval to make emergency repairs. Total cost of repairs - \$1779.44 for materials and \$2457.00 for labor. Mr. Edwards moved, and it was seconded by Mr. Furtado and unanimously

VOTED: to confirm verbal approval granted to make emergency repairs to the roof of the hangar occupied by CAA.

H.A.I. REQUEST FOR RATE ADJUSTMENT: The Chairman referred to a letter from HAL requesting a review and possible rate adjustment on existing facilities presently occupied by HAL at Honolulu International Airport. It was suggested that the matter be referred to the staff for recommendation at the next meeting. Mr. Furtado made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wirtz, and it was unanimously

VOTED: that the staff be authorized to confer with officials of HAL and work out a rate acceptable to all parties concerned. The recommended rate to be referred to the Commission for approval at its next meeting.

HAWAIIAN AIRLINES LEASE REQUEST: The Chairman pointed out that the H.A.C. had already established a policy whereby the Commission would construct and own all facilities on territorial airports. After some discussion it was felt that this policy should be opened for review and possible change. Commissioner Wheeler stated that in view of the favorable comment on this matter, the staff should be instructed to study the possibility of granting such a lease. The Chairman commented that, 21 years is the longest lease that the Commission could grant. Mr. Hodgson moved, and it was seconded by Mr. Furtado and unanimously

VOTED: to have the staff refer this matter to the Attorney General's office for an opinion.

#### MAUI

KALAUPAPA AIRPORT EQUIPMENT BUILDING: Commissioner Wirtz reported that during the last storm the equipment building at the Kalaupapa Airport was destroyed and that at present there is no building available to house the airport equipment. Mr. Wirtz moved, seconded by Mr. Wheeler and it was unanimously

VOTED: to appropriate \$850.00 for the construction of a new equipment building at the Kalaupapa Airport.

CLEANING OF DRAINAGE DITCH - KAHULUI AIRPORT: Commissioner Wirtz stated that as a result of this same storm, the main drain ditch at Kahului Airport had filled and become blocked with debris. He further stated that this is the main ditch serving this area and that it was essential that the ditch be cleaned immediately. Mr. Wirtz moved, and it was seconded by Mr. Hodgson and unanimously

VOTED: to appropriate \$2,000 for the purpose of cleaning the main drain ditch at Kahului Airport.

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TRANSFER DEED - KAHULUI AIRPORT: Commissioner Wirtz pointed out that there were several items included in the preliminary draft of the deed, transferring Kahului Airport from the Department of the Navy to the Territory that should be deleted or at least modified prior to acceptance by the Commission. After considerable discussion, Mr. Wirtz moved, and it was seconded by Mr. Wheeler and unanimously

VOTED: that the Chairman appoint a committee to meet with the CAA and the Navy to resolve problems dealing with the determination of which buildings are to be declared airport buildings, the standard of maintenance on these buildings, the recapture of title rather than use in the event of war or National Emergency, and the expenditure of Territorial Funds for future improvements under such title.

IMPROVEMENTS TO PASSENGER TERMINAL BUILDING - HANA AIRPORT: It was pointed out by Commissioner Wirtz that due to insufficient funds the Hana Passenger Terminal building improvement project had been stopped short of completion. The only remaining items to be accomplished are the men and women's restrooms and the supporting columns on the lanai. Mr. Wirtz moved, and it was seconded by Mr. Wheeler and unanimously

VOTED: to appropriate \$3500.00 to complete the necessary improvements to the Hana Passenger Terminal Building.

HANA AIRPORT - MAIN WATER SUPPLY: Commissioner Wirtz stated that the problem of water supply at the Hana Airport has become critical due to the poor condition of the main line supplying water from the main source of supply to the passenger terminal building. Mr. Wirtz moved and it was seconded by Mr. Furtado and unanimously

VOTED: to refer the problem of correcting the water supply for the Hana Airport to the DPW.

HANA AIRPORT - EXTENSION OF RUNWAY: Commissioner Wirtz pointed out that Mr. Paul Fagan of the Hana Ranch Company had made a verbal offer to the Commission of sufficient land to extend the runway 2,000 feet in a westerly direction. Mr. Wirtz moved, and it was seconded by Mr. Furtado and unanimously

VOTED: to accept Mr. Fagan's verbal offer of sufficient land to extend the runway 2,000 feet in a westerly direction, and authorize the Maui Commissioner and staff to consummate negotiations.

HANA AIRPORT - APPROACH END, RUNWAY 8: Mr. Wirtz stated that only part of the overrun area on the approach end of runway 8 (toward Paia) had been cleared and graded. This condition is unsafe for aircraft operation and adds appreciably to the maintenance problems on that portion of the field. Mr. Wheeler questioned the Superintendent of Public Works as to why this had not been accomplished during initial construction of the field. Mr. Nutter stated that the area had been prepared to the extent of funds available at that time. Mr. Wheeler asked the Superintendent if, in his estimation, this work should be accomplished at this time. Mr. Nutter agreed with Commissioner Wirtz's previous statement.

Mr. Wirtz moved, and it was seconded by Mr. Furtado and

VOTED: that the staff refer this matter to the DPW for an engineering study of the cost of clearing and grading the overrun area on the west end of the Hana runway.

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HANA AIRPORT, ACCESS ROAD: Mr. Wirtz referred the Commission to the inspection tour of this airport taken earlier in the morning, and to the problem of maintaining the shoulders of the access road. He further pointed out that if the existing fence could be relocated approximately 10 feet further away from the edge of the road, it would greatly relieve this maintenance problem.

Mr. Wirtz MOVED that the staff be authorized to negotiate with Mr. Paul Fagan to secure the additional land necessary for additional shoulder area along the access road and the relocation of the fence. MOTION seconded by Mr. Furtado.

The Superintendent of Public Works suggested that the Commission request the DPW to contact the Bureau of Public Roads to see whether or not they would accept this road as part of the federal highway system, in which case sufficient right-of-way would be required to accomplish Mr. Wirtz's recommendation.

With Mr. Furtado's approval, Mr. Wirtz AMENDED his MOTION to include Mr. Nutter's recommendation. It was unanimously

VOTED: that the staff refer this matter to the DPW to investigate the possibility of the Hana Access Road becoming part of the Federal Highway System and the securing of additional land from the adjacent property owner for widening of the road.

KAUAI

PORT ALLEN - SURPLUS BUILDINGS: Commissioner Edwards stated that there were two old surplus buildings at the Port Allen Airport that were of no further use to the Commission, and that they created an eyesore to the public. He made a motion, seconded by Mr. Furtado and it was unanimously

VOTED: that the staff and Kauai Commissioner be authorized to obtain informal sealed bids for the disposal of these two buildings.

LIHUE AIRPORT - APPLICATION FOR GROUND TRANSPORTATION SERVICE LICENSE:

Commissioner Edwards referred to a letter on file requesting a ground transportation service license for Hiram Naipo Kauai Sightseeing, Ltd. He made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wirtz, and it was unanimously

VOTED: to grant the ground transportation service license to Hiram Naipo Kauai Sightseeing, Ltd.

HAWAII

HILO AIRPORT - PURCHASE OF TRACTOR AND WHIRLWIND MOWER: Commissioner

Furtado pointed out that at present two small tractors are being used for field maintenance at Hilo Airport, and that it is felt if one of the small tractors could be replaced with a large tractor and Whirlwind mower, the field maintenance work could be accomplished much more efficiently. He further pointed out that such a tractor and mower was available at the reasonable figure of \$1800. The small tractor that would be replaced, which is in excellent condition, could either be transferred to another airport in the territorial system or traded in on the larger tractor under discussion.

Commissioner Wirtz stated that they were in need of such a tractor but would not accept it unless it was in "like-new" condition.

Mr. Furtado moved, and it was seconded by Mr. Honda and unanimously

VOTED: to appropriate \$1800 for the purchase of a tractor and Whirlwind mower for Hilo Airport.

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HILO AIRPORT - AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD CONTRACT, MEDIUM INTENSITY RUNWAY

LIGHTING: Commissioner Furtado moved for authorization to award the contract for installation of medium intensity runway lights, runway 3-21, Hilo Airport, in the amount of \$58,654.80, plus \$6,346.20 in allowable extras, for a total of \$65,000. Motion seconded by Commissioner Wirtz and it was unanimously

VOTED: to award the contract for installation of medium intensity lights, runway 3-21, Hilo Airport, to American Electric Company.

HONOLULU

REHABILITATION OF PAM HANGARS: Chairman Sylva called upon the Superintendent of Public Works to comment on the inspection and Structural Analysis Report prepared by the DPW regarding the existing condition of the PAM Hangars at Honolulu International Airport.

Mr. Nutter stated that the hangars had deteriorated to a point where considerable repairs would be immediately necessary to assure continued safe occupancy of these facilities.

After considerable discussion covering the items to be repaired or replaced and the cost thereof, Mr. Wheeler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wirtz, and it was unanimously

VOTED: to appropriate an amount not to exceed \$40,000 to accomplish repairs to the PAM hangars, in accordance with DPW's report of December 21, 1955.

GENERAL

EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION: On behalf of the Commission, Mr. Wheeler expressed their appreciation and thanks for the very fine arrangements that were made by the Maui Commissioner and staff in having the HAC's meeting on Maui.

FEBRUARY MEETING OF HAC: It was announced that the February meeting of the Commission would be held the 4th Saturday of February (Feb. 25) in Honolulu.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 12:18 p.m.

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ATTENDANCE:

Hawaii Aeronautics Commission

Present: Dr. Francis K. Sylva, Chairman  
 Mr. Dersey W. Edwards, Vice Chairman (Kauai)  
 Mr. Ralph C. Honda, Secretary  
 Mr. David Furtado, Vice Secretary (Hawaii)  
 Mr. Richard H. Wheeler, Member  
 Mr. George Kobayashi, Member  
 Mr. J. V. Hodgson, Member  
 Mr. Cable A. Wirtz, Member (Maui)

Absent: Mr. C. J. Pietsch, Jr., Member

In Attendance: Mr. R. M. Lee, Director, HAC  
 Mr. J. E. Batchelder, Asst. Director, HAC  
 Mr. William Neilson, Airports Manager, Maui  
 Mr. Manuel K. Oishi, Honolulu Advertiser  
 Mr. Hitoshi Sato, The Maui News  
 Mr. John Dolan, CAA  
 Mr. Tim Ho, Territorial DPW  
 Mr. Ben E. Nutter, Territorial DPW  
 Mr. Olen V. Andrew, TPA and AFS  
 Mr. Dick Faris, HAL  
 Mr. A. D. Lewis, HAL  
 Mr. J. W. Cooper, JAL  
 Mr. B. B. Williamson, UAL  
 Mr. Seely V. Hall, UAL  
 Mr. W. F. McGuire, UAL  
 Mr. C. E. Young, PAA  
 Mr. W. G. Eldridge, PAA  
 Mr. Y. Tsuji, Maui Water Dept.  
 Mr. R. M. Allen, N.P. Assn. - EPCA  
 Mr. R. P. Bruce, LDAC - EPCA  
 Mr. C. C. Young, Star-Bulletin

Respectfully submitted,

*Ralph C. Honda*

Ralph C. Honda, Secretary