

HAWAII AERONAUTICS COMMISSION
 Minutes of Regular Meeting
 Monday - August 1, 1949

The regular monthly meeting of the Hawaii Aeronautics Commission was held in the Board Room of the Commission at Honolulu Airport on Monday, August 1, 1949, at 3:00 p.m.

Present were: Roy R. Bright, Chairman
 Dr. F. K. Sylva, Vice Chairman
 Mr. R. C. Honda, Secretary
 Mr. R. A. Anderson, Commissioner
 Mr. H. W. Rice, Commissioner
 Mr. Dorsey W. Edwards, Commissioner
 Mr. O. J. Burnett, Commissioner
 Dr. George J. Silva, Commissioner

Absent was: Mr. Charles J. Pietsch, Jr., Commissioner
 (on Mainland)

Attending were:

Mr. G. T. Belcher, Director
 Mr. C. E. Perin, Supt. Honolulu Airport
 Mr. Wm. Neilson, Supt. Maui Cty. Airports
 Mr. W. S. Holloway, Supt. Safety Reg.
 Mr. M. E. Martin, Supt. Hawaii Cty. Airps.
 Mr. P. J. O'Shea, Supt. Maui Airport
 Mr. T. E. Flaherty, CAA
 Capt. S. Elliott, Hawaiian Airlines
 Mr. R. Harrington, Pan American Airways
 Mr. Mitchell, Pan American Airways
 Mr. W. T. McDermott, United Air Lines
 Mr. F. Taylor, Northwest Airlines
 Mr. W. Birnie, Transocean Airlines
 Mr. L. Osborne, HATS
 Mr. T. R. James, K-T
 Mr. C. Erdman, Gray Line, Hawaii
 Mrs. M. Wood, HSA
 Mr. M. Owen, Terminal Gift Shop
 Mr. J. E. Ednie, American Factors
 Mr. R. B. Goess, Airways Hotel
 Mr. Robert Shivers, Rep. NOPAERO Apts.
 Dr. Shunzo Sakamaki, " " "

MINUTES: Approval of the Minutes of the July 9th meeting was deferred pending the arrival of Commissioner Edwards.

TRANS-PACIFIC AIRLINES' Request: Trans-Pacific Airlines' request for a lease of land at the entrance to Honolulu Airport for the establishment of a service station for the sale of gasoline for motor vehicles was discussed briefly and referred to the Lease Committee for study, on motion by Mr. Honda, seconded by Mr. Anderson and carried.

LIHUE AIRPORT; Request for lease of land: Mr. J. E. Ednie, representing the American Factors, Limited, agent for the Lihue Plantation Company, Limited, presented a request for the leasing of approximately 30 acres of land located at the north end of the proposed N-S runway at Lihue Airport for the planting of sugar cane during the next two years and at the rate of \$10.00 per acre per annum.

Mr. Flaherty of CAA requested that a set of plans and a copy of any proposed lease be submitted to his office for review before any commitment is made.

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Mr. Anderson moved to refer the matter to the Lease Committee and requested that committee members confer further with CAA and American Factors on the matter. An amendment was made to give the Committee full power to act on behalf of the Commission. Motion seconded by Mr. Honda and carried unanimously.

LEASE COMMITTEE: On Mr. Honda's suggestion that the members of the Lease Committee proceed with deliberations even in the absence of the Committee Chairman, Mr. Burnett was appointed Acting Chairman during the absence of Mr. Pietsch.

It was pointed out that outside-island commissioners were to serve on the Lease Committee when matters concerning their respective islands were under discussion.

CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES: At the request of Commissioner Edwards, the word "Work" at the beginning of the paragraph under PROGRAM OF EXISTING AIRPORTS, KALAUPAPA AIRPORT, was changed to "Survey." The Minutes were then approved as corrected.

REVOCABLE PERMIT, KAHULUI AIRPORT: Mr. Rice explained that the Hawaii Aeronautics Commission is presently operating the Kahului Naval Air Station under a temporary permit, and then stated that the Navy had drawn up and was now submitting a new Revocable Permit for the operation of the said airport by the Territory of Hawaii; the said Permit being an indefinite permit, revocable only in case of a national emergency declared by the President or Congress of the United States and at the discretion of the Secretary of the Navy. He further explained that both the Governor and the Attorney General of Hawaii had no objection to the proposed permit.

After the draft of the Revocable Permit had been read in full by the Secretary, Mr. Rice moved that the Commission approve the permit as read and authorize the Director to execute the document on behalf of the Territory.

In the ensuing discussion, Mr. Flaherty said that CAA's principal concern in the matter was the operation of the control tower and that with a revocable permit the CAA may be satisfied to go along. He requested that a copy of the permit be transmitted to his office for study.

Mr. Rice's motion was seconded by Dr. F. K. Sylva and carried unanimously.

AIRPORT APPROPRIATIONS, ACT 368 S.L.Hawaii 1949: Mr. Rice told the Commission as a matter of information, that he and Dr. F. K. Sylva were working with the Attorney General's office in the grouping of airport appropriations by Counties in a re-draft of Act 368 S. L. Hawaii 1949, to be presented during the Special Session of the Legislature for action, in order that funds could be expended on any of the airports of each County rather than individual airports as now mandated.

INSTALLATION OF CONTROL TOWER - MAUI: The Director reported that representatives of the HAC, CAA, and DPW had inspected a steel control tower located at the old Kipapa Field, which, with a considerable amount of modification, could be removed and re-erected at Maui Airport to conform with CAA requirements under their T.S.O. N-13. He stated that the control tower could be purchased from the Oahu Sugar Company for \$500.

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Mr. Flaherty pointed out that the tower should be in operation by the first of the year if possible, but not later than the first of March, in order to keep within the time limit for the 1950 appropriation.

Mr. Honda moved that the tower be purchased and sent to Maui. Motion seconded by Mr. Rice and carried.

REPORT BY TAXICAB COMMITTEE: Dr. F. K. Sylva reported that two members of the Taxicab Committee had met on the 28th of July, at which time all taxi operators but one who had written the Commission for a hearing were heard, and suggested that the Commissioners defer the matter of the Oahu taxi situation until after reviewing the transcript of the meeting.

Mr. Rice withdrew his objections to the enforcement of different rental charges for taxi operators at the various airports -- explaining that the Attorney General had interpreted the law relating to "like charges for all airports" as intending to mean that like charges would be enforced for like facilities and privileges; that the business potential should be taken into consideration.

Dr. F. K. Sylva moved to defer action on the matter of taxicab operations on all islands until the next meeting, at which time the Taxicab Committee would present a concrete recommendation to the Commission. Motion seconded and carried.

X HANA AIRPORT: On motion by Mr. Rice, seconded by Mr. Anderson and carried, the Director was authorized to proceed with preliminary plans and specifications for the paving of the runway, taxiways, access road and auto parking area at Hana Airport, Maui.

X REALLOCATION OF CAA FUNDS FROM KAMUELA TO HANA: The Director requested the Commission's authorization to request Civil Aeronautics Administration for a re-allocation of CAA funds from Kamuela Airport to Hana Airport to match Territorial funds for additional work to be done at Hana Airport. The Director's request was granted on motion by Mr. Honda, seconded by Dr. F. K. Sylva and carried unanimously.

X KAHULUI AIRPORT, MASTER PLAN: The Director was instructed to work with CAA and the Department of Public Works in drawing up a master plan for the Kahului Airport.

AIRWAYS HOTEL REQUEST: Mr. R. B. Goess, Vice President, Airways Hotel, Ltd., appeared before the Commission and requested a revision to Airways Hotel's present lease in order to relieve their present financial difficulties. He outlined the background of the Airways Hotel operations and explained that the corporation could be saved in one of two ways: (1) a reduction in rent; or, (2) the return of one building to the Commission.

After further discussion, Mr. Honda moved that the matter be taken under advisement, and that the Airways Hotel be notified of the Commission's decision later. Motion seconded and carried unanimously.

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NOPAERO, LIMITED, REQUEST: Mr. Robert Shivers and Dr. Shunzo Sakamaki, representing NOPAERO, Limited, requested the Commission's consideration in reducing their rent by 60%. Mr. Shivers explained that NOPAERO has two double-decked quonset huts which for the past several months have been filled to only 1/3 capacity, necessitating a reduction in rents from \$57.50 to \$40.00 per apartment per month; and that NOPAERO's cash expenditures were at present dangerously close to their cash receipts.

The effect of the withdrawal of military forces from the surrounding area was discussed. Mr. Rice said he would like to see a proposition worked out to give relief at this time to the tenants, but with the improvement of circumstances the rent to go up.

Mr. Honda moved that the matter be taken under advisement, and that the NOPAERO, Limited, be notified of the Commission's decision later. Motion seconded and carried unanimously.

AIRWAYS HOTEL & NOPAERO, LIMITED: Possible solutions to Airways' and NOPAERO's financial difficulties were discussed. One suggestion was to turn the quonset huts into warehouses, in view of the current downward trend in hotel business on the airport and the growing demand for more warehouse space.

Mr. Rice moved to reduce Airways' and NOPAERO's rentals 33 1/3% for a period of six (6) months and at that time readjust the rent upward if feasible. Motion seconded by Mr. Burnett. (After further discussion, Mr. Rice's motion was withdrawn in favor of the following one.)

Dr. Sylva moved to hold the rental of the first floor of the quonset huts to 30¢ p.s.f.p.a. and reduce the rental rate of the second floor from 30¢ to 10¢ p.s.f.p.a.; rental rates to apply to all tenants having same type of building and only when tenant is renting both floors; new rental rate effective August 1, 1949. Motion seconded by Mr. Edwards and carried unanimously.

RENTAL RATE FOR KONA TERMINAL: On recommendation by the Director, a rental rate of \$2.00 per sq. ft. per annum for space in the Kona terminal was adopted. Motion by Mr. Rice, seconded by Mr. Honda, and carried unanimously.

CHANGE OF TIME FOR HAC MEETING: It was decided to change the time of the regular monthly Commission meetings to the third Monday in each calendar month at 10:00 a.m. in order to enable the Commission to receive monthly financial statements and other material prior to meetings, and also to permit outer-island members to return to their respective islands on the same day.

MONTHLY ACTIVITY & PROGRESS REPORTS: The Director was instructed to send each member of the Commission a monthly Activity and Progress Report before the monthly meetings.

REQUESTS FOR RENTAL OF PASTURE LANDS, PUUNENE AIRPORT: Written requests from Mr. John F. Phillips and Mr. Edmund H. Rogers for rental of 962.757 acres of land at Puunene Airport for grazing purposes at 75¢ and \$1.00 per acre, respectively, were referred to the Lease Committee on motion by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Honda and carried.

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✓ DIRECTOR'S TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION: The Director was authorized to visit, investigate and study airports and to confer with airport officials at various airports throughout the Mainland during his vacation there, and was allotted the per diem allowance permitted by law -- to be reimbursed for such other travel expenses in this connection. Motion by Mr. Honda, seconded by Dr. F. K. Sylva and carried.

✓ TERMS OF OFFICES: It was pointed out that Act 32, S.L. of Hawaii 1947, creating the Hawaii Aeronautics Commission, provides for one-year terms for officers. It was agreed that terms of offices be for one year, in conformity with the law.

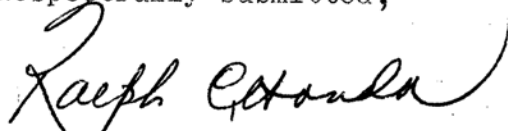
✓ PUUNENE AIRPORT; Use of swimming pool and gymnasium by AJA Veteran's Organization: At Mr. Rice's suggestion, the Commission agreed to permit the AJA Veterans' Organization on Maui to use, rent free, the swimming pool and gymnasium at Puunene Airport on a revocable permit, to be revoked in the event the organization does not maintain the pool and gymnasium properly.

✓ LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE: The following Commissioners were appointed members of the Legislative Committee: Mr. Rice (Chairman), Dr. F. K. Sylva, Mr. Edwards, and Dr. G. J. Silva.

✓ LETTER OF THANKS TO MARK E. MARTIN: The Commission voted to send a letter of appreciation to Mark Martin, Superintendent of Hawaii County Airports, for his fine work during the Kona Airport opening.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Ralph C. Honda, Secretary