

HAWAII AERONAUTICS COMMISSION  
Minutes of Regular Meeting  
Monday, September 24, 1951

The regular monthly meeting of the Hawaii Aeronautics Commission was held in the conference room of the Commission on Monday, September 24, 1951 at 1:15 p.m.

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

Attending: Mr. Peyton Harrison, Director, HAC  
Mr. C. M. Kee, Asst. Dir., HAC  
Mr. R. M. Lee, Adm. Asst., HAC  
Mr. Cy Gillette, Supt. Airports, HAC  
Mr. T. A. Yierra, Architect  
Mr. Frank Taylor, Northwest Airlines  
Mr. Ford Studebaker, Hawaiian Airlines  
Mr. Lee Grubb, HAL  
Mr. Thomas Cooke, TAH  
Mr. Stephen Cooke, TAH  
Mr. H. K. Graves, FAA  
Mr. Guy A. Murray, CAA  
Other CAA representatives  
Star-Bulletin reporter

CLERK FOR CIVIL SERVICE: Dr. Sylva reported on a conference held with Mr. Arthur Akina of the Territorial Civil Service Department, at which time Mr. Akina stated that various territorial departments had been asked to subsidize the hiring of clerks for a few months for the purpose of bringing the personnel lists of those various departments up to date, and that the HAC is also being asked to consider subsidizing a clerk for this purpose.

After due consideration the Commission unanimously agreed to do so on motion by Mr. Honda and seconded by Mr. Bright.

HAWAIIAN COLD STORAGE PROPOSAL: A proposal from Hawaiian Cold Storage Company dated August 29, 1951, requesting removal of equipment and pipes in cold storage building 54 (Honolulu Airport) for installation in cold storage building 83, was denied, as this building may be reactivated for use by the Armed Forces as a cold storage plant in case of an emergency. Motion by Mr. Honda, seconded by Mr. Bright and carried.

PACIFIC COLLECTION AND SALVAGE COMPANY, LTD. PROPOSAL: A proposal from Pacific Collection and Salvage Company dated August 17, 1951, for the leasing of property along the makai side of Nimitz Highway between Moanalua and Kalihi streams to provide docking facilities for small craft, was denied, inasmuch as the Commission has its own plans for development of this area. Motion by Mr. Honda, seconded by Mr. Bright and carried.

REQUEST FROM LOUIS STAMBLER: A request from Mr. Louis Stambler for exclusive parking concession at Overseas Terminal area, Honolulu Airport, was denied on motion by Mr. Honda, seconded by Mr. Bright and carried.

EXTENSION OF RUNWAYS AT AIRPORTS: Following a discussion of the Director's suggestion on the formation of a committee to be comprised of representatives of the airlines, CAA and HAC, to work out firm figures for runway extensions necessary to meet the Convair 340 aircraft requirements, the Director was instructed to merely call an informal meeting of these representatives rather than form an official committee.

DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS: The Director reported that 90% of all delinquent accounts was represented by 4 airline activities and the Airways Hotel; that over 80% was represented by 2 accounts — Trans-Pacific Airlines and Airways Hotel.

MINUTES OF AUGUST 27TH MEETING; Correction: Mr. Honda moved that the following addition be made to the August 27th minutes by inserting on page 5, Item (9) Mary Lee's Lease Proposal: "....conditional delivery to be made subject to payment." Motion seconded by Mr. Edwards and carried. The minutes were then approved as corrected.

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS: Mr. Honda made the following report of the finance committee, with recommendations:

- 1) Maui Aja Veterans' request for operation of Naska Officers's Club House. The Committee recommended approval of this request on a month-to-month rental agreement basis at the rate of \$25.00 per month, plus 5% of gross sales (dues not to be considered as income and 5% of gross to cover money derived from doing business). Mr. Honda made a motion to this effect and added that the Maui Aja Veterans' request be made effective October 1st but that they be given permission to enter immediately for rehabilitation purposes. Motion seconded by Mr. Rice and carried unanimously.
- 2) Request for assignment of lease license from Knox and Palmer Flying Service to Murrayair, Ltd. to Lot D-1, Honolulu Airport under the same terms and conditions as outlined in the license and rental of Lot D-2 at the established rate. Mr. Honda recommended that the request be approved.

Mr. Rice moved to approve recommendation; seconded by Mr. Furtado and carried.

- 3) Civil Air Patrol. Mr. Honda recommended the appropriation of \$15,000 from the Airport Revenue Fund to provide funds to meet the Budget Estimates of Hawaii Wing, Civil Air Patrol, for fiscal year ending June 30, 1952, in accordance with the provisions of Joint Resolution No. 30, Session Laws of 1951.

Mr. Rice moved to adopt the Committee's recommendation; seconded by Mr. Edwards and carried.

- 4) Mr. Honda reported that it was the committee's recommendation to authorize the Administrative Assistant to withdraw funds from the Hawaii Aeronautics Commission Revenue Clearance Fund in order that such funds be deposited as revenue receipts into the fund accounts of the Commission. (It was explained that this is a system whereby outer island managers may deposit money immediately to the Bishop Bank on their islands. Mr. Lee added that the only authorization necessary from the Commission is for withdrawal of funds from the Revenue Clearance Fund.)

Mr. Pietsch moved to approve the committee's recommendation; seconded by Mr. Anderson and carried.

- 5) Upolu Airport. The committee chairman recommended an additional appropriation of \$15,000 out of the Fuel Tax Fund to complete necessary alterations and improvements to the Upolu terminal building and improvements to roadways and ground areas.

Motion to approve recommendation by Mr. Furtado, seconded by Mr. Edwards and carried.

- 6) Sprinkler System. Committee recommended the Superintendent of Public Works to call for bids for the installation of a sprinkler system for fire prevention in the Honolulu Terminal Building and a sum of \$30,000 be appropriated out of the Fuel Tax Fund to defray this proposed expenditure.

Motion to approve recommendation by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Pietsch and carried.

- 7) Coin Sorting Machine. Committee recommended the purchase of a coin sorting machine, not to exceed the cost of \$375 (to be used in sorting coins deposited in parking meters).

Motion to approve recommendation by Mr. Rice, seconded by Mr. Bright and carried.

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- 8) Mr. Honda reported that the CAA has requested the HAC to collaborate in the programming of additional CAA funds in accordance with the project priorities recommended by CAA in order that they may make an appropriation request to Congress for the next fiscal period. Mr. Honda continued that after examination the committee wished to concur in the program with the priority schedule for the various projects and recommended that the program as scheduled be accepted.

Dr. Sylva commented that this program concerns mostly the extension and lights.

Mr. Murray of CAA reported that Washington is attempting to set up a supplemental (special) program to be submitted to the Bureau of the Budget and Congress and that this programming is additional to the previous budget.

Mr. Rice asked Mr. Murray's opinion of flush contact lights. Mr. Murray replied that they pose too many maintenance problems and are, at any rate, an outmoded type of light. As a result of Mr. Murray's statement, the Chairman instructed Mr. Lee to look up the cost of lighting fixtures at Lihue, for the information of the Maui Commissioners.

Mr. Rice questioned the estimated runway extension requirements at Lanai Airport. Mr. Murray reported that the 2200 feet estimated was simply a guess in order to make surveys but that a more firm estimate can be made once the effective gradient is known.

Mr. Honda moved to approve the programming of additional CAA funds in accordance with the project priorities recommended by CAA. Motion seconded by Mr. Rice and carried.

- 9) General Labor Positions. Mr. Honda recommended the establishment of two additional general laborer positions for Honolulu Airport, effective October 1, 1951, inasmuch as present labor pool is unable to cope with the total work program. Motion to approve recommendation by Mr. Furtado, seconded by Mr. Anderson and carried.

KAMUELA AIRPORT: Reporting on a conference with Mr. Belt of the Public Works Department, Mr. Rice said that the plans and specifications for Kamuela Airport should be delivered to the HAC within a day or two, and suggested that they be referred to the CAA for their review to see if any radical changes are necessary.

The Chairman instructed that this be done and that after CAA has reviewed the plans, they be referred to the Public Works Committee.

WAREHOUSE; HILO FLYING SCHOOL BUILDING - Hilo Airport - REMOVAL OF: Mr. Furtado reported that it would be necessary to move a warehouse and Hilo Flying School building at Hilo Airport, in order to conform with the master plan.

After discussion, the matter was referred to the Public Works Committee for study.

KALAUPAPA CEREMONY: The Director reported that Mr. Judd of the Division of Hansen's Disease and the authorities at Kalaupapa wish to have a ceremony at 10:30 October 1st, dedicating the new terminal, and have requested members of the Commission to be present.

TOWER AT NASKA: The Director reported that a request had been received from the U. S. Coast Guard for use of the tower at Naska, for use as an operation center and Radio Control Center.

The request was referred to the Public Works Committee.

HAL REQUEST FOR FREIGHT TERMINAL AT LANAI: A letter from Hawaiian Airlines, requesting that a freight terminal be built at Lanai, and pointing out that their freight traffic at Lanai for July was considerably more than either Lihue or Kona, was presented to the Commission.

The Chairman referred the matter to the Public Works Committee for study, and requested that a report be made to the commission. He requested that the passenger terminal also be considered.

**MAINTENANCE MAN FOR KALAUPAPA:** The Director reported that a request had been received from Mr. William Neilson to employ a Mr. Malakaua as janitor and maintenance man at Kalaupapa, on a part-time basis, at \$1.04 an hour.

The possibility of hiring Mr. Malakaua on a part-time basis, under Civil Service regulations was discussed. Mr. Honda recommended that the Chairman study the question on his trip to Kalaupapa next week. The Director said that he would take the matter up with Civil Service prior to the Chairman's trip.

**KAHULUI, RADIO EQUIPMENT, ETC.:** Mr. Rice read a letter written by Mr. Ford Studebaker of Hawaiian Airlines, stating that the cost of radio equipment at Kahului would be approximately \$8,000; the automatic auxiliary power unit approximately \$2500; and labor for these installations approximately \$1500. It was suggested in Mr. Studebaker's letter that the HAC buy the equipment and lease it to Hawaiian Airlines at \$1.00 per year, and HAL would apportion the expense of operation among the airlines benefiting from this installation. Mr. Rice explained that this suggestion was made in view of the fact that CAA will not go into Kahului.

Mr. Rice moved to set up \$12,000 for this purpose, and to have Mr. Lee get plans and specifications from Mr. Studebaker and have them advertised for bid as soon as possible.

Mr. Edwards stated that he disagreed with the handling of the problem in this manner, and said that an effort should be made to get the equipment from CAA or make other arrangements for the handling of the problem, because if this is done in one particular case, it establishes a policy. Mr. Edwards asked how the matter was handled at Lihue.

Mr. Studebaker said that there is a CAA VOR Station at Lihue close to the airport but, in order to assure greater reliability, HAL had installed a radio beacon station there. At Kahului, CAA says they will not approve operations there unless this dual equipment is installed. Mr. Studebaker said further that the present Maui Airport (Punene) is well served by CAA navigational facilities and Hawaiian Airlines has nothing there.

To Mr. Edwards' inquiry as to why this problem didn't arise when they moved into Lihue, Mr. Studebaker replied that CAA had planned to install all necessary facilities there; whereas, at Kahului, the CAA does not plan to install any kind of navigational facility.

Mr. Edwards commented that it would be some government agency's obligation to furnish one set of the facility and the other would be a matter of choice. Mr. Studebaker said that this was not the case... that HAL had not elected to move to Kahului and that CAA would not permit operations into Kahului with less than two installations. He said further that the proposed \$12,000 installation would merely provide an installation sufficient to permit approval of operations into and out of Kahului.

Mr. Anderson expressed the opinion that, this being an unusual situation, the program could be carried out without establishing a policy with regard to future installations.

Mr. Rice said that this would be the only way to operate from Kahului and operations would be stymied if equipment is not provided.

Mr. Studebaker pointed out that HAL will operate a cooperative weather reporting station, which is an additional expense.

Mr. Anderson asked Mr. Murray of CAA if CAA would move their Punene equipment to Kahului if papers received for Kahului were satisfactory to CAA. Mr. Murray replied that they would be able to do so if that were the case.

Mr. Rice re-stated his previous motion to appropriate \$12,000 for the necessary installations at Kahului, in view of the unique circumstances involved. Motion seconded by Mr. Anderson and carried.

**KAHULUI RUNWAY LIGHTS:** The Public Works Committee was instructed to get figures on runway lights for Kahului.

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RENTAL ON HANGARS: Mr. Rice suggested that all persons renting hangar space provide their own fire extinguishers; also that minimum rental for hangar space be set at \$10.00.

The matter was referred to the Finance Committee for study.

LEI VENDORS' STAND: It was reported that DFW estimate of the job was \$22,000. (No action was taken by the Public Works Committee on these plans, because of lack of a quorum at the Hilo meeting on September 18.)

Mr. Rice moved to set up \$25,000 for the stand. Motion seconded by Mr. Honda and carried.

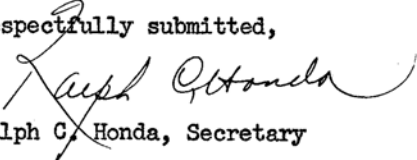
INTERNATIONAL ALTERNATE AIRPORTS: Mr. Honda asked what Puunene's status as an International Alternate would be if the principal Maui airport were moved to Kahului. Mr. Murray said that CAA would pass on word of the move and that it would probably be just a matter of procedure.

Dr. Sylva commented on the territory's AP-4 obligations, stating that maintenance of Puunene could not be abandoned. Mr. Murray concurred in this statement.

Mr. Studebaker, commenting on Kahului as an international alternate, stated that other facilities of CAA would have to be moved to Kahului in order for it to be considered an alternate.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Ralph C. Honda, Secretary