HAWAII AERONAUTICS COMMISSION Minutes of Regular Meeting Monday - June 6, 1949

The regular monthly meeting of the Hawaii Aeronautics Commission was held in the Board Room of the Commission at Honolulu Airport on Monday, June 6, 1949 at 3:30 p.m.

Present were: R. R. Bright, Acting Chairman R. C. Honda, Secretary O. J. Burnett, Commissioner

C. J. Pietsch, Jr., Commissioner F. K. Sylva, Commissioner

Absent was:

R. A. Anderson, Commissioner (on Mainland)

Attending were:

G. T. Belcher, Director

R. B. Black, Asst. Director
J. R. Canright, Deputy Attorney General

G. R. Sims, Administ. Asst.

C. E. Perin, Supt. Honolulu Airport Wm. Neilson, Supt. Maui Cty. Airports

W. S. Holloway, Superintendent of Safety
M. E. Martin, Supt. Hawaii County Airps.
P. J. O'Shea, Supt. Maui Cty. Airports
Frank Metzger, Fire Chief, Hono. Airp.
Colonel Nolan, HNG

H. Graves, PAA
W. Rolph, PAA
F. Taylor, NW Airlines

T. R. James, K-T Capt. Elliott, HAL Messrs. McCraw & Robertson, HAL

E. Hart, CAA Control Tower

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M. Wood, HSA Arthur Powlison, Irish Cabs

Lester Heirich

MINUTES: The minutes of meetings held April 25, May 2 and May 3, 1949 were approved as circulated.

ADDITIONAL AREA, HAWAII NATIONAL GUARD: The Hawaii National Guard's request for approximately 247,000 sq. ft. additional space adjacent to the former MATS nose hangar was presented to the Commission. Terms of the lease would be on a revocable permit basis for the sum of \$1.00 per annum, in consideration of the Territory's use of National Guard fire equipment.

> Mr. Burnett moved that a lease to this effect be drafted by the Attorney General's office for presentation to the Commission for final approval at its next meeting. Motion was seconded by Mr. Pietsch and unanimously carried.

INSURANCE POLICY RENEWAL: The Director requested authorization to renew insurance coverage on the Overseas Terminal Building for another year on the basis of coverage a year ago, to wit: \$325,000 coverage carried by ten agencies. Total premium will be \$4,641 for the \$325,000 coverage. (The premium a year ago was \$6,656, less a credit of \$1,235 due to elimination of structural deficiencies in the boiler room. Under a recent ruling of the Insurance Commissioner the renewal rate at this time will carry a 15% reduction.)

The advisability of insuring the terminal building for as much as \$325,000 was discussed briefly.

Motion to approve the Director's recommendation for renewal on the basis outlined was made by Dr. Sylva, seconded by Mr. Pietsch and carried.

REPORT ON NFPA MEETING BY W. S. HOLLOWAY: Mr. William Holloway reported briefly on his trip to the Mainland to attend the annual conference of the National Fire Protection Association in San Francisco, May 16-20. He said that he had visited and inspected the facilities of approximately 15 airports in California, and that a detailed report of his trip had been presented to the Director.

The Director was requested to submit copies of Mr. Holloway's report to the Commission.

IRISH CABS! REQUEST FOR TAXI STALLS: Mr. Arthur Powlison, Public Relations Director for Irish Cabs, was called upon to present their request for taxi stalls at Honolulu Airport. Mr. Powlison introduced Mr. Lester Heirich, President of the organization. Mr. Heirich stated that Irish Cabs had wanted for a number of years to establish a taxi service, as distinguished from limousine service, at the airport, and stated that their metered, two-way radio cabs would be an asset to the airport and give the public a mush needed service.

Mr. Carl Erdman of Gray Line Transportation Company pointed out that a taxi service does exist and is operated by Gray Line at the airport.

After a brief discussion of the matter, Mr. Bright explained that this and all other taxi matters would be referred to the taxi committee for study.

TAXICAB SITUATION, MAUI AIRPORT: Mr. McCraw of Hawaiian Airlines and Mr. Robertson, HAL Station Manager at Maui Airport, explained the taxi situation as it now exists at HAL's terminal on Maui. They pointed out that the taxi operators' gambling, blocking of passages in the terminal, gouging of passengers, and general tactics in soliciting business warrant immediate attention and asked the Commission's cooperation in working out a solution to the problem.

After a lengthy discussion of the matter, the Commission agreed to refer the matter to the taxicab committee for immediate attention.

SELECTION OF TAXICAB COMMITTEE: In view of the recent changes in Commissioners, a re-selection of the taxicab committee was effected. Members to serve on this committee are:

Mr. Bright, Chairman, Mr. Honda and Dr. Sylva.

The Committee was authorized to establish policies and rules and regulations governing taxicab operations at airports, which policies and rules and regulations will be presented to the Commission as a whole for approval.

- HILO AIRPORT TAXI SITUATION: Mr. Martin, Superintendent of Hawaii County Airports, asked that some readjustment be made in rates for taxis at Hilo Airport. Mr. Bright said that the taxicab committee would take it under advisement. However, the Superintendent of Hawaii County Airports was authorized to work out such a plan as will handle the situation temporarily.
- SELECTION OF LEASE COMMITTEE: The committee appointed to establish policies and terms, rental rates, etc., at Territorial airports is as follows: Mr. Pietsch, Chairman, Mr. Burnett, Dr. Sylva.

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CONFIRMATION OF APPROVAL: The Commission confirmed verbal approval authorizing William S. Holloway's trip to the Mainland to attend the National Fire Protection Association's annual conference commencing May 16, 1949.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ralph & Honda, Secretary