

HAWAII AERONAUTICS COMMISSION
 Minutes of Regular Meeting
 Monday, June 25, 1951

The regular monthly meeting of the Hawaii Aeronautics Commission was held in the Conference Room of the Commission on Monday, June 25, 1951 at 1:00 p.m.

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

Attending: Mr. Peyton Harrison, Director, HAC
 Mr. Cy Gillette, Supt. A & O, HAC
 Mr. W. S. Holloway, Safety Engineer, HAC
 Mr. Chas. Brenham, Prop. Admin., HAC
 Mr. Guy Murray, CAA
 Mr. J. V. Dolan, CAA
 Mr. Emil Williams, CAA
 Mr. William Barlow, CAA Attorney
 Mr. H. K. Graves, PAA
 Mr. Ford Studebaker, HAL
 Mr. James Hogg, HAL
 Mr. J. J. Harding

MINUTES: The Minutes of the regular meeting held May 28th and special meeting held June 5th were approved as circulated.

KONA FENCING: The Director reported that fencing of the terminal area and work on the freight terminal had been completed and were inspected by the Director June 16th.

KONA TERMINAL, FURNISHING OF: The Director recommended that a sum not to exceed \$1200 be spent on furnishing the Kona Terminal. Mr. Furtado moved to approve the recommendation; seconded by Mr. Bright and carried unanimously.

UPOLU POINT: The Director reported that the new terminal building at Upolu is finished and that work on surfacing the runway is progressing. He said also that work had been inspected on June 15th and that Mr. Padgett estimated July 15th as date of completion.

STENOGRAPHER FOR HILO AIRPORT: Mr. Furtado reported that the work load at Hilo Airport was such as to necessitate the hiring of a stenographer for the HAC office there. He recommended also that the present clerical position there be reclassified upwards in view of the type and amount of work being done by Mr. Okuda.

The Chairman pointed out that reclassification of the clerical position is a matter to be handled by the administrative staff.

Mr. Furtado moved that a stenographer be hired as soon as possible and that the position be set up in the table of organization. Motion seconded by Mr. Bright and carried.

FENCING, HILO AIRPORT: Mr. Furtado pointed out that some time ago the job of fencing the Hilo Airport had been started but was not completed, and that a sum of \$6,600 would be needed to complete the job. He requested that this be done.

The Director also recommended that the job be finished. Mr. Gillette expressed the opinion that all operational areas on airports should be fenced. The Chairman said also that inasmuch as so much money had already been spent on the work, it would seem advisable that it be completed.

Mr. Furtado moved to complete the fencing and that a sum of \$6,600 be allocated for this purpose. Motion seconded by Mr. Pietsch and carried.

KALAUPAPA AIRPORT: Mr. Rice reported that the Kalaupapa terminal would be finished by the Maui crew on June 28th, and that the painting would be left up to the settlement people.

KAHULUI: The Director's report on Kahului was as follows: 1) Most of the material for the new temporary passenger terminal has been salvaged from buildings at Puunene and Kahului. Buildings 550-A, B and C are in the process of removal by the Department of Institutions. Building 510 is being razed by the HAC work crew.

2) Forms for the 6" curbing on the new building are about one-fourth complete. A program of grass and weed removal from paved areas, grass cutting on shoulders, roads and islands, and patching of damaged and sunken areas of paving has been instituted. There are some 26 Maui County employees assisting on this project. However, at present Mr. Crozier is unable to give a completion date on this project.

3) A site for the rotating beacon has been chosen with the approval of the CAA. Proposed runway layout, runway and construction lighting and barriers to keep vehicular traffic off the landing area has been decided on by the Maui Airports Manager, Superintendent of Operations and Safety Engineer, and Chief Pilots for Hawaiian Airlines and Trans-Pacific Airlines and Trans-Pacific Airlines had been consulted regarding their ideas on this from the standpoint of plane operations.

Mr. Rice reported that Hawaiian Airlines representatives were on Maui on the 22nd of June to look over Kahului and decide on what would have to be done prior to moving from Puunene to Kahului, and asked that Mr. Studebaker present his ideas to the Commission.

Mr. Studebaker said that he had forwarded a letter to the HAC outlining difficulties involved and some of the things that will have to be done before operations can be transferred. He stated that one of the most important factors is the fact that the CAA does not expect to move to Kahului until such time when permanent quarters become available there, and commented that what HAC would have to do, would depend greatly on CAA's course of action.

When called upon, Mr. Murray said he was not in a position to state the regional position of CAA, but felt they would not want to move to a temporary location because of the cost involved.

Speaking for CAA's regional office, Mr. Dolan stated that some period of time would be involved for establishing additional navigational aids in line with the runway at Kahului and some means of controlling the antenna range from Kahului, as it is now controlled from Puunene. He stated also that some time would be involved in securing funds for this purpose. When asked by Mr. Studebaker how long a time would be needed to clear these matters, Mr. Dolan said that if ample funds and equipment were available it would take around 90 to 120 days. He stated further, however, that in the program presented to Congress these changes were not included, and commented that he did not know what leeway the administration would make for re-programming.

Mr. Studebaker said that it was possible to move to Kahului, as far as HAL is concerned, and that they would rather operate out of there. He recommended that a program be set up taking into account all of the items involved in the transfer and that each agency involved be kept informed and also do certain things required of them.

Mr. Dolan pointed out that when the matter was first discussed in October of 1947, their Washington office agreed that if a satisfactory lease was obtained the AP-4 obligations of the Territory, which now prevail at Puunene, could be transferred to Kahului; however, it would have to be with the understanding that if after moving to Kahului it became necessary to move back to Puunene, funds would not be available to put Puunene back to standards -- it would be solely the Territory's responsibility. He added that so far as CAA knows, there is as yet no lease meeting the qualifications.

Dr. Sylva said there has been introduced into Congress a bill to transfer Kahului to the Territory. Mr. Rice added that he felt it would be put through very soon inasmuch as it has the approval of Representative Carl Vinson, Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee.

Mr. Dolan said that CAA would have to request additional funds for satisfactory navigational aids and to control the Maui range. However, he commented that even if money were available, it would be 3 to 6 months before equipment could be installed, and said that a tower would have to be set up and a building made available to house CAA facilities. He added that CAA would cooperate in every possible way.

Speaking for Trans-Pacific Airlines, Mr. O. V. Andrew said that they would like to move to Kahului but would not like to operate under increased minimums and with the expense of moving to a new field where length of tenure is undecided. He added that Mr. Studebaker had expressed TPA's position also.

The Director was authorized by the Commission to follow through in conferring with CAA and the airlines with respect to a program for moving to Kahului, in order that requirements will be timed accordingly.

KAHULUI TERMINAL: Mr. Rice said that the frame for the building will be up this week but that Hawaiian Airlines had suggested changes. He presented a plan of the structure to Mr. Andrew for TPA's comments.

PORT ALLEN, Parcel of land requested by County of Kauai: The Director reported that the County of Kauai has requested that a parcel of airport land be transferred to them in order to develop it into a park. He said that Mr. Edwards was agreeable to this on the condition that the County of Kauai fence it off at their own expense so that cars would not drive onto the runway. He reported further that the matter had been taken up with the Commissioner of Public Lands, who said he would see that they would be bound by this provision.

Mr. Edwards pointed out that the portion requested is partly rock, partly sand and would be converted into a swimming area. He suggested that the County of Kauai use this on a revocable permit basis, based on their maintaining a suitable fence and keeping people off that portion of the airport which is reserved for the use of aircraft; that they not be given ownership of the land but be allowed to use it for an indefinite period.

Mr. Dolan said that transfer of land for use other than aeronautical would need CAA clearance because there is an AP-4 agreement on this property. He pointed out, however, that it would probably be just a formality in this case.

Mr. Rice moved that the Commission make the land available on the basis outlined by Mr. Edwards, subject to approval of CAA. Motion seconded by Mr. Anderson and carried.

LIHUE AIRPORT EXTENSION: Mr. Edwards moved that the Commission concur in the Department of Public Works' recommendation to award the bid for this project to E. F. Nilson on his low bid of \$145,960.86 for Alternate A - Penetration Macadam Wearing Surface. Motion seconded by Mr. Rice and carried.

Mr. Murray of CAA pointed out that their estimate of the job had been based on the most expensive of two types, but it now seemed as though their figure could be reduced by \$22,500.

LIHUE TERMINAL EXTENSION: The Director reported that the latest plans on improvements to the Lihue Terminal had been received. Mr. Edwards said that a number of revisions would have to be made to bring them into line financially. The matter was deferred until the next meeting.

LIHUE TERMINAL EXTENSION PLANS, PAYMENT OF ARCHITECT'S FEE: Deferred until next meeting.

EQUIPMENT NEEDED AT AIRPORTS: The Director said that all members had received a copy of the list of equipment needed on all airports. Mr. Bright, Chairman of the Equipment Committee, said that this equipment was needed and it would be advisable to purchase it for the various airports. He said also that he was under the impression that some equipment had been purchased without the Commission's approval. This matter was discussed briefly.

Mr. Edwards moved to accept the Committee's recommendations. Motion seconded by Mr. Burnett and carried.

Mr. Edwards expressed the opinion that outer island dealers should be given the opportunity to bid on the equipment singularly or in lots, f.o.b. the airport where it will be used. The Director was instructed to handle the matter.

HONOLULU AIRPORT, QUONSET IMPROVEMENTS: The Director reported that work on improvements to Medical Inspection & Immigration quonsets will be finished about July 6th.

SCHEDULE OF RATES & CHARGES: Mr. Pietsch moved to approve the schedule of rates and charges established by the committee which met on July 12th; the only change recommended in present booklet being to increase rates on concrete 1st floors from 30¢ to 36¢ per year -- this to go into effect July 1st along with new rates for the aeronautical schools. Motion seconded by Mr. Bright and carried.

RELOCATION OF GIFT SHOP: The Director reported that the Overseas Terminal airport gift shop was in need of additional space and requested permission to move to the area occupied by RCA and that immediately in front of the telephone booths in the lobby; RCA to move into present gift shop area, and the entire cost to be borne by the gift shop. Motion to approve the request made by Mr. Pietsch, seconded by Mr. Honda and carried.

MAJOR IMPROVEMENT AND MAINTENANCE PROGRAM: The Director said that copies of the plan for maintenance and major improvements for 1951 had been circulated among commissioners.

REPORT ON WASHINGTON TRIP: Dr. Sylva reported that copies of his and Mr. Rice's report on their trip to Washington had been circulated. He reported further that a bill covering Kahului has already been introduced into Congress and that Army officials had been very favorable regarding cancellation of the lease at Hilo, also that the Air Force will be handling its own matters hereafter. Dr. Sylva pointed out also that CAA had gone out of its way to be helpful, and expressed his and Mr. Rice's appreciation for the cooperation of everyone, especially Mr. Phillips Moore. He added that if the Commission felt so disposed it should invite Mr. Moore to Hawaii to see territorial airports first-hand.

Dr. Sylva instructed that the report on the Washington trip should be amended in the last sentence of the last paragraph to end with the word "us".

In view of the fact that Mr. Kline, Ninth Regional Administrator of CAA, had been unable to be present at Washington conferences, Mr. Honda moved to extend an invitation to Mr. Phillips Moore to inspect airports of the territory. Motion seconded by Mr. Rice and carried. The Director was instructed to proceed with the necessary correspondence.

Mr. Rice also moved that Delegate Farrington be invited to look over certain territorial airports, particularly Hana, Kahului, Paunene and Hilo. Motion seconded by Mr. Honda and carried.

TRANSFER OF AIRPORT LAND: Mr. Honda suggested that the Director write Mr. William Barlow, Attorney for CAA, requesting his opinion on the possibility of giving a portion of the Honolulu Airport to other governmental agencies for parks and recreational purposes. Seconded by Mr. Bright and carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Mr. Bright moved to nominate and elect Dr. Sylva for Chairman. Motion seconded by Mr. Pietsch and carried.

Mr. Bright moved to nominate and elect Mr. Pietsch for Vice-Chairman; seconded by Mr. Anderson and carried.

Mr. Bright moved to nominate and elect Mr. Honda for Secretary; seconded by Mr. Anderson and carried.

Mr. Edwards moved that the non-officers go on record as appreciating the fine work done by the officers during the past year. Motion seconded by Mr. Anderson and carried.

PURCHASE OF SOUND-SCRIBER RECORDING MACHINES: The Director recommended purchase of Sound-Scriber recording and transcription machines.

Mr. Bright moved to accept the Director's recommendation to purchase both machines for a total cost of \$1200.00. Seconded by Mr. Pietsch and carried unanimously.

INTER-COMMUNICATION SYSTEM: The Director requested permission to install an inter-communication system in the Honolulu Offices of HAC. In the course of discussion, Mr. Edwards suggested the use of telephone extensions and the buzzer system. Request not approved.

HANDLING OF PASSENGERS, OVERSEAS TERMINAL: Mr. Rice expressed dissatisfaction with the handling of passengers in the overseas terminal during peak periods, pointing out that congestion in the terminal held up passengers unnecessarily. He suggested that the matter be studied.

HILO FLYING SCHOOL: Mr. Furtado suggested that the Director write a letter to the Hilo Flying School on behalf of the Commission, to the effect that if the Hilo Flying School wants to relocate its hangar it must do so at its own expense. The Director was authorized to do so.

THE MEETING WAS RECESSED AT 2:55 AND RESUMED AT 3:10:

ACCOUNT OF TRANS-AIR HAWAII: The Director read a letter from Trans-Air Hawaii to the HAC, dated June 4, 1951, requesting that the Commission grant them a moratorium on their note of May 14, 1949 beginning June 1, 1951 for a period of three years thereafter; installments on principal and interest to resume at the same monthly rate as called for in the original note, at the end of this moratorium; and no interest to be accrued during the period of the moratorium.

The Director reported that this matter had been referred to the Attorney General's office for an opinion. The opinion received, under date of June 14, 1951, read in part: "...the decision is one of policy rather than law."..."In deciding on policy, the HAC might use this measuring rod -- what would the HAC be apt to collect on the note if it sued now? If the answer is 'nothing', and if there is a possibility of collecting something in the future by agreeing to such a 'moratorium', then it would seem that perhaps something in the future is a better judgment than certainly nothing now."

The matter was discussed at length with Messrs. Stephen and Thomas Cooke.

Alternate proposals were discussed also. Mr. Edwards commented that from Trans-Air's standpoint and the Commission's, it would be better to have them make a small payment each month.

Mr. Edwards moved that Trans-Air be permitted to pay \$100 a month for three years, with no interest on the note. Motion seconded by Mr. Bright and carried unanimously.

The Chairman explained to the Messrs. Cooke that this seemed the only means of justifying such action. Both Mr. Stephen Cooke and Mr. Thomas Cooke were agreeable to this proposition and said they would also file quarterly financial statements with the Commission.

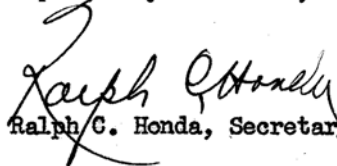
REPLACEMENT OF KAUAI AIRPORT MANAGER: Mr. Edwards explained that Mr. Batchelder would soon be called into active duty with the Air Force and a replacement would be needed for his job.

The Chairman directed that the matter be settled between Mr. Edwards and the Director.

PARKING METERS FOR HONOLULU AIRPORT: Mr. Anderson handed in the following report on the parking meters: Word was received from the company that they will be shipped about July 18th, and should arrive around the middle of August. Von Hamm-Young will put up the stands as soon as meters are on the way and the meters will just have to be attached to the stands. They should be up about August 20th.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Ralph C. Honda, Secretary