

HAWAII AERONAUTICS COMMISSION
 Minutes of Regular Meeting
 Monday, January 28, 1952

The regular monthly meeting of the Hawaii Aeronautics Commission was held in the conference room of the Commission, Overseas Terminal Building, Honolulu Airport, on Monday, January 28, 1951 at 12:00 o'clock Noon.

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

Absent was: Mr. Roy R. Bright, Member

Attending: Mr. R. M. Lee, Admin. Asst., HAC
 Mr. Cy Gillette, Supt. A & O, HAC
 Mr. C. M. Kee, Asst. Dir., HAC
 Mr. H. C. Peters, Supt. Maint., HAC
 Mr. W. S. Holloway, Asst. Mgr., Hnl Arpt
 Mr. Stephen Cooke, Trans-Air Hawaii
 Mr. Guy A. Murray, CAA
 Mr. Stanley Kennedy, Hawn. Airlines
 Mr. Ford Studebaker " "
 Mr. Boratynski, United Air Lines
 Mr. McCraw, TPA
 Mr. Frank Taylor, Northwest Airlines
 Mr. Bo Tong Wat, Accountant, HAC
 Mr. Spencer Weaver, Spencecliff Corp.
 Mr. Bentley " "
 Mr. Bob Johnson, Star Bulletin
 Mr. Thurston Twigg-Smith, Advertiser

AOC CONVENTION: The Director presented a letter from Mr. Woodruff De Silva, Chairman of the Housing Committee of the Airport Operators Council, requesting that the names of delegates to the Annual AOC Convention and the type of hotel reservations desired be submitted at the earliest possible date.

ALTERATIONS TO HONOLULU AIRPORT TERMINAL: The Director reported that steel from Maui, to be used in making alterations to the present terminal building at Honolulu, had arrived in Honolulu.

The Director also called attention to the fact that he had not yet received approval from any of the overseas airlines on the Commission's plan for the alterations to the terminal.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the regular meeting of the Commission held December 17, 1951 were approved as circulated.

PROJECT APPLICATION, HILO AIRPORT TERMINAL: The following resolution was introduced by the Secretary, read in full, considered and adopted:

Resolution Adopting and Approving the Execution of the Sponsor's Assurance Agreement To be Submitted to the Administrator of Civil Aeronautics, U. S. Department of Commerce, to Obtain Federal Aid in the Development of the General Lyman Field (Hilo Airport).

Be it resolved by the Hawaii Aeronautics Commission of the Territory of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. That the Hawaii Aeronautics Commission acting on behalf of the Territory of Hawaii shall enter into a Sponsor's Assurance Agreement for the purpose of obtaining Federal aid in the development of the General Lyman Field (Hilo Airport) and that such agreement shall be as set forth hereinbelow.

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SECTION 2. That the Director is hereby authorized and directed to execute said Sponsor's Assurance Agreement in quadruplicate on behalf of the Hawaii Aeronautics Commission, and the Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to impress the official seal of this Commission and to attest said execution.

SECTION 3. That the Sponsor's Assurance Agreement referred to hereinabove shall be as follows: (Copy in HAC file.)

CONSTRUCTION OF KAMUELA AIRPORT: Mr. Honda moved to confirm award of bid for the construction of the new Kamuela Airport to Hawaiian Dredging Company, for a sum of \$694,396.25, with an additional amount of \$60,000 for contingencies. Motion seconded by Mr. Furtado and carried.

KAMUELA AIRPORT TERMINAL: Mr. Furtado stated that he would not like to see another quonset-type terminal erected on Hawaii. The Commission agreed that the terminal should be in the style of a ranch house, using native material.

Mr. Furtado moved that the Department of Public Works be requested to employ Mr. T. A. Vierra as architect to draw up plans for freight and passenger terminals at the Kamuela Airport; seconded by Mr. Honda and carried.

It was decided that no specific amount be allocated until Mr. Vierra returns from the mainland (within the next two weeks) and can present the Commission with an estimate of cost for the project.

LAND TITLE, HILO AIRPORT: The Director reported that Mr. Walther of the Honolulu Area Corps of Engineers had taken the document cancelling the Army lease and returning the land to the Territory, to the Chief of Engineers in Washington for signing. He found, however, that by Presidential Executive Order of December 12, 1951 the authority of disposal of this property was transferred to the Department of Defense, who in turn passed the authority to the Department of Army. This change in authority requires a change in the document to show the Department of Army as the agent in authority in place of the Corps of Engineers. The Director continued that the matter had been turned over to the Attorney General's Office in Washington, to be rushed through, then returned to the Territory for reprocessing through regular channels.

Mr. Harrison said, further, that Mr. Murray of CAA had requested their Washington office to help expedite the document.

IMPROVEMENTS TO HAWAIIAN AIRLINES TERMINAL, DRAINAGE SYSTEM, HONOLULU AIRPORT: Mr. Kennedy of Hawaiian Airlines said that he had come before the Commission to outline some of the problems Hawaiian Airlines is faced with in their terminal on the north side of Honolulu Airport. Mr. Kennedy said, in substance, that their area of 2000 sq. ft. was very inadequate to handle their volume of traffic, and an extension in covered area was necessary to properly serve the public; that these changes could be handled for about \$20,000. He said also that the drainage at Hawaiian Airlines was always a problem during stormy weather, causing inconvenience to the passengers and creating ill-will toward Hawaiian Airlines, but that the HAC had recently installed two dry sumps in the area to help correct the situation and Hawaiian had put in raised walks to help keep passengers' feet dry. Mr. Kennedy continued that he goes along with the idea of a joint terminal but said that, on the basis of past experience, he believed it may be two or two and a half years before the joint terminal materializes and therefore would like to have HAC make improvements immediately. He added that if the HAC cannot make the necessary extension to Hawaiian Airlines' terminal, Hawaiian could do so at its own expense and deduct it from the rent. He said also that they are willing to confer with the HAC and make modifications to their plan of alteration if the HAC thinks the cost is too great.

Dr. Sylva pointed out the fact that there would be no delay in going ahead with plans for the joint terminal once Mr. Vierra has returned from the mainland.

In the ensuing discussion it was brought out that the addition to the HAL terminal would bring in an additional \$1800 a year in rental to the Commission.

Mr. Anderson stated that he would be willing for HAC to get together with Hawaiian Airlines and study the plan to see how reasonably the alterations can be handled. He moved that proper study be given this matter by the Director, that he meet with Hawaiian Airlines officials and report back at the next meeting of the Commission. Motion seconded by Mr. Rice and carried.

KAHULUI HANGAR NO. 3: It was reported that this work is finished, except for the ramp. Mr. Rice said he did not think it advisable to construct a concrete ramp; that a hot-mix plant is being installed in the vicinity and he would prefer waiting for its completion and then lay an asphalt ramp.

REQUEST FROM PARKS BOARD FOR AIRPORT LAND: The Chairman reported that a request had been received from the Parks Board for use of the area of land located on the Diamond Head side of the airport entrance road, for park purposes, in accordance with action of the 1951 legislature. He pointed out that in the past the Commission has gone on record as wanting to develop this area themselves, and asked the Commission's desire in the matter.

As a matter of information, the Director said that plans for the Pacific War Memorial include the development of individual plots of land, extending from Oahu Prison to Pearl Harbor, by the various states and countries having participated in the last war.

Mr. Anderson expressed the feeling that the Commission would be accomplishing the beautification desired by turning over the area requested to the Parks Board.

It was pointed out that an opinion from the Attorney General had been received stating that turning over of the land was permissible, subject to CAA's approval. CAA's written opinion had been received to the effect that they were in accord with the Attorney General that the T. H., under Pres. Exec. Order 10121 and provisions of the AP-4 Agreement of December 16, 1941, is limited to the uses for which the lands comprising Honolulu Airport can be utilized. The Administrator of CAA, however, has the authority to allow communities concerned to use certain lands for other than aeronautical purposes where he decided it to be in the public interest and not in conflict with their aeronautical uses.

Mr. Burnett moved that the Commission approve the general idea of construction of a park in this area, subject to approval of CAA and any other agency concerned; seconded by Mr. Anderson and carried.

APPROVAL OF 6 MONTHS' OPERATIONAL BUDGET: The Chairman stated that the proposed 6 months' operational budget totalling \$424,694 had been discussed with the airport managers, and if it is approved the airport managers could be made to issue purchase orders limited by the amount contained in this budget.

Mr. Lee explained that the budget is the thinking of the airport managers; that the central organization served primarily as counsel in its preparation.

The proposed budget was reviewed by the Commission. Mr. Edwards asked into the means of arriving at these estimates. Mr. Lee explained that a basic form was submitted airport managers, outlining various group classifications of types of expenditures, detailing therein each item falling within that classification; they were also given definite classifications. He added that the compilation of information was under the same procedure.

In order to get the system into operation and get funds set up and provide operating symbols to which various things may be charged, Mr. Edwards moved to adopt the budget as submitted, however, with the right to revise, if necessary, within the 6 months' budget period. Motion seconded by Mr. Furtado and carried.

SKY ROOM RESTAURANT - REQUEST FOR IN-FLIGHT KITCHEN: Mr. Spencer Weaver of Spencecliff Corporation said that he had requested the Commission to build a separate kitchen off the end of the coffee shop because the federal public health service authorities had informed him that permission to prepare in-flight lunches would be revoked unless a separate kitchen were provided for this purpose. He estimated the cost of this kitchen at approximately \$7,000, and said that they were agreeable to amortizing the cost of construction at \$150 per month, in addition to

payment of 5% of gross sales. The Director recommended that should Spencecliff terminate occupancy of this kitchen prior to time that construction cost be amortized, Spencecliff be obligated to pay off the balance. Mr. Weaver replied that he felt that since he was taking a gamble he felt the Commission should also take part of the gamble. Discussion followed.

Mr. Anderson moved to appropriate up to \$7500 for the construction of an inflight kitchen -- Spencecliff to pay amortization cost of \$150 per month and continue to pay 5% of gross, as in the past. Motion seconded by Mr. Rice and carried.

EXTENSION TO INTER-ISLAND COFFEE SHOP: Mr. Spencer Weaver said that a sheltered extension to the Inter-Island Coffee Shop is necessary to adequately accommodate customers. He commented that he was aware of the fact that the HAL passenger terminal will be moved in the future, but still felt that present business is sufficient to support the extension. He estimated the cost of the extension to be about \$12,000 and said they are willing to amortize the cost at \$100 a month.

Mr. Rice said that various personnel on the north side of the field were dissatisfied with the present size of the coffee shop.

Mr. Edwards said that if the Commission proceeded to grant this application it would seem that it would be putting itself in the position of making money and collecting rent rather than in serving the public. He pointed out that the Commission has not taken action on the request from one of the principal carriers in the Territory for improvements. He continued that the matter should be turned over to the Director for a thorough study of the problems on the north side of the airport; the director to make a recommendation to the Commission, backed up by supporting evidence, facts and figures.

Mr. Edwards moved that Mr. Weaver's request for an extension be turned over to the Director with a request that he bring in a definite recommendation to the next meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. Honda and carried. (Dissenting vote by Mr. Rice.)

EXTENSION TO OVERSEAS TERMINAL, HONOLULU AIRPORT: Mr. Boratynski, Chairman of the Airlines Technical Committee, told the Commission that the operators had been studying Mr. Gillette's plan for the terminal extension and that they were favorably impressed with it. Dr. Sylva informed Mr. Boratynski of the fact that Mr. Gillette's plan was an unofficial one inasmuch as the plan of Mr. Morrison of the Department of Public Works had been approved by the Commission. The Chairman said also that it is felt that the Commission's own force will do some of the small work, but not the larger portions of the project. He said, however, the question is whether or not the Commission should proceed with work on the field side of the terminal, with its own work force.

Mr. Anderson moved to approve going ahead with work on the ramp side of the building with the Commission's own work force. Motion seconded by Mr. Pietsch and carried.

LEI VENDORS' STANDS: Mr. Morrison reported that plans and specifications for the lei vendors' stands were ready to go out to bid.

Mr. Rice moved that the project be advertised for bids. Motion seconded by Mr. Furtado and carried.

MERGER OF HAWAIIAN SCHOOL OF AERONAUTICS WITH TRANS-AIR HAWAII: The Director reported that Hawaiian School of Aeronautics had merged with Trans-Air Hawaii and that Trans-Air intends to operate Hawaiian School of Aeronautics as a separate department from their freight operations. He said also that an assignment of lease had been drawn up and approved by the Attorney General's office and recommended that it be approved.

The Chairman pointed out that Trans-Air has been specifically exempt by action of the Legislature from rental payments and that if Trans-Air moved into Hawaiian School of Aeronautics' hangar it might bring the school area under the provisions of the act. The matter was discussed briefly. Mr. Stephen Cooke of Trans-Air Hawaii said that the school will be operated separately and occupy its present space, and that the only way in which operations will be consolidated will be in the shops.

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Mr. Honda moved to adopt the Director's recommendation to approve the assignment of lease, with the understanding that the school will not be used for freight purposes, as per Mr. Cooke's letter; seconded by Mr. Pietsch and carried.

HATS HANGAR: The Director requested approval to allocate \$4,000 to put up an end wall on the HATS hangar, this figure being in line with estimates by Mr. Kee and Mr. Peters. He reported that two bids have been received for the project and recommended acceptance of low bid from Hawaii Welding Company.

Motion by Mr. Rice to approve Director's recommendations to authorize \$4,000 for this purpose and to accept Hawaii Welding Company's low bid. Seconded by Mr. Honda and carried.

TERN ISLAND, FRENCH FRIGATE SHOALS - REQUEST BY COAST GUARD FOR OCCUPANCY: The Director outlined the background of acquisition of Tern Island, pointing out that it had been turned over to the Territory in 1947. He reported that the Coast Guard would like to move from Sand Island to Tern Island with their LORAN station. He said that the matter had been discussed with the Attorney General's office and they have drawn up a document for the Coast Guard to use and occupy Tern Island. The Director read the lease and strongly recommended its acceptance and execution.

The Director was questioned as to whether or not fishermen and commercial planes would be permitted to land on Tern Island. He replied that they would be permitted to do so with the approval of the Coast Guard. A possible inspection of the island by the Commission was discussed.

Mr. Anderson moved to approve the Director's recommendation; seconded by Mr. Rice and carried.

HAC COMMITTEES: Mr. Pietsch commented that he was not in favor of standing committees of the Commission, but favored appointment of special committees when needed.

In discussing the matter it was the opinion of a majority of the members present that standing committees could more easily follow the continuity of projects and make specific recommendations to the Commission, thereby facilitating matters.

Having heard the discussion, the Chairman stated that standing committees would continue on the same basis until further notice.

BUDGET FOR MAJOR MAINTENANCE AND CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS FOR 6 MONTHS: A budget for major maintenance and construction projects for the next 6 months was presented to the Commission.

Mr. Rice expressed the belief that the purchase of lease and buildings at Lanai Airport, as well as construction of a terminal, should be included in the Lanai budget.

The Chairman stated that action on the budget will be deferred in order to give Commissioners ample time to study it in its entirety.

FUTURE TERMINAL FOR INTER-ISLAND OPERATIONS: Mr. Studebaker of Hawaiian Airlines suggested that the Commission hear Mr. Boratynski's thinking on the design of a new future terminal for inter-island operations, assuming that it is to be a wing of the master terminal building.

Mr. Boratynski suggested the possibility of constructing, on the north side of the airport, a movable terminal which could be transported to the site of the future joint terminal upon completion of all construction -- this for the sake of expediency and to ease the present congestion at the Hawaiian Airlines Terminal. Commenting on a suggestion that the wing of the new terminal for inter-island operations be constructed at its permanent site, prior to construction of the overseas terminal, Mr. Boratynski said it would be difficult to use because of the danger of mixing construction equipment and aircraft.

In the course of discussion, Mr. Studebaker was asked if his preference was for a movable terminal. He said that he was interested in getting a terminal efficient to operate out of and which gives the public facilities they should have.

Dr. Sylva stated that the contract for drawing up plans for the new terminal had already been signed but that the architect anticipated meeting with the airlines on the matter.

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS: Reporting on a meeting of the Finance Committee January 18th in Hilo, Mr. Honda outlined the Committee's recommendations as follows:

- (1) To set up funds for Kamuela Airport construction as follows:

	<u>Fund Obligation</u>	
<u>Legal References</u>	<u>Contract</u>	<u>Extra</u>
Act 23, S. L. 1947 - G 7168.2	\$ 39,258.47	\$ - - -
Act 18, S.S.L. 1949-L 7178.3	396,925.00	- - -
Act 32, S.L. 1947 - S 7161	<u>258,212.78</u>	E&G 60,000.00
	<u>\$ 694,396.25</u>	<u>\$ 60,000.00</u>

Motion approving recommendation by Mr. Honda, seconded by Mr. Furtado and carried.

- (2) To adopt policy recommended by Director in establishing a guard system.

Motion approving recommendation by Mr. Honda, seconded by Mr. Anderson and carried.

- (3) To send delegates from Hawaii to the Airport Operators Convention, and that they be permitted to go to Denver Airport, if necessary, for an inspection; that the details be left to the Commission Chairman.

Motion approving recommendation by Mr. Honda, seconded by Mr. Furtado and carried.

HONOLULU AIRPORT FLOWER CONCESSION: Action deferred.

AIRPORT OPERATORS COUNCIL POST CONVENTION: Mr. Honda requested approval of a tentative program for the AOC Post Convention in Honolulu, with the idea of having the Director and Hawaii Visitors Bureau work out a definite program.

Mr. Anderson moved to approve the idea and to work with the Hawaii Visitors Bureau to the end that as many delegates as possible attend, the details to be worked out by the Director, Mr. Honda and the Hawaii Visitors Bureau. Motion seconded by Mr. Furtado and carried.

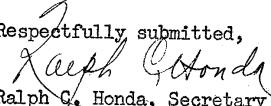
FEBRUARY COMMISSION MEETING: Mr. Edwards reported that work on plans for alterations to the Lihue Terminal have been called off temporarily because of the importance of work on the Honolulu Terminal, and he hoped they would be completed in time for the February meeting. He suggested that the February Commission meeting be held on Kauai.

Mr. Honda said that the Finance Committee would also like to hold a meeting there and, at the same time, conduct a hearing on taxi operations.

It was decided that these meetings be held on Kauai on the 22nd and 23d of February, the Director to make the necessary arrangements.

APPOINTMENT OF ZONING BOARD: The Director reported on past correspondence and discussions with the Governor on the appointment of a Zoning Board, and said that the Governor is expected to appoint the Zoning Board soon.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

 Ralph C. Honda, Secretary

(Finance Committee Recommendation No. 2, adopted by the H.A.C. 1-28-52.)

Implementation Plan for Airport Guards

1. Employ two additional Firefighter Guards.
2. Set up a training program to be conducted by a qualified individual. Concurrent with the training program, guard duty will be carried out so that the guards can benefit by bringing actual problems before the training classes; a training and practical application program combined. The present police detail should be retained during this training program which should run, it is estimated, from three to six months. The progress of the guard training will depend on the personnel being trained.
3. Upon satisfactory training of the guards (3 to 6 months) the entire police detail will be returned to the City & County.
4. Each guard shall be loaned his uniform, on a custody basis, by the HAC. Uniform shall consist of:

Tailored O. D. Wool Trousers	\$ 25.00
Tailored Cotton Suntan Shirt	7.00
Cap - 8 pt. Police	4.00
Sam Browne Belt (Black)	7.00
Cap Insignia	3.00
Shoes (Black)	12.00
HAC Police Badge	<u>6.00</u>
Total	\$ 64.00 approx.
5. The guard office will be located in the present police office and one guard will be stationed at the terminal building. A roving patrol by an additional guard with periodic checks at the guard office will be maintained at all times.
6. A suitable vehicle will have to be purchased and equipped with a radio for control tower communications. Estimated cost -- \$2300.00 complete.

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