

HAWAII AERONAUTICS COMMISSION
Regular Monthly Meeting
Friday, December 16, 1955

The regular monthly meeting of the Hawaii Aeronautics Commission was called to order by Dr. Francis K. Sylva, Chairman, on Friday, December 16, 1955 at 1:35 p.m., in the Board Room of the Commission, Honolulu International Airport.

A quorum of the Commission was in attendance. (See Record of Attendance)

GENERAL

MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 19, 1955 MEETING: Mr. Wheeler pointed out that although he was in attendance at the last meeting, he was not listed among those present, and asked that the Minutes be corrected accordingly.

Mr. Furtado moved to approve the minutes as corrected. Motion seconded by Mr. Honda and carried unanimously.

JANUARY MEETING OF HAC: The Chairman reported that it was the feeling of some members that the January meeting of the Commission should be held on the Island of Maui.

Mr. Wirtz made a motion, which was seconded by Honda and it was unanimously

VOTED: that the January meeting of the Commission be held on Maui January 21st, and that an inspection of airport facilities on Maui be made by members on the 20th.

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR COURTESY FLIGHT ON BRITAIN'S COMET III JET AIRLINER: The following resolution was introduced by Mr. Wheeler, read in full, and unanimously adopted on motion by Mr. Wheeler, seconded by Mr. Edwards.

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, the De Havilland Aircraft Company, Limited of England, through Canadian Pacific Airlines and Qantas Empire Airways, Limited, graciously extended to members of the Hawaii Aeronautics Commission and its staff an invitation to be their guests on a courtesy flight of Britain's Comet III Jet Airliner, on Wednesday, December 14, 1955; and

WHEREAS, the Commission acknowledges and congratulates the De Havilland Aircraft Company, Limited of England on the excellent performance characteristics of the aircraft and the outstanding handling of the aircraft by its flight crew, as well as the comforts enjoyed while in flight; and

WHEREAS, the De Havilland Aircraft Company, Limited of England selected Hawaii, and more particularly the Honolulu International Airport, as a stop-over point in the round-the-world flight of the Comet; and

WHEREAS, the Hawaii Aeronautics Commission, acting for the Territory of Hawaii, appreciated the opportunity to participate in making its facilities available for the demonstration.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hawaii Aeronautics Commission express its appreciation to the De Havilland Aircraft Company, Limited of England for the consideration and courtesies extended, and express also its best wishes for continued success in their operations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be made a matter of record and that a duly authenticated copy be forwarded to the De Havilland Aircraft Company, Limited of England through Canadian Pacific Airlines, and Qantas Empire Airways, Limited.

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THE CHAIR WAS TURNED OVER TO MR. DORSEY EDWARDS, VICE CHAIRMAN, DURING DISCUSSION OF THE FOLLOWING SUBJECT MATTER:

HONOLULU AIRPORT MASTER PLAN AND NEW TERMINAL FACILITIES: Dr. Sylva stated that, for the first time, the Commission finds itself with ample funds to construct joint or combined terminal facilities, along with servicing facilities. He said that the Commission has worked hard for years to move into new facilities to accommodate the terrific growth in traffic that has taken place over the last few years, but the best that could be done until a short time ago was to settle on building the overseas terminal on the south side of the field, with an inter-island terminal on the north side, for the reason that the Commission did not have sufficient area on either side of the airport to build combined facilities. He continued, that the Commission, after many months of negotiating with the services, has finally arrived at a point where it is about to acquire sufficient area on the north side of the field to take care of present and future needs. In view of this and the availability of funds (\$4,000,000 in territorial funds, plus about \$3,000,000 in matching federal funds), the Commission is now in a position to take care of a great many pressures that arise periodically and seem to be getting more critical.

Dr. Sylva then made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Wheeler and it was unanimously

VOTED: that the Superintendent of Public Works be authorized and instructed to proceed immediately with completing plans for a joint inter-island-overseas terminal and complete servicing and other associated facilities on the north side of Honolulu International Airport, on land now available or shortly to become available to the Commission; also, that all transfers of land areas be effected simultaneously and on a fee simple basis; and that the Commission's appreciation to the Armed Services for their cooperation in solving the land problems relative to this project, be made a matter of record.

Mr. Wheeler asked Dr. Sylva if the motion did not indicate that all land on the present overseas side of the field would be released.

Dr. Sylva advised that the Commission contemplates retaining the use of facilities on a "use basis" from the Navy for a reasonable period in the future, to take care of South Pacific Airways and anyone else using seaplanes.

It was pointed out also that all maintenance facilities will be on the mauka side of the field.

DR. SYLVA RESUMED CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE MEETING.

HONOLULU AIRPORT

MODIFICATION TO BAGGAGE HANDLING FACILITIES AND FOREIGN ARRIVALS AREA:

The Director explained that at the direction of the Commission at its last meeting, the HAC staff took the subject matter up with the air carriers to ascertain the requirements of all carriers using the Overseas Terminal Building. A suggested layout was presented to the various carriers, as well as other interested agencies, on December 1st and 2nd. He advised that comments have been received from those concerned indicating, in the majority, agreement in principle with the layout as proposed. He added that the estimated cost is approximately \$80,000 to take care of a common baggage counter serving agricultural inspection, as well as weighing in of the baggage for all departures immediately in front of the terminal.

This also provides an ample pick-up area for the parking of carts to serve these facilities, as well as additional space behind ticket counters; also, for remodeling of the interior structure of the foreign arrivals area, and removal of baggage handling from within the terminal lobby.

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Commissioner Furtado questioned the wisdom of expending \$80,000 to correct a temporary deficiency. In view of action to proceed with new, permanent terminal facilities, he said that he would like to see the matter deferred.

The Chairman pointed out that at the last Commission meeting the cost for these modifications was determined to be considerably lower, and said that it was his understanding that they would be borne 50% by the HAC and 50% by the air carriers.

The Director advised that the carriers, in general, indicate that the Commission should bear the expense because this is a common facility.

Mr. Wheeler commented that in the action just taken on permanent facilities brings the terminal within two years of this date, with the inter-island segment being only about a year away. In the light of this, he asked how important these modifications are.

Mr. C. E. Young of Pan American Airways stated that if the program for building the permanent terminal at Honolulu follows the time schedules at any other city of his acquaintance, he believed two years to be optimistic, and felt three years to be more of a probability. He said that facilities in the present terminal were far from adequate for last summer's business and PAA estimates a 24% increase of passengers through the terminal, and a 22% increase in schedules. He said that their needs now and in the future cannot be taken care of by present facilities. Mr. Young added that if the Commission cannot afford to go ahead with modifications to the terminal, that it reconsider his proposal made at the last Commission meeting, for re-arrangement of space with Northwest Airlines.

The Chairman inquired whether or not Northwest Airlines was agreeable to the proposal.

Mr. Chambers of Northwest Airlines said that he was not in a position at this time to say yes or no; that this has come on rather short notice. He said, however, that if such a move were made, it would not be at the expense of Northwest. He added that he would need further time to determine if they could make the move.

Commissioner Edwards pointed out that PAA in their letter of December 8, agreed to "half-cost sharing on some equitable formula". He asked what amount of money PAA had in mind to share 50%.

Mr. Young asked if this was related to the overall proposal or their original proposal. Mr. Edwards said that he referred to the making available to PAA of space so urgently needed.

Mr. Young said that this should be provided by the Commission in the same way as incoming baggage facilities are provided. He commented that they feel they are paying certain fees and taxes. However, the need is so very urgent, and if in order to get relief they have to absorb part of the cost, then -- as much as they dislike the idea -- they would have to pay some kind of a pro-rated cost if it were on an equitable basis. As to the amount involved -- he said he did not know.

Mr. Wheeler said that he felt a precedent had been set at Lihue Airport regarding baggage facilities -- the cost of which was borne by the Commission.

The Chairman pointed out that Lihue's terminal is permanent and that it was modified to keep it going for an indefinite period in the future.

Mr. Wheeler said it was the Commission's job to decide whether it should be done; that the air carriers should not be expected to pay for a temporary facility. He felt it was the commission's job to take care of air traffic through the terminal and said he agreed with the spokesman from the airline, that this is a public utility.

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Mr. Edwards commented that he felt Mr. Wheeler's statement to be sound in principle -- that the HAC has an obligation to furnish facilities. He added, however, that in the case of Kauai, there is every expectation that the airlines will be in business in the terminal for the full period of amortization. He added that in questioning Mr. Young, he was trying to arrive at the actual urgency of their needs.

Mr. Honda said that he felt the Commission agreed in principle with Mr. Wheeler, but did not feel the HAC should bear the entire cost for remodeling of this temporary facility.

Mr. Wheeler said he felt it would be very valuable for the Commission to have experience in both individual and joint baggage handling; and that the HAC has had experience in the present type only.

The Chairman said that was the reason the Commission decided to participate 50-50; but at that time the cost was only \$30,000.

Mr. Wheeler commented that in view of anticipated construction, perhaps the \$80,000 project could be trimmed and made strictly functional.

The Chairman asked representatives of United Air Lines if they were in favor of remodeling on this scale, and, if so, what their position was in sharing the cost.

Mr. B. B. Williamson of UAL advised they felt that before new facilities are available, pressure in the present terminal will require additional space for carriers other than PAA. He added that the plan under discussion comes closer to solving the problem than any they have seen to date. The plan was, however, received in their engineering offices on December 6th, and because of pressure of business they have not been able to give it a detailed study. In principle, they feel it is a good idea and would like to send one of their men to see if there could be some refinements made. With regard to participating in the cost, Mr. Williamson advised that they are already paying a substantial rental for use of the field; also, since counters are a common use facility, they feel justified in asking the Commission to assume the full cost of modifications.

Mr. Chambers of Northwest Airlines said that Northwest realizes that a problem exists very acutely in the case of PAA and UAL, and that Northwest is not objecting to any program of improvement of facilities, although it may not be urgent to them. Northwest does, however, feel the area is a common use area and since the other fees are high, the HAC should pay entirely for the new counter.

The Chairman pointed out that the HAC could not operate its system of airports efficiently without the cost being such as it is; but, aside from that, the counter rental is quite reasonable.

(At this point, Mr. Wheeler was excused from the meeting.)

The Chairman continued, that a radical change is being proposed at a time when the Commission is trying to proceed with construction of something new that will take care of all of these problems for a long while.

The Director outlined the work entailed under the proposal for modifications, and outlined the cost for each item. He pointed out that a number of costly items, such as weighing platform scales, could be utilized in the new terminal. He pointed out that when the Commission discussed the \$36,000-figure some time ago, the plan did not provide as desirable a function as the one presently under consideration.

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Mr. Wirtz pointed out that in view of UAL's kind offer to go into this carefully, he was in favor of deferring the matter.

Mr. Honda made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Wirtz and unanimously

VOTED: to refer the matter back to the Commission's staff for further study and possible refinement of the proposal.

Mr. Young stressed the urgency of making available to PAA additional facilities. He asked if there was anything PAA could do, or any way they could prepare themselves prior to the next meeting for favorable consideration of their original proposal in the event the proposal under consideration is not accepted by the Commission at its next meeting.

The Chairman asked for agreement of all air carriers on the matter in order that the commission may proceed.

ADDITIONAL CLERICAL POSITION, REQUEST FOR: The Director's request for establishment of an additional clerical position in the Central Business Office of HAC was deferred for further study.

RAMP LIGHTING, HONOLULU AIRPORT: The Director advised that there is a need for installation of lighting facilities at Spots 1, 2 and 3, in view of increased use of these spots. Estimated cost for adequate lighting is \$3,000. The Director said that certain portions of the new installation can be utilized at some other area when the new terminal facilities are developed.

Mr. Kobayashi made a motion, seconded by Mr. Honda, and it was unanimously

VOTED: to approve installation of the lighting facilities.

SHED-TYPE STRUCTURE FOR HAWAIIAN AIRLINES: A request from Hawaiian Airlines was presented for authorization to construct a shed type rain shelter between the existing men's locker building and the plating and cleaning shop building in the HAL area.

Mr. Batchelder explained that the request was first received in 1952 and permission was granted them then, but there is a question as to who should pay for the cost at this time. He pointed out that the Commission owns the two buildings between which the shelter would be constructed, and if HAL undertook the project at their own expense they would then own the middle building.

The Chairman advised that the important question on hand was the building of a new terminal, and not temporary shelters.

No action required on request.

SMALL PLANE HANGARS - COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS: The Director advised that two requests have been received for commercial operations within the private plane hangar area at Honolulu Airport--one from a radio technician, and the other from a flying school. He added that the private fliers, through their organization AOPAH, feel that the allowing of these two commercial operators in the area will be to their interest in the availability of services for maintenance of their small planes.

Mr. Furtado made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kobayashi, and it was unanimously

VOTED: to permit commercial operations in the small plane hangar area at the established commercial rates.

Mr. Furtado pointed out that this would not be denying space to any private flier.

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LEAN-TO FOR MURRAYAIR, LTD: Murrayair's request for an addition to their facility was presented.

Mr. Honda stated that this involves an area within the Master Plan, and it would be foolish to expend any more money on this property. He therefore made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kobayashi, and it was unanimously

VOTED: to defer action on the request.

REQUEST FROM CITY & COUNTY: A request from the City & County Department of Public Works was presented for inclusion of proposed Damon Tract and Aliamanu subdivisions in the Honolulu International Airport Sewerage System.

The Director stated that, in view of the action taken by the Commission for development of new terminal facilities, this request may impair the Honolulu International Airport Sewerage System. He said that he felt full knowledge of this possible impairment should be ascertained.

Mr. Furtado made a motion, seconded by Mr. Honda, and it was unanimously

VOTED: to refer the matter to the DPW for study.

HAWAIIAN AIRLINES - SEWERAGE DISPOSAL: Hawaiian Airlines' December 8th request for permanent correction of their sewerage deficiencies, was presented. Mr. Furtado made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wirtz, and it was unanimously

VOTED: to refer the matter to DPW for study, along with the request from the C & C Department of Public Works' request.

AIRLINE CREW GROUND TRANSPORTATION: The Director advised that the ground transportation contract with Gray Line excludes airline crew transportation as part of the basic contract, and that the estimated gross annual revenue for such services is approximately \$30,000. The Director stated that it was the recommendation of the staff that the Commission include airline crew ground transportation service as part of the over-all revenue producing activity and that the Commission recognize airline crew transportation activity only by those transportation operators who have been previously licensed; and that the Commission set a fee of not less than 10% of the gross volume on airline crew transportation contracts, and that this be effective January 1, 1956.

Mr. Honda made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Kobayashi and unanimously

VOTED: to approve the staff's recommendation.

GENERAL

AOC-CAA SPECIAL JOINT MEETING: Reference was made to a memorandum from the Director to the Commission, advising that the AOC President, by memorandum, has invited a selected group of AOC members, including the Director, to attend a special joint meeting with CAA on January 11, 1956 and an AOC Board Meeting on January 12, 1956, for the purpose of discussing the factual details connected with the operation of jet transport aircraft and to seek methods to solving problems connected therewith.

Commissioner Wirtz said that in view of the fact that airports will be going into the jet phase of aeronautics, it seems in the best interest of the Commission to accept the invitation.

After a brief discussion of the matter, Mr. Wirtz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Furtado and unanimously

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VOTED: to accept the invitation that has been extended and authorize the Director to attend the meeting, provided, however, in view of recent developments, that he name an alternate with the consent of the Commission if he cannot go; also that the Commission's consent be contingent upon the approval of the Governor. Also, that if the Director makes the trip, the Assistant Director be authorized to act in his absence.

REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL HANGAR SPACE -- TRANSOCEAN AIRLINES: Mr. Douglas Cole of Transocean Airlines advised that he had contacted the Director with regard to Transocean's need for additional hangar space. He had been advised that there was no hangar space available at Honolulu Airport, and it had been suggested to him that he submit a request to the Commission for consideration, the proposal that Building #30 at Puunene Airport be dismantled, shipped to Honolulu and erected at Honolulu International Airport for Transocean's use, and that a lease be negotiated to cover their occupancy. He advised that the matter was one of some urgency, and that they anticipate increased operations for military overhaul and repair of component parts. Mr. Cole asked: (1) if this could be done; (2) and, if so, what the earliest date for relocation would be; (3) what the minimum lease would be; and (4) what the amount of lease rental per month for the entire building would be.

Mr. Wirtz pointed out that transfer of the building has not yet been cleared through CAA.

Mr. Dolan of CAA said that his office has to obtain permission from the Department of Defense and have the building declared surplus. He added that they have already taken action by dispatch, requesting the concurrence of the Department of Defense.

In view of Mr. Cole's questions, Mr. Wirtz moved that the matter be referred to the staff for study and recommendation at the January meeting of the Commission. (No action taken in view of there being no second to the motion.)

Mr. Cole advised that their plans are such that they would appreciate an indication of the thinking of the Commission in the matter, in order that they may plan accordingly.

The Director inquired into the Commission's desires in the matter, in the event clearances are obtained.

It was pointed out that before any further action can be taken by the Commission, the decision of the Department of Defense must first be received and a determination be made by the DPW to locate space on the Master Plan for erection of the hangar.

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HILO AIRPORT

APPLICATION FOR U-DRIVE LICENSE & GROUND TRANSPORTATION BOOTH: A request from Mr. Jack Miyashiro was presented for a U-Drive license and ground transportation booth at Hilo Airport.

Mr. Furtado moved, and it was seconded by Mr. Edwards and unanimously

VOTED: that the staff be authorized to license U-Drive operators that are willing to pay the going counter rate and, further, that all their vehicles must be licensed.

CHANGE OF NAME - PARADISE TOURS: Mr. Furtado made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wirtz and it was unanimously

VOTED: to approve the request for a change of individually owned company, Paradise Tours (Francis M. Stillman), to a partnership known as Lehua Motors (Stillman & John P. Fernandez).

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RELOCATION OF RUNWAY 3-21 - AWARD OF CONTRACT: It was moved by Mr. Furtado, seconded by Mr. Wirtz and unanimously

VOTED: to award the contract for relocation of runway 3-21, Hilo Airport, to James W. Glover, low bidder in the amount of \$414,440.

✓ KONA FREIGHT TERMINAL - USE OF FACILITIES: Mr. Furtado made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wirtz and it was unanimously

VOTED: to approve the request from the 14th Naval District for temporary use of a portion of the freight terminal at Kona Airport -- the matter to be handled by the staff.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

ATTENDANCE:

Hawaii Aeronautics Commission

Present: Dr. Francis K. Sylva, Chairman
Mr. Dorsey W. Edwards, Vice Chairman (Kauai)
Mr. Ralph C. Honda, Secretary
Mr. David Furtado, Vice Secretary (Hawaii)
Mr. Richard H. Wheeler, Member
Mr. George Y. Kobayashi, Member
Mr. Cable A. Wirtz, Member (Maui)

Absent: Mr. J. V. Hodgson, Member (on Mainland)
Mr. C. J. Pietsch, Jr., Member

In Attendance: Mr. R. M. Lee, Director, HAC
Mr. J. E. Batchelder, Asst. Dir., HAC
Mr. W. Rolph, PAA
Mr. C. E. Young, PAA
Mr. H. Messersmitt, USDA
Mr. B. C. Hunkins, UAL
Mr. W. McGuire, UAL
Mr. B. B. Williamson, UAL
Mr. W. G. Carson, UAL
Mr. F. R. Okoren, NWA
Mr. R. W. Chambers, NWA
Mr. R. C. Allen, Trade Wind
Mr. G. B. McLean, Standard Oil
Mr. Frank Huff, Standard Oil
Mr. Jack Burby, Advertiser
Mr. Bob Donovan, TPA
Mr. Herbert Ing, Murrayair, Ltd.
Mr. Douglas T. Cole, TAL
Mr. William H. Kraft, SPAL
Mr. George Lau, Hawn Car Rental, Ltd.
Mrs. Angie Hollowell " " "
Mr. Dick Faris, HAL
Mrs. J. W. Cooper, JAL
Mr. R. Peterson, UAL
Mr. Matt Lurie, QEA
Mr. D. L. Grubb, HAL
Mr. Ben E. Nutter, TH DPW
Mr. Tim Ho " "
Mr. M. Sorensen, Standard Oil
Mr. Ted Vierra, Architect

Respectfully submitted,

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Ralph C. Honda, Secretary