

HAWAII AERONAUTICS COMMISSION

Minutes of Regular Meeting

Thursday - September 4, 1947

The regular meeting of the Hawaii Aeronautics Commission was held in the Director's Room of the Alexander and Baldwin Building on Thursday, September 4, 1947, from 3 p.m.

Present were: Mr. Ralph C. Honda, Sec. (Acting Chairman)
Mr. Edward A. Bolles, Commissioner
Mr. Roy R. Bright, Commissioner
Mr. Richard Cooke, Jr., Commissioner
Mr. Bernard Levinson, Legal Adviser
Mr. Robert L. Campbell, Director
Mr. Thomas Flaherty, Rep. CAA
Mr. William Barlow, CAA Attorney
Miss Rhoda V. Lewis, Acting Att. General

Absent were: Mr. R. A. Anderson, Commissioner
Mr. Chester Clarke, Commissioner
Mr. O. J. Burnett, Vice Chairman
Mr. Chauncey Wightman, Commissioner

In view of the Chairman's resignation and the absence of the Vice Chairman through illness, Mr. Honda acted as Chairman.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Honda, who at the outset welcomed Mr. Edward Bolles and Mr. Roy Bright, who were recently appointed to the Commission by the Governor.

MINUTES: The minutes of the August 25 meeting were read by Mr. Honda, and were approved as corrected.

AT THE REQUEST OF THE ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL THE PRESS WAS EXCLUDED FROM THE DISCUSSION TO FOLLOW ON MISS LEWIS' LETTER TO THE NAVY WITH REGARD TO HONOLULU AIRPORT.

NAVY LETTER ON HONOLULU AIRPORT: Miss Lewis discussed the background of the development of John Rodgers Airport and the Keehi Lagoon. She stated that at the time Mr. Rush was Superintendent of Public Works, a letter of agreement between Public Works and the Navy had been written, in which the Navy promised to withdraw from John Rodgers Airport after the duration of the war plus six months. She pointed out, also, that the title to certain areas which were formerly submerged tide lands, still remain to be transferred to the Territory. She further explained that at the last conference with the Navy, the Navy requested the Territory to ask for title to all of Honolulu Airport, with the exception of Areas 2, 3, and 4.

Mr. Flaherty then read excerpts from Secretary of Commerce Jones' letter to Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox, and Mr. Knox's reply, in connection with CAA construction of airports to be used for public airport purposes after the war. He explained that such terms were clearly established before construction. Mr. Flaherty stated that the CAA appropriated \$1,493,850 for the development of Keehi Lagoon, and \$2,500,000 for John Rodgers Airport.

On motion made, seconded, and passed, the Commission decided to defer the matter until 2 o'clock Monday, September 8, at which time the Commission will decide upon a policy to present to the Navy at a meeting with them at 3 o'clock of the same day. The Acting Chairman requested that CAA members be present at the 2 o'clock meeting.

AT THIS POINT MISS LEWIS AND CAA REPRESENTATIVES LEFT THE MEETING. NEWS REPORTERS RETURNED.

MINUTES: The minutes of the August 26 meeting were approved as read. Mr. Levinson stated informally that he had received a reply from Mr. Silverman with regard to the wire sent him by Mr. Levinson on August 26, in which Mr. Silverman declared that he would be happy to present any exceptions and briefs that Mr. Levinson would send him. (The drawing up of briefs and exceptions is under way.)

The Minutes of August 28 were approved as corrected.

ESTIMATE OF VALUE OF DAMON LANDS: No action was taken on the letter from John F. Child, Jr., for the Board of Appraisers, in which Mr. Child estimated the cost of appraisal to be \$200 apiece for three appraisers.

On motion made, seconded, and carried the Commission accepted the Director's recommendation that all matters of land acquisition and appraisals be submitted to the Land Commission.

LETTER FROM HONOLULU STAR BULLETIN: Mr. Honda read Mr. Riley Allen's letter of August 26 to the Commission, with regard to the exclusion of reporters from the Meeting of August 25. He read, also, the Commission Secretary's reply to Mr. Allen. It was moved, seconded, and carried, that the letter be placed on file.

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT BID FOR REMOVAL OF HANGAR DEBRIS: It was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed, to accept the recommendation of Mr. Belt, Supervisor of Public Works, to award the contract to Grimwood Enterprises, whose bid was \$13,487.00.

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT BID FOR PAINTING P.A.M. HANGARS: It was moved, seconded, and passed, to accept the recommendation of Mr. Belt, Superintendent of Public Works to award the contract to Gilbert D. Kobatake, whose bid was \$5,995.00.

UNITED AND PAN AMERICAN LEASES: It was moved, seconded, and passed, that copies of United Airlines and Pan American Airlines leases be given the Commissioners for their individual study. Mr. Levinson is to comment upon leases at a future meeting.

RENTAL RATE FOR COCKTAIL LOUNGE: On motion made, seconded, and passed, the Director was directed to send a letter to Mr. John Child, requesting the appraisal report, or the portion of that report pertaining to areas in question, be submitted immediately.

The matter of setting rental rates for above area was deferred until the receipt of the appraisal from Mr. Child.

SUPERVISOR FOR MOLOKAI AIRPORT: The Director's recommendation to employ Mr. George Wills of the Molokai Electric Company as Supervisor of Molokai Airport on a part-time basis at \$100 a month, was approved by the Commission on motion made, seconded, and unanimously carried.

CALLING FOR BIDS FOR MOVING OF BUILDING 138: The Commission approved the Director's recommendation to investigate the removal of an aluminum building from the Navy area of Honolulu Airport to the freight terminal building and where it can be made into offices when the Commission vacates its present offices for the cocktail lounge.

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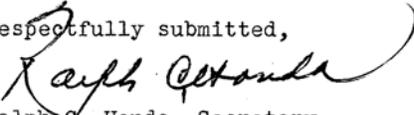
LETTER OF THANKS TO MR. BELCHER: Mr. Honda suggested that a letter of appreciation be sent to Mr. Glenn Belcher, in view of his excellent service as chairman of the Commission. It was voted that the Director write this letter in the name of the Commission.

SELECTION OF CHAIRMAN: Selection of Chairman to be considered at the next meeting of the Commission.

KAHULUI AIRPORT: In an oral report to the Commission on Kahului Airport, the Director stated that the Navy has submitted a letter to the Attorney General's office, but that nothing definite has been decided upon as yet.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 o'clock.

Respectfully submitted,


Ralph C. Honda, Secretary