

HAWAII AERONAUTICS COMMISSION

Minutes of Special Meeting

Tuesday - September 23, 1947

A special meeting of the Hawaii Aeronautics Commission was held in the Director's Room of C. Brewer and Company, on Tuesday, September 23, 1947 at 3 p.m.

Present were: Mr. O. J. Burnett, Vice-Chairman  
Mr. Ralph C. Honda, Secretary  
Mr. Chester Clarke, Commissioner  
Mr. Edward Bolles, Commissioner  
Mr. C. B. Wightman, Commissioner  
Mr. Richard Cooke, Jr., Commissioner  
Mr. Roy R. Bright, Commissioner  
Mr. Robert Campbell, Director  
Mr. Bernard Levinson, Legal Adviser  
Mr. Richard King, rep. Trans-Air Hawaii  
Mr. H. F. Pennington, rep. Airways Hotel

Absent was: Mr. R. A. Anderson

MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting of September 9 were approved as read.

DRAFT OF NAVY AGREEMENT: It was moved, seconded and unanimously passed to appoint the Director and Mr. Levinson to consult with Miss Rhoda Lewis on the legal phraseology of the agreement with the Navy in regard to the title to the Honolulu Airport.

FLOWER BAR LEASE FORM: Copies of proposed Flower Bar Lease and Bid Advertisement were distributed to the Commissioners by the Director for their study. The matter was referred to Mr. Levinson for his legal counselling.

LEASES--UNITED AND PAN-AM: On motion made, seconded and passed, the Commission authorized the previous negotiating committee, consisting of Messers Cooke, Campbell and Levinson, to negotiate a basic lease with the parties involved with full authority to set the terms and other pertinent points, including a 5 year re-negotiating provision. The committee is to report back to the Commission for its final approval.

HEARINGS ON HAWAII: It was reported that arrangements have been made to hold hearings in Hilo, Kona and Kamuela, September 26 to 29. The following commissioners announced intentions to attend: Messers Clarke, Bolles, Bright and Honda, and Director Campbell.

CONVENTION OF NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE AVIATION OFFICIALS: It was moved, seconded and unanimously passed to send the Director to Washington D. C. to present the Territory-Navy joint reply to the Justice Department, with regard to the transfer of title of the Honolulu Airport, and also to attend the above-mentioned convention to be held in Dallas, Texas from October 26 to 29.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST-HAWAII HEARING: The Director reported that there was to be held in Washington on October 2nd, a CAB hearing in relation to Pacific Northwest to Hawaii air route. It was decided not to send any representative from the Commission to this hearing.

**RENTAL RATE FOR RESTAURANT AND COCKTAIL LOUNGE:** It was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed to set the rental rate of the restaurant and cocktail lounge at \$1.00 per sq. ft. per annum. Mr. Levinson was requested to prepare the bid advertisement for the above.

**PETITION WITH REGARD TO RESTAURANT:** A petition submitted to the Commission by some two or three hundred employees at Honolulu Airport, complaining about the bad-food situation at the Airport Restaurant, was read by the secretary. However, in view of the new restaurant to be started soon, it was moved, seconded and passed to place the petition on file. However, it was decided that notices of the contemplated changes should be given the petitioners by the Director.

**LETTER TO CAB:** A letter to CAB, endorsing request of Trans-Air Hawaii for an additional certified air carrier of air freight in the Territory of Hawaii, was read by the Director. Mr. King of Trans-Air Hawaii, then explained his negotiations with CAB, and the performance of Trans-Air Hawaii during the past year with regard to air cargo.

It was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed, that the application be taken under advisement.

**VENDING STAND:** The secretary read letters from the Lion's Club and Bureau of Sight Conservation, requesting the establishment of vending stands for blind persons at Hilo and Honolulu Airports.

The Commission unanimously approved the establishment of vending stands for blind persons at Hilo and Honolulu Airports.

**REQUEST BY TRANS-PACIFIC AIRLINES:** The correspondence from Trans-Pacific Airlines, requesting that the Commission ask the CAB to exempt Hawaii, as Alaska now is, from regulation 292.2 of the CAB code, was read by Mr. Honda. On motion made by Mr. Bolles, seconded, and duly passed, it was agreed to table the request in view of the litigation between the Trans-Pacific Airlines and the Hawaiian Airlines.

**PURCHASE OF RUNWAY LIGHTS:** The Commission unanimously authorized the expenditure of \$1400 for the purchase of PASICO portable runway lights for emergency landings at Hilo, Upolu, Puunene, and Molokai.

**COCKTAIL LOUNGE AT AIRWAYS HOTEL:** Mr. Pennington, President and General Manager of the Airways Hotel, presented his request to operate a cocktail lounge in connection with his restaurant at the Airways Hotel until such time as the bid for a cocktail lounge on the mauka side of the airport is let. Mr. Pennington indicated that he intended to apply immediately for the liquor license and to open such a lounge, if the Commission approved his request.

After the departure of Mr. Pennington, the Commissioners approved his request, with the understanding that the operation of the bar is to be on a month-to-month basis, with 60 days notice and eight percent of the gross income as rental, until a concession is awarded by bids.

ENDORSEMENT OF TRANS-AIR APPLICATION TO CAB: This matter was out at this time for reconsideration.

The Commission went on record as endorsing the application of Trans-Air Hawaii for an additional certified air carrier of air freight in the Territory of Hawaii. Messers Clarke and Bolles were directed to confer with Director Campbell on the matter.

APPOINTMENT OF MR. GLENN T. BELCHER: The Director's request for confirmation of his appointment of Mr. Belcher as his First Assistant Director, subject to Mr. Belcher's approval, was approved unanimously by the Commission. (See appendix for letter of notification to Mr. Belcher.)

AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE STATION CONCESSION: The Director was authorized to proceed with the arrangements to call for bids. Basis of rent to be a percentage of the gross income, and the successful bidder shall install his own facilities.

CLEARING OF KAHUKU AIRFIELD: The Commission authorized the expenditure of \$600 for clearing of sand off the Kahuku Airfield.

ATTENDANCE OF ARMED FORCES AT MEETINGS: Mr. Clarke proposed that the Navy be invited to attend Commission meetings. The Director then suggested that if the Navy were to be invited, the Army should be also invited; or that a joint representative be designated by the U. S. Armed Forces.

It was agreed to invite a representative or representatives of the Armed Forces to attend meetings of the Commission, so that matters pertaining to them may be easily expedited.

SERVICES OF CITY & COUNTY POLICE: It was moved, seconded, and passed, to adopt the Resolution as presented by the Director, to secure the services of the City & County Police on Honolulu Airport.

"Resolved that the Hawaii Aeronautics Commission request the Chief of Police of the City and County of Honolulu to detail to Honolulu Airport at least as many officers as are necessary to enforce (1) all applicable Territorial laws and City and County ordinances, and (2) all rules and regulations issued by the Hawaii Aeronautics Commission, and that the Hawaii Aeronautics Commission assume the expense of the salaries of five of such officers."

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 6 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Ralph C. Honda, Secretary