

HAWAII AERONAUTICS COMMISSION
Minutes of Regular Meeting
Monday - October 6, 1947

A Regular Meeting of the Hawaii Aeronautics Commission was held Monday, October 6, 1947, in the Director's Room of C. Brewer & Company, at 3:00 o'clock.

Present were: Mr. O. J. Burnett, Vice Chairman
Mr. R. C. Honda, Secretary
Mr. Edward A. Bolles, Commissioner
Mr. Richard Cooke, Jr., Commissioner
Mr. Roy R. Bright, Commissioner
Mr. Chester Clarke, Commissioner
Mr. Bernard Levinson, Legal Adviser
Mr. Glenn T. Belcher, First Asst. Director
Lt. Colonel Miller, 7th AAF
Col. Merlin Carter, 7th AAF
Admiral Gardner, U. S. Navy
Mr. Richard H. King, Trans-Air Hawaii
Mr. James Richmond, Attorney for TAH
Mr. T. E. Flaherty, CAA
Mr. John Peacock, TAH
Mr. William B. Morgan, TAH
Mr. Ford Studebaker, Hawaiian Airlines
Mr. Alex Smith, HAL
Mr. Bryan Renwick, United Airlines
Mr. James Murphy, UAL

Absent were: Mr. Alexander Anderson, Commissioner
Mr. Chauncey Wightman, Commissioner

MINUTES: The Minutes of the September 23d meeting were read by the Secretary, and approved as amended.

HILO, KAMUELA, AND KAILUA AIRPORTS: The report of the Committee on Hilo, Kamuela, and Kailua Airports was read by the Secretary. With the exception of an addition to the section on Hilo Airport, with regard to the removal of a barrow mound on the airport, the report was approved as read.

With regard to the barrow mound, it was reported that Mr. Montgomery of the Dept. of Public Works was taking up the matter with the U. S. Engineers.

It was suggested that Mr. Levinson work with Mr. Montgomery on investigating the terms of the Hilo lease.

LETTER ON HONOLULU AIRPORT: The letter to the Department of Justice, prepared by the Attorney General's office, with regard to the transfer of title to the Territory, was circulated among the Commissioners for their review.

LEASES AND CONCESSIONS: Mr. Cooke reported on the Committee's meeting with Attorneys and representatives of Pan American Airways and United Airlines. The Director stated that an agreement had been reached on all points of the lease.

Mr. Levinson then reported that he was to meet with Miss Lewis on October 7 to draw up a final draft of the lease.

Mr. Levinson then suggested to the Commission that it require the restaurant concessionaire to carry its own fire insurance. The Director stated that the present fire insurance covers the restaurant.

FIRE INSURANCE: On motion made, seconded and duly passed, it was decided that the restaurant concessionaire should carry fire insurance on the restaurant building.

The Director then proposed that a committee be appointed to review all leases and prepare recommendations to be presented to the Commission. Messers Bolles and Belcher were appointed to this committee.

NAVY WATER AND ELECTRIC BILLS: Mr. Clarke reported that he and Messers Foster and Wightman met with Admirals Hall and Gariner and said that a letter should be written by the Commission to the Navy explaining the Commission's position, and that the Navy, in turn, would reply to the Commission.

Mr. Clarke further stated that the rate of electricity has been reduced to 2¢ p.k.h., and that the question now is retroactivity of the new rate.

Admiral Gardner reported that the matter of the Navy's cost is being investigated and that their figures would be forwarded to the Commission soon.

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REQUEST OF TRANS-AIR HAWAII FOR LETTER OF ENDORSEMENT TO CAB: The Director reviewed the matter from its beginning. Then Mr. Levinson read the letter which he was instructed to prepare and in which no specific air carrier was mentioned.

Before taking action on above letter, Mr. Clarke moved that the Commission's action at previous meeting endorsing Trans-Air be withdrawn. Motion was seconded and passed.

Mr. James Richmond, Attorney for Trans-Air Hawaii, stated that in the Commission's revised letter no mention was made of Trans-Air Hawaii. He also said that Hawaiian Airlines and Trans-Air Hawaii were the only carriers carrying any appreciable amount of freight in Hawaii, and by omitting "Trans-Air Hawaii" the Commission's letter may be misconstrued as not approving Trans-Air's application. He recommended that the revised letter be amended to specifically recommend the application of Trans-Air Hawaii.

Mr. Studebaker, representing the Hawaiian Airlines, stated that they were not too interested in the action of the Commission, unless it wished to duplicate the action of the CAB by conducting a hearing.

Discussion followed. Then Mr. Clarke moved that the Commission's approval be given for transmittal of the letter as prepared by Mr. Levinson. Motion was seconded by Mr. Honda and duly passed.

FIRST ASSISTANT DIRECTOR: Letter of acceptance from Mr. Belcher was read to the Commission by the Secretary and then placed on file.

AUTHORIZATION OF THE FIRST ASSISTANT DIRECTOR TO ACT IN THE NAME OF THE COMMISSION: By virtue of authority vested in the Commission, Act 32, Section 3, paragraph 3, it hereby authorizes the First Assistant Director to act in the name of the Commission as follows:

1. The First Assistant Director is authorized to approve vouchers for the Commission (section 7, paragraph (d)).

Motion was made, seconded and passed to authorize the Assistant Director to act in place of the Director in his absence.

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TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION: The Director's travel to Washington to start October 7 was authorized by the Commission.

PAVING OF PORT ALLEN AIRFIELD: It was pointed out that there was unnecessary delay in getting Port Allen airfield in better shape. The Commission, as a result, delegated a Committee, consisting of Messers Belcher and Clarke, to work with Public Works Department with regard to this matter.

KAILUA AIRPORT, OAHU: Mr. Bolles inquired as to whether the Commission intended to allow the airfield to continue, or insist that it cease operation.

The Director reported that they have asked for a certificate and were given a letter authorizing them to continue operating for 30 days, in which time they were required to get the field in good shape and move the power line underground. He said also that CAA Inspectors inspected the field and stated that a certificate would not be issued until those corrections were made.

STATUS OF BELLOWS: The Director reported that Bellows Field is practically in the hands of the Territory. In response to Mr. Bolles' inquiry as to whether or not private flyers would be able to use Bellows Field, the Director said that certain officers of the Army Air Force were designated to work on the matter.

CLEARING OF DEBRIS ON AIRPORT: The Director reported that the contractor was supposed to have begun October 1, but that he is getting together his equipment and dynamite.

SOUTH CAPE, HAWAII: Mr. Bolles suggested that the Commission get a sponsor for that field.

The Secretary then read a letter from the CAA, relative to the availability of the field. The Director added that the Territory could get the property under the Surplus Property Act through CAA, without cost, and that there were certain buildings on the airport which could be sold; and also that it would make an excellent field for private flyers.

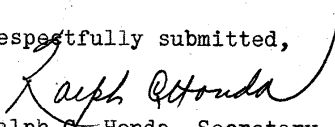
The matter was discussed at length, but it was decided not to take action until the next meeting.

RULES & REGULATIONS: Admiral Gardner called the Commission's attention to the Rules & Regulations, with regard to aerial photography. He said that no provision was made for restriction of aerial photography in the proposed Rules & Regulations. It was mentioned that a letter from Admiral Hall on the subject will be forthcoming soon.

PROGRESS REPORT: Deferred until the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 5:00 o'clock.

Respectfully submitted,


Ralph C. Honda, Secretary