

HAWAII AERONAUTICS COMMISSION

Minutes of Regular Meeting

Monday - November 3, 1947

The Regular Meeting of the Hawaii Aeronautics Commission was held in the Director's Room of C. Brewer and Company on Monday, November 3, 1947, from 3:00 p.m.

Present were: Mr. O. J. Burnett, Vice-Chairman  
Mr. R. C. Honda, Secretary  
Mr. Richard Cooke, Jr., Chairman protem  
Mr. C. B. Wightman, Commissioner  
Mr. Chester Clarke, Commissioner  
Mr. Edward Bolles, Commissioner  
Mr. Roy Bright, Commissioner  
Mr. Robert L. Campbell, Director  
Mr. Glenn T. Belcher, Asst. Director  
Lt. Cmdr. Philson, USN  
Col. Neil B. Harding, 7th AAF

Absent was: Mr. R. Alexander Anderson, Commissioner

At the suggestion of Mr. Burnett, Mr. Cooke was appointed Chairman protem.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the October 20 Meeting were approved as corrected.

DIRECTOR'S TRIP TO WASHINGTON: The Director made the following report to the Commission:

"Honolulu Airport Title

Conferences with Interior Department, Civil Aeronautics Administration, and Justice Department developed that the intention of the Federal Government was to turn over all improvements to the Territory, resulting from expenditure from any and all Federal funds creating land or other improvements; that, therefore, there was sufficient justification for the execution of an Executive Order transferring title from the Federal Government to the Territory of Hawaii.

The Executive Order is being prepared by the Department of Interior, along the same basic lines as the Proclamation submitted by Acting Attorney General Rhoda Lewis, with the exception that the instrument will be in the form of an Executive Order, rather than a Proclamation.

The rapid execution of this instrument would not have been possible, had basic information available from Civil Aeronautics Administration not been available. The original plans, including the development of Keehi Lagoon, John Rodgers Airport, showing a complete parallel system of runways such as exist now, was on file with my signature, dated 1939. AP-4 agreement, dated 1941, provides that any and all improvements will become the property of the Territory on completion of the project.

With this as a background, the Justice Department were satisfied and agreed to withdraw any and all objections.

Kahului Airport Lease, Maui

Assurance was given by Civil Aeronautics Administration, Airport Division, that the form of the lease as submitted was satisfactory. The General Counsel's office, however, questioned the authority of the Navy to enter into such a lease; but they were conferring with Navy attorneys and under a recent Act passed by Congress, it is assumed that the Navy can negotiate a lease.

Civil Aeronautics Administration assures us that a satisfactory solution will be forthcoming within a few days.

Cancellation of Hilo Lease

Army Real Estate office gave assurance that the lease on the Hilo Airport would be cancelled, and the Airport returned to the Territory within thirty days.

Airport Charges

The Director has made a comparative analysis and study of airport charges throughout the United States, and has conferred with numerous Airport Managers and Associations, to the end that a complete analytical report will be submitted to the Commissioners for study."

**PURCHASE OF VEHICLES FOR MAUI AND HILO AIRPORTS:** The Commission authorized the purchase of a new sedan and a surplus, or new, 1½-ton truck for Maui Airport, and a new 1-ton pickup truck for Hilo Airport. Authorization for ½-ton pickup for Maui was rescinded.

**KIPAPA AIRFIELD:** In view of the land's valuation being set at approximately \$500,000., and the proposed acquisition of Bellows Field, it was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed to have the Territory's request for Kipapa Airfield recalled.

**SOUTH CAPE AIRPORT:** Mr. Bolles reported on the Committee's trip to South Cape Airport on October 25. He stated: (1) the field was not in too good a condition; (2) that some of the mats on the approach end of the landing strip were being stripped; (3) the buildings were in bad condition, and that there was no salvage value except for the galvanized roofings; and (4) that it was the sub-committee's recommendation that the Commission accept Mr. Glover's offer to take over the field, on a revocable permit basis at \$1.00 a year.

The Assistant Director read Mr. Glover's letter of application for leasing of the airport, in which he agreed to take over and maintain the South Cape Airport.

Mr. Belcher then called the Commission's attention to a request by the Army for the use of Buildings 2, 8, 14, 15, and 16. He also suggested that the phrase "for emergency use" in Mr. Glover's letter, be changed to "open for use".

Mr. Bolles moved to have the Commission make an application to the CAA for the South Cape Airport, in accordance with Section 16, Paragraph 555.5 of the Federal Airport Regulations; and upon acquisition enter into an agreement with Mr. Glover as outlined in Mr. Glover's letter and modified by the Assistant Director, and exclusive of buildings 2, 8, 14, 15 and 16. The motion was seconded, and passed.

**BELLOWS FIELD:** Mr. Bright reported that the Committee on Bellows Field met with General Wooten, and stated that though the field in its entirety was too large, if the Territory did not take over the whole field it may not get it at all. He further stated, however, that maintenance of the field may be confined only to the area to be used by the Territory (runways 3 and 6); and that the other areas could be sub-leased.

Mr. Belcher reported that under such circumstances his estimated cost of maintenance (\$30,000. per year) could be cut down considerably.

On motion by Mr. Wightman, seconded by Mr. Clarke, and unanimously passed, the Commission decided to proceed with the acquisition of Bellows Field immediately.

Mr. Belcher reported that he had negotiated with Col. Harding to have Bellows Field opened to private flyers immediately. Colonel Harding informed the Commission that he thought this was possible and would check with his commander.

**KAHUKU AIRFIELD:** Mr. Bolles inquired about the status of Kahuku Airport. The Director reported that the field was in the process of being licensed to Mr. Wood.

When objections were raised regarding the 50¢ charge, it was explained that this charge was for monthly dues.

On motion made, seconded, and passed, it was decided that Mr. Perin investigate Kahuku Field and make a report to the Commission.

**PORT ALLEN:** The Assistant Director requested the Commission's approval to proceed with repair of Port Allen without CAA assistance. He said that Mr. Flaherty had been under the impression that the Commission had already submitted a project request; but such being not the case, it would take several months before CAA funds would be available for this project. Mr. Belcher also said that the Territory had sufficient funds to carry on the work.

On motion by Mr. Wightman, seconded by Mr. Bright, and unanimously passed, the Commission approved the Assistant Director's request.

**APPOINTMENT OF DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE:** After some discussion, a committee, consisting of Messrs Bright and Bolles, was appointed to work with the Director on investigating the present conditions of delinquent accounts; then report back to the Commission with specific recommendations.

**KAILUA AIRPORT:** The Director pointed out that the choice of site of Kailua Airport had not been officially decided. Mr. Clarke then proposed that the runway alignment be along center line azimuth 299°51'25" as agreed to by the sub-committee, and not along center line azimuth 321°26'20" as previously laid out by the Public Works Department. Motion by Mr. Clarke was seconded by Mr. Bright and unanimously passed.

**HONOLULU AIRPORT:** Mr. Clarke commented on the attractive appearance of the terminal building lobby, but remarked that coconut trees were also desirable around the building. Mr. Campbell replied that Robert Thompson was working on it.

**CAB LETTER:** The Director read a letter from CAB with regard to the Commission's endorsement of an additional carrier of air freight in Hawaii. Mr. Campbell reported that the CAB in Washington would appreciate our working closely with them, and if we could supply them with factual information without making specific recommendations.

**HANA AIRPORT:** It was reported that Mr. Simpson of Hana Ranch suggested that some consideration be given by the Commission for blocking a portion of the road running through the Airport.

Mr. Bolles moved that Mr. Belcher write a letter telling Mr. Simpson to go ahead with building a barrier across the road at the north end of the present airport and to grade the road to provide additional runway length. Motion seconded by Mr. Clarke, and duly passed.

KAMUELA: Mr. Levinson reported that Mr. Anthony had presented him with a revised lease for Kamuela. However, the revisions were minor ones.

Mr. Levinson suggested that the Commission authorize the Director to execute this lease on behalf of the Commission, subsequent to the execution by the Smart Estate.

The Commission approved Mr. Levinson's suggestion on motion made, seconded, and passed.

AIRWAYS HOTEL: Mr. Levinson reported that he had received a request from the Airways Hotel for permission to operate a dining room until such time as a concession is let for a new restaurant on the mauka side of the field, in view of the fact that the lease prepared by the HAC does not include a dining room.

Mr. Levinson read his letter to the Airways Hotel giving such permission, and suggested that the Director be given authority to execute the Airways Hotel Lease on behalf of the Commission, after the necessary figures have been inserted.

This suggestion was approved on motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed.

SUB-LEASING: Mr. Bolles inquired into the policy of the Commission in sub-leasing.

It was decided that the policy of the Commission shall be to approve sub-leases if sub-lessees were acceptable to the Commission.

NOPERO APARTMENTS: The Director was instructed to negotiate a lease with them similar to the Airways Hotel lease, and then to report back to the Commission.

RENTAL POLICY: Rental rates recommended by the Committee were:

- \$2.50 per sq. ft. per annum--Lobby floor of the Overseas terminal.
- 1 1/2¢ " " " " " " outside parking area for service station and auto parking concession near gate #1, Honolulu Airport.

It was suggested that the Commission submit all leases to CAA before execution, for their comments, if any.

On motion made, seconded, and passed, the Commission unanimously accepted the Committee's recommendations.

LETTER TO NAVY ON ELECTRICITY: It was moved, seconded and passed that the Director sign and forward to Admiral Gardner the letter prepared, with regard to the Airport Electric Bills.

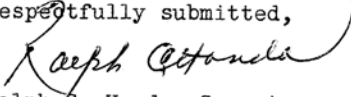
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LETTER OF APPLICATION: The Secretary read a letter of application from three Hilo residents for the establishment of a bar concession at Hilo Airport.

The Director was instructed to write a letter to Messers Yoneda, Jitchaku, and Yonaga, explaining the situation at Hilo.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Ralph C. Honda, Secretary