

HAWAII AERONAUTICS COMMISSION

Minutes of Special Meeting

Monday - November 24, 1947

A Special Meeting of the Hawaii Aeronautics Commission was held in the Director's Room of Alexander and Baldwin on Monday, November 24, 1947, at 3:00 p.m.

Present were: Mr. Edward Bolles, Chairman protem
Mr. O. J. Burnett, vice Chairman
Mr. Ralph C. Honda, Secretary
Mr. Roy Bright, Commissioner
Mr. R. A. Anderson, Commissioner
Mr. Glenn T. Belcher, Acting Director
Mr. Bernard Levinson, Legal Adviser
Col. Neil B. Harding, 7th AAF
Cmdr. Walker, USN
Cmdr. Muller, USN
Lt. Bergen, USN
Mr. James Redman, Mgr. Island Aviation, LTD
Mr. Chester Clarke, Commissioner
Absent was: Mr. C. B. Wightman, Commissioner

Mr. Bolles took the Chair, as Chairman protem.

MINUTES: The Minutes of November 3, 5, and 7 were approved as corrected.

KAILUA AIRPORT, OAHU: Mr. James Redman, Manager of Island Aviation, Ltd., was called upon to explain his case to the Commission. In substance, he stated: (1) Ben Rush granted first permit to operate which expired on August 29, 1947. (2) Application to the HAC has been since made; however, objection was raised to the high tension wires at the end of the airport runway, and permit was not granted. (3) An estimate of \$5,950 to place the wires underground, was given by the Hawaiian Electric Company. (4) Before Island Aviation can negotiate a lease with Mr. Castle, it must have a permit or license to operate the field. (5) The amount of investment in improvements on the field was approximately \$20,000.00.

Mr. Belcher replied that if Island Aviation would black-top a useable strip for take-off that would provide a 20:1 glide angle from the end of the runway over the power lines, the field would be licensed.

Mr. Clarke moved that the Commission license the field if Mr. Redman's organization improved the take-off strip as required, and that said improvements be completed within ninety days. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bright and duly passed.

APPRAISERS FEE FOR SURVEY: Mr. Bolles said that after checking on the matter, he saw no alternative but to pay the Appraiser's fee of \$6,000.00. On motion by Mr. Honda, seconded by Mr. Bright, and passed, the Commission approved payment of this fee.

LANDING CHARGES, KAHUKU AIRPORT: The Secretary read a letter from the Hawaiian School of Aeronautics to the Commission, regarding 50¢ membership dues for members at Kahuku Airport.

After discussion, Mr. Clarke suggested that the policy of the Commission would be to approve any rates charged by licensed operators, before they are put into effect. Mr. Bright put this suggestion in the form of a motion, which was seconded and unanimously passed.

KAHULUI LEASE: Mr. Honda read a letter from Miss Rhoda Lewis, attached to the Kahului Lease, which explained the insertion in the lease of a single paragraph giving the Navy permission to operate in and out of the field. Miss Lewis stated that upon the execution of the lease, it would be approved by the Attorney General's office as to form.

Lt. Bergen reported on the check of inventory, saying that forty or fifty items had been added to the list and one or two items deleted. Commander Walker suggested that the lease be executed by the Territory, then returned to the Navy for transmittal to Washington for execution on behalf of the United States; meanwhile, rechecking to continue and upon completion, the additional sheets to be attached to executed lease.

It was moved, seconded, and passed that the lease be executed on behalf of the Territory by Messers Campbell and Honda.

SERVICE STATION CONCESSION: The Acting Director recommended that the lease be for a period of 10 or 15 years. Discussion followed. It was then moved, seconded, and passed, that the Service Station Concession lease be for 15 years, with a renegotiable clause as to rent every five (5) years.

TRANS AIR HAWAII REQUEST FOR QUONSET HUT: A letter from Trans-Air Hawaii, requesting permission to erect a quonset on their lot--and the Director's reply, denying this request--were read by the Secretary. Mr. Clarke suggested that the matter be investigated further, to see whether or not the hut could be placed elsewhere.

Upon Mr. Bright's suggestion, it was decided that the entire Commission investigate the field Saturday afternoon. Therefore, action on Trans-Air Hawaii's request was deferred.

MAUNALOA ROAD THROUGH MOLOKAI AIRPORT: The Territorial Highway Department's request to use an 80-foot right-of-way from Stations 436 to 443 on Molokai Airport, was read. Mr. Clarke moved that the request be approved. Motion seconded and passed.

KAILUA AIRPORT SITE, HAWAII: A letter from Lorrin P. Thurston, asking relocation of presently proposed Kailua Airport site, was dis-cussed by the Commission. Mr. Clarke moved that the letter be tabled. This motion was seconded and)unanimously passed.

PUBLIC HEARING ON RULES AND REGULATIONS: The Public Hearing on the Rules and Regulations of the Territorial Airport System scheduled for November 25, was discussed by the Commission. It was decided that Mr. Clarke preside at the hearing.

PUUNENE AIRPORT, LETTER FROM SENATOR RICE: A letter from Senator Rice of Maui, to Mr. Burnett, was read by the Secretary. Mr. Rice asked that an investigation be made regarding the treatment of individuals on this airport by Mr. and Mrs. O'Shea. This matter was referred to the Director.

BELLOWS FIELD: A letter from the 7th AAF and a wire to Washington from the 7th AAF giving permission for the use of Bellows Field for light aircraft during the interim period, in daylight hours, was read by the Secretary. This correspondence stated that a permit on a temporary basis will be issued by the U. S. District Engineer Real Estate Branch in the near future.

REPORT ON KAMUELA AIRPORT OPENING: Mr. Honda reported on the very favorable reception accorded the Commission and guests, by the people of Waimea. The Commission asked the Director to send a letter of appreciation to the Hawaii Produce Cooperative, care of Mr. Ronald Lindsey.

STAR BULLETIN EDITORIAL: The Director read an adverse editorial, with regard to the hangar fire on the airport. No action was taken.

BIDS ON DINING ROOM, BAR, LOUNGE IN OVERSEAS TERMINAL: It was decided to refer all bids to Mr. Levinson for his opinion on the legality of the bids.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN: Mr. Bolleß explained to Mr. Anderson that the Commission was in unanimous agreement that he take over the Commission's chairmanship. Mr. Anderson, however, declined the offer, in view of pressure of business.

Mr. Honda moved that the matter be placed on the agenda for the next meeting on Monday, December 1.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Ralph C. Honda, Secretary