

HAWAII AERONAUTICS COMMISSION  
Minutes of Regular Meeting  
Monday - January 5, 1948

The Regular monthly Meeting of the Hawaii Aeronautics Commission was held in the offices of the Commission at Honolulu Airport, on Monday, January 5, 1948, from 3:30 p.m.

Present were: Mr. C. B. Wightman, Chairman  
Mr. Ralph C. Honda, Secretary  
Mr. Edward A. Bolles, Commissioner  
Mr. R. A. Anderson, Commissioner  
Mr. Chester Clarke, Commissioner  
Mr. Robert L. Campbell, Director  
Mr. George R. Sims, Adminis. Asst.  
Various interested operators on the  
Airport, including: Messrs. Andrew,  
James, Elliot, Graves, Heacock.  
Messrs. Flaherty & Buchanan, CAA  
Mr. & Mrs. Patrick O'Shea  
Mr. Milton Cades, Counsel for O'Sheas  
Cmdr. Hulme, USN

Absent were: Mr. O. J. Burnett, Vice Chairman  
Mr. Roy R. Bright, Commissioner  
Mr. Glenn T. Belcher, Asst. Director

MINUTES: The Minutes of meetings held December 1, 15, and 29 were approved as circulated.

POLICY RE ADMINISTRATIVE EMPLOYEES: The Resolution on policy regarding Administrative employees, adopted by the Commission at its meeting on December 15, was reviewed. The Chairman explained that Mr. O'Shea had been asked to appear before the Commission to express his views; and, further, that Mr. O'Shea's Counsel, Attorney Milton Cades, had requested information regarding the Resolution.

A copy of the letter in reply to Mr. Cades was read and approved by the Commission. The Secretary was requested to forward this reply.

OPEN HEARING: An Open Hearing, to hear Operators' views, was held. The following points were brought up:

- (1) The Operators' uppermost problem at present is to find a field more convenient for the training of student pilots; and that Haleiwa, Bellows, Kailua, and Kahuku Airports were not the answer to this. Ala Moana Lagoon as a solution was mentioned.

The tremendous potential in flying in the islands was touched upon by Messrs. James and Buchanan.

After lengthy discussion, it was agreed that Kipapa would be the best interim solution to the problem.

The Director and Mr. Bolles were requested to investigate the possibility of leasing Kipapa Airfield from American Factors Company, Ltd.

- (2) Hilo Airport:
  - a. Inadequacy of runway lights -- Until such time as matching Federal funds become available for the installation of permanent runway lights, the Commission will use equipment at Kahului, for Hilo.

- b. High winds on NS runway -- The Director was instructed to contact the Department of Public Works, T.H., and follow-up on the excavation of the mound at the end of the runway; and to contact the Navy regarding removal of a nose hangar.

(3) Molokai Airport:

- a. Night lights on Airport -- It was reported that the rotating beacon would be connected shortly.
- b. Obstruction lights on brow of hill at departure end of runway 5; Two range lights at approach end of runway 5 -- These matters are presently being studied by the Director.

O'SHEA CASE: Mr. Milton Cades, Counsel for Mr. and Mrs. O'Shea, expressed his dissatisfaction with the Commission's procedure in adopting the Resolution prohibiting employees in Administrative positions from having any pecuniary interest in enterprises conducted on Territorial Airports; and with the manner in which the Commission is handling the entire matter.

After a lengthy discussion, it was agreed to refer the matter to the Office of the Attorney General. Mr. Cades was asked to take the matter up with that office.

RULES AND REGULATIONS: The final draft of the Rules and Regulations was approved on motion by Mr. Clarke, seconded, and unanimously passed.

NOPAERO APARTMENT LEASE: The Director reported that the only remaining point in concluding the lease was the amount of rent to be paid monthly. Mr. Heacock explained that a written agreement had been entered into with Mr. Rush on January 22, 1947, setting forth a flat-rate monthly for two years; also that in a subsequent letter a lease for five years had been agreed upon.

The Commission authorized the Director to conclude a satisfactory agreement with Mr. Heacock of Nopaero Apartments.

SETTLEMENT OF DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS: The Director reported that satisfactory conclusions had been made in the settlement of several delinquent accounts.

COMMUNICATIONS CONCESSION: The Director's recommendation to award the Communications concession to RCA Communications was approved by the Commission, on motion by Mr. Clarke, seconded by Mr. Boiles, and unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 5:35.

Respectfully submitted,



Ralph C. Honda, Secretary