

HAWAII AERONAUTICS COMMISSION
Minutes of Regular Meeting
Monday - February 2, 1948

The Regular monthly meeting of the Hawaii Aeronautics Commission was held in the offices of the Commission at Honolulu Airport on Monday, February 2, 1948, at 3:30 p.m.

Present were: Mr. R. A. Anderson, Chairman protem
Mr. Ralph Honda, Secretary
Mr. Edward A. Bolles, Commissioner
Mr. Roy R. Bright, Commissioner
Mr. Glenn T. Belcher, Asst. Director
Mr. J. R. Canright, Legal Counsel for HAC
Mr. Geo. R. Sims, Adminis. Asst.

Representatives Flora Hayes, Chas. Kauhanu
and E. A. Nielsen of Hawaii
Admiral Gardner, USN
Colonel Harding, PAC
Mr. L. P. Thurston, Pres-Hono. Advertiser
Mr. Robert Belt, Supt. Dept. Pub. Works
Mr. B. B. Montgomery " " "
Mr. T. Y. Awana " " "
Mr. Mark E. Martin, Supt. Hilo Airport
Mr. T. R. James, K-T
Mr. Lloyd Osborne, HATS
Messrs. Randall and Barrie, TPA
Messrs. Greenwell and Tyler, KAC

Absent were: Mr. C. B. Wightman, Chairman
Mr. O. J. Burnett, Vice Chairman
Mr. Chester Clarke, Commissioner

In the absence of Mr. Wightman, Mr. Anderson was appointed chairman protem.

MINUTES: The Minutes of meetings held January 5, 10, and 16 were approved as circulated.

KONA AIRPORT: Mr. Lorrin P. Thurston spoke to the Commissioners, requesting the relocation of the southern portion of the Kailua Airstrip some 200 feet from its presently proposed location, in order that a public park might be developed along the beach area; and also so that the beach lots may be developed.

The matter was discussed at length by Representatives Hayes, Kauhanu, and Nielsen; Messrs. Belt and Awana of the Dept. of Public Works; Messrs. Greenwell and Tyler, President and Secretary of the Kailua Airport Committee, respectively; and various other persons.

Messrs. Greenwell and Tyler, representing the people of Kona, testified that the people of Kona are interested primarily in the immediate construction of an airport there, and that they want one built without further delay. Rep. Nielsen also expressed this same view.

It was brought out by Mr. Belcher that in the event the Kailua runway were to be relocated--involving a three-month delay--airport projects on other islands would have to be set back this same length of time; and if this delay is to be avoided, the Kailua project would have to be set back until completion of other airports, which may be over six months.

After further discussion, Mr. Bolles moved that the Commission take the matter under advisement. Motion seconded by Mr. Honda and carried.

FIRE FIGHTING, HONOLULU AIRPORT: Admiral Gardner made reference to a letter from the Commission, requesting that the Navy assume full responsibility for all aircraft and structural fires occurring to civilian property at the Honolulu Airport. He presented to the Commission a written counter-proposal and asked that the Commission consider it. The counter-proposal provides for reinforcing of Territory's present equipment, and the undertaking of a comprehensive training schedule by the Honolulu Airport fire department in conjunction with the Navy.

This matter was referred by the Commission to the Director and Assistant Director for consideration.

RESTAURANT CONCESSION, HONOLULU AIRPORT: A letter from Mr. Kenneth Char, requesting a 10-day extension of time in which to submit proposals for the restaurant concession, was read by the Secretary.

After some discussion it was decided to allow a one-week extension, and to notify other restaurateurs who already had submitted their proposals that the time in which to submit proposals had been extended.

IMPROVEMENTS TO COMMISSION OFFICES: The Secretary read a memo to the Commissioners, from the Director, requesting authorization for installation of rubber matting and carpets to the Commission offices.

Mr. Bolles moved that the matter be tabled until the next meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. Bright, and carried.

KIPAPA AIRFIELD: Mr. T. R. James asked what progress the committee on Kipapa Airfield had made in acquiring the field for use of student flyers.

Mr. Bolles reported that the committee called upon Mr. Bailey of American Factors, who proved to be very sympathetic. Mr. Belcher further reported that because the Army was to retain certain runways at Kipapa, the Commission would have to go through the Commanding General for release of the land; and that steps in this direction had been taken.

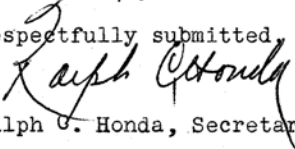
NOPAERO REQUEST FOR QUONSET HUTS: A letter from the NOPAERO Apartments, Ltd., requesting rental of two additional quonset huts, was read by the Secretary.

After discussion of the request, Mr. Bolles suggested that Mr. Sims make a search to see that no definite commitments, written or verbal, had been made to the Airways Hotel for these two huts, and report back to the Commission. The Commission accepted Mr. Bolles suggestion.

KONA AIRPORT: After consideration of the matter, it was moved, seconded and carried to have the Kailua Airport runway located on the site as presently planned.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 4:50.

Respectfully submitted,


Ralph U. Honda, Secretary