HAWAII AERONAUTICS COMMISSION

Regular Monthly Meeting

Monday, August 2, 1948

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

Present were: Mr. R. A. Anderson, Chairman
Mr. R. C. Honda, Secretary
Mr. E. A. Bolles, Commissioner
Mr. R. R. Bright, Commissioner
Mr. R. L. Campbell, Director
Mr. G. T. Belcher, Asst. Director
Mr. G. R. Sims, Adminis. Asst.
Mr. W. S. Holloway, Acting Airport Mgr.
Mr. M. E. Martin, Supt. Hilo Airport
Cmdr. Hulme, USN
Col. Harding, PAC
Various Operators on Honolulu Airport

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

MINUTES: The Minutes of the July 6th meeting were approved as circulated.

LIHUE AIRPORT, SPONSOR’S ASSURANCE AGREEMENT: A resolution adopting and approving the execution of the Sponsor’s Assurance Agreement for Lihue Airport (copy on file) was introduced by the Secretary, read in full and passed unanimously.

HALEIWA AIRPORT, Release to Army: The Director reported that Hialea Airport would revert to the Army to the ORDL on September 30, 1948—at which time the Territory’s lease would expire—and asked whether or not the Commission wished to re-negotiate for further use of the field.

Motion was made by Mr. Bolles to release Hialea as of September 30, 1948.

FRENCH FRIGATE SHOALS Inspection Trip: Mr. Bolles reported that he and other members of the Lease Committee (Mr. Bright and Mr. Campbell) had made an inspection trip to French Frigate Shoals as guests of the Coast Guard in order to ascertain value of Navy improvements there. It was brought out that the airport was of crushed coral and about 3,000 feet in length; buildings were mostly quonset huts.

Mr. Bolles said further that if there was an organization in Honolulu willing to lease buildings there for some length of time and show a return on the investment, the Lease Committee would recommend entering into negotiations. He pointed out, in this respect, that a letter had been received from Mr. Allen Davis of Hawaiian Tuna Packers, inquiring into the possibility of leasing space there; and further suggested that the Director write Mr. Davis, outlining the situation and asking him to present the Commission with a proposition.

KIPAPA: Mr. Honda reported on the opening of Kipapa Airfield, stating that though informal, it was impressive.

APPRAISAL OF HANGARS AND BUILDINGS, Honolulu Airport: Action on the Appraisal Report deferred until the next meeting; to give the Commissioners an opportunity to study it.
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SPENCERCLIFF CORPORATION LEASE: Mr. Carrington reported that the Spencercliff Corporation Lease was ready for execution. He outlined the provisions of the lease, pointing out that the only changes made in the lease since it was last discussed by the Commission was in the term, which had been changed to three years with an option to renew for twelve.

Mr. Bolles moved that the lease be approved and duly executed after approval by the Lease Committee. Motion seconded and carried.

PIN BALL MACHINES, Honolulu Airport: A letter from R. A. Howe and Co., Music Service Department, requesting permission to install pinball machines in the terminal building at Honolulu Airport was presented to the Commission.

The matter was deferred pending further study by the lease committee.

HILO AIRPORT CONTROL TOWER: Capt. Elliot of Hawaiian Airlines asked for information regarding the developments in the operation of the Hilo Control Tower. Mr. Campbell reported that steps were being taken to secure immediate operation of the control tower and crash crew at Hilo.

Colonel Harding reported also that operation of the control tower at Hilo would continue until such time as satisfactory arrangements can be made.

LEASES, HONOLULU AIRPORT: Mrs. Wood, of Hawaiian School of Aeronautics, stated that she would like to see some action taken on drawing up of leases for the operators.

The matter was discussed and the Director was instructed to contact the Attorney General's office to see whether or not the drawing up of leases can be expedited very shortly. The Director was authorized to request to the Attorney General's office that the HAC engage a private attorney in the event that the Attorney General's office cannot do so.

KIPAPA AIRFIELD, Land Rental: Mr. Campbell explained that the rates of 1½¢ for unimproved and 3¢ for improved land were standard rates.

Mr. James, of K-T Flying Service, questioned whether or not areas at Kipapa could be classified as improved land—adding that there was no power, water, telephone or sanitation facilities.

Mr. Bolles moved that Kipapa be classified as an unimproved area. Motion seconded and carried. It was suggested also that the Director study the matter of power and sanitation facilities at Kipapa, and report back to the Commission at its next meeting.

KONA, KAILUA AIRPORT: It was reported by Mr. Martin of Hilo that the Kona Airport was progressing satisfactorily.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 4:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ralph C. Honda, Secretary