

HAWAII AERONAUTICS COMMISSION
Minutes of Regular Meeting
Monday - November 1, 1948

The regular monthly meeting of the Hawaii Aeronautics Commission was held in the Conference Room of the Commission at Honolulu Airport, Monday, November 1, 1948 at 3:30 p.m.

Present were: Mr. C. B. Wightman, Chairman
Mr. R. R. Bright, Vice Chairman
Mr. R. C. Honda, Secretary
Mr. R. A. Anderson, Commissioner
Mr. E. A. Bolles, Commissioner
Mr. O. J. Burnett, Commissioner

Absent was: Mr. Chester Clarke, Commissioner

Attending were: Mr. G. T. Belcher, Director of Aeron.
Mr. J. R. Canright, Legal Counsel, HAC
Mr. R. B. Black, Asst. Dir., HAC
Mr. C. E. Perin, Supt. Honolulu Airport
Mr. Wm. Neilson, Supt. Maui City Airports
Mr. W. S. Holloway, Safety Engineer
Mr. P. J. O'Shea, Supt., Maui Airport

Capt. Elliot, HAL
Mr. Eugene Bertram, HAL
Mr. Allan Barrie, TPA
Mr. Ed. Hart, CAA
Mr. Guy Murray, CAA
Mr. Glen Taylor, War Assets Admin.
Mr. H. Graves, PAA
Mr. Lloyd Osborne, HATS
Mr. T. R. James, K-T Flying Service
Mrs. Marguerite Wood, HSA
Mr. Stanley Lum
Mr. Flanders, Island Aviation
Mr. Ovio & representatives of the Maui
Taxi & U-Drive Association

MINUTES: The minutes of meetings held October 4 and October 15, 1948 were approved as circulated.

MAUI TAXICAB CONCESSION: Mr. Nicholas A. Ovio, Secretary of the Maui Taxi and U-Drive Association, was asked to outline the problems of the Maui taxi operators. Mr. Ovio said that the rental rate of \$25.00 per month as set by the HAC, was too high, as the rental averaged about 20% of the drivers' income. He requested reconsideration of the rental in proportion to the amount of traffic going into Maui Airport.

When it was suggested that the number of operators be decreased in order that the taxi operation would be profitable to a few, Mr. Ovio dissented, expressing the belief that the rental rate should be dropped instead and the same number of operators presently operating from Maui Airport be retained. He asked who would do the selecting, to which question no one was able to supply a satisfactory reply.

After further discussion, Commissioner Anderson moved that a survey be made of the amount of traffic going into both Hilo and Maui Airports and that a proportionate rate be set for Maui, and also that credit be given the Operators in case of a reduction in rates. Chairman Wightman asked Mr. Ovio if that would be satisfactory, and Mr. Ovio said it would. Motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

MAUI AIRPORT, PUUNENE - Acquisition of Additional Land: Mr. Glenn Taylor, Regional Director for War Assets Administration, reviewed negotiations recently entered into by certain departments of the Territory and WAA for the disposal of buildings located on the outer areas of the Maui Airport, and then stated that certain parcels of land not included in the previous transfer to HAC are now available for transfer to HAC under Public Law #289 at no cost to the Territory. He explained that in order for the Commission to procure this land, War Assets Administration would have to have a letter of application as an amendment to the original application from the HAC, which would include all available surplus lands at Maui Airport. Mr. Taylor presented the Commission a letter drawn up by War Assets, which would serve as the application for this property after its execution by the Director.

The potentialities of this land and the desirability of obtaining it were considered by the Commission. The Secretary then moved that the land be accepted and that the Director be authorized to act on behalf of the Commission in executing the necessary documents. Motion was seconded and carried.

PURCHASE OF TRUCKS: The Commission authorized the purchase of two half-ton Pickup Trucks -- one for Honolulu Airport, and one for Hilo Airport.

FRENCH FRIGATE SHOALS: The Director reported that the Navy had decided to turn over the airstrip and other facilities at French Frigate Shoals to the Territory without any monetary compensation, and requested confirmation of the Lease Committee's approval to submit a request through the Governor to the Navy for transfer of French Frigate Shoals facilities to the Territory.

It was moved by the Secretary that this proposal be accepted and the Director be authorized to act on behalf of the Commission in this regard.

RENTAL RATES, OUTSIDE ISLANDS: The Commission approved the Director's request that rental rates for paved areas on Outside Islands be revised to eliminate the .05¢ per square foot charge for concrete pavement, and that the rate of .03¢ be adopted to cover all types of pavement.

KAILUA (KONA) AIRPORT, Construction of Airport Terminal Building: The Director presented plans of the airport terminal building for the Kona Airport, and requested approval for advertising of bids. Authorization to advertise for bids was unanimously agreed upon.

LIHUE AIRPORT, Pipeline: The Director requested the Commission's approval to advertise for bids for the construction of the water pipeline at Lihue, in view of the fact that it would take eight to ten months to get the pipe for installation. Approval was granted.

NASAO MEETING, Report by Commissioner Bolles: Mr. Bolles said that in view of the length of his report, copies would be circulated among the Commissioners.

G. I. TRAINING PROGRAM: Mr. Bolles reported that the NASAO had gone on record as favoring the original G. I. program.

Mr. T. R. James, of K-T Flying Service, outlined in detail the background of the G. I. Flight Training Bill. He also said that the Commission could help G. I. flight training in the Islands by strongly reaffirming the fact that such training does exist.

Mr. Flanders of Island Aviation and Mrs. Wood of Hawaiian School of Aeronautics also expressed themselves on the subject.

It was pointed out that the training in Hawaii is as high as anywhere on the mainland.

Commissioner Bolles made a motion endorsing the G. I. Training Program and the wonderful work the Operators in the Hawaiian Islands are doing for training veterans; also, that a letter be written to the Veterans Administration asking that they continue the leniency exercised by them in the past. Motion seconded and unanimously passed.

PUBLIC RELATIONS POSITION: The appointment of a Public Relations Officer was discussed at length by the Commissioners. Commissioner Anderson expressed the belief that talents within the organization should be made use of to accomplish this purpose.

After further discussion, Mr. Anderson moved that the Director give more thought and study to the matter and make a further recommendation to the Commission. Motion seconded and carried.

DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS: Mr. Wightman reported that at a recent meeting with the Territorial Auditor, the matter of sizable delinquent accounts was discussed. The matter was discussed at length by the Commissioners and Administrative Staff of the HAC.

The Director asked the Commission's recommendation for procedure to be followed with regard to delinquent accounts.

Mr. Anderson suggested that a special meeting be held and an analysis made of each account, and a decision be reached at that time as to what to do. It was decided that the special meeting for this purpose be held on Monday, November 8, at the Alexander & Baldwin Board Room.

It was decided that henceforth a monthly statement of Accounts Receivable be presented to Commissioners on or about the first of each month, and that the item of delinquent accounts be placed on the agenda for each regular meeting.

HILO CONTROL TOWER: Mr. Bright suggested that the matter of the Hilo Control Tower be brought to the attention of the Delegate to Congress, in order that funds for its future operation might be obtained. Mr. Bright's suggestion was unanimously accepted by the Commission.

PURCHASE OF BUILDINGS, Honolulu Airport: Commissioner Bolles reported that as a result of a conference with the Territorial Auditor and Attorney General's office, the Commission had been dissuaded from purchasing structures on the airport.

LEASES, Honolulu Airport: Upon inquiry by Mrs. Wood, the Director reported that leases would be prepared and presented to the Commissioners in about three or four days, and to the Operators shortly thereafter.

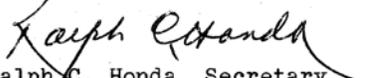
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OPEN HEARING, Stanley Lum Case: Mr. Stanley Lum, commercial pilot, appeared before the Commission in protest against what he felt to be discriminatory action against him by certain employees of the Commission, in the case of various airport violations. The Director reported, however, that the Superintendent of Safety Regulations had a complete file of all correspondence relative to these violations.

Commissioner Anderson said that the matter should have been taken to the Director, and asked that the Director investigate the matter and make a report to the Commission.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Ralph C. Honda, Secretary