

HAWAII AERONAUTICS COMMISSION  
Minutes of Regular Meeting  
Monday - March 7, 1949

The regular monthly meeting of the Hawaii Aeronautics Commission was held in the Conference Room of the Commission at Honolulu Airport on Monday, March 7, 1949, at 3:30 p.m.

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

Absent was: C. Clarke, Commissioner

Attending were: G. T. Belcher, Director  
R. B. Black, Asst. Director  
J. R. Canright, Dep. Atty. Gen.  
Wm. Neilson, Supt. Airps. Maui Cty  
C. E. Perin, Supt. Honolulu Airport  
W. S. Holloway, Safety Supt.  
M. E. Martin, Supt. Airps., Hawaii Cty.  
P. J. O'Shea, Supt. Maui Airport  
T. R. James, K-T  
M. Wood, HSA  
Capt. Elliott, HAL  
Gene Bertram, HAL  
Carl Erdman, Grayline Transp.  
Walter Flanders, Island Aviation  
General Makinney, HNG  
Lt. Col. Nolan, HNG  
Cmdr. Hulme, NAB  
M. Owen

MINUTES: The minutes of meetings held February 7, 10, 14 and 21 were approved as circulated.

FIRE FIGHTING, HONOLULU AIRPORT: Mr. Black reported briefly on his investigation of fire fighting requirements and facilities for Honolulu Airport. General Makinney pointed out that the Hawaii National Guard would shortly be faced with the loss of their present facilities at Hickam Air Force Base. Upon inspection of the NATS hangar, it was shown that it would meet the housing needs of the HNG, and also that the National Guard had the necessary fire fighting equipment and were agreeable to loaning it to the Aeronautics Commission, provided the Commission would furnish the necessary personnel to man this equipment.

General Makinney explained further that the National Guard was desirous of having the NATS Hangar turned over to them directly rather than to the Territory first, in view of the fact that the National Guard Bureau would furnish 75% of the necessary maintenance and operations cost if this were done.

After further discussion of the matter, the Director was instructed to prepare a request to the Legislature for additional funds for personnel. It was agreed to attach letters of concurrence from both the Navy and National Guard to the application. The Director was also requested to confer with the Territorial Deputy Fire Marshal with regard to minimum requirements necessary, and attach his requirements to the application.

RESCISSION OF ACTION - KAILUA TERMINAL AWARD: (Bids opened Jan. 7, 1949.) On motion by Mr. Honda, seconded by Mr. Bright and unanimously carried, the Commission rescinded previous action approving award of contract bid for the Kailua Terminal to Mr. M. Yamane (Minutes of February 10, 1949), the reason being that the Territory failed to advertise as required by law and, therefore, the bid could not be legally accepted.

KAILUA (KONA) AIRPORT TERMINAL: (Bids opened March 4, 1949). The Director's recommendation to award the contract for the construction of the Kailua Terminal to Mr. T. Iwasaki, low bidder, in the amount of \$27,234, was approved.

KAILUA AIRPORT, TAXI CONCESSION: A request by Waikiki U-Drive for space at the new Kona Terminal was deferred for one month, on motion by Mr. Bolles, seconded by Mr. Honda and carried.

HANA AIRPORT, AMENDMENT TO GRANT AGREEMENT:

The following resolution was introduced by Secretary Honda, seconded by Commissioner Bright, read in full, considered and adopted:

Resolution Adopting and Approving the Execution of an Amendment to a Grant Agreement between the Territory of Hawaii acting by and through the Hawaii Aeronautics Commission, and the United States of America, Civil Aeronautics Administration, Providing for Federal Aid in the Development of, and the Operation and Maintenance of, the Hana Airport.

Be it resolved by the members of the Hawaii Aeronautics Commission, Territory of Hawaii:

Section 1. That the Hawaii Aeronautics Commission acting on behalf of the Territory of Hawaii shall enter into an Amendment to the Grant Agreement dated December 1, 1948 for the purpose of obtaining Federal Aid in the development of Hana Airport and that such Amendment to Grant Agreement shall be as set forth hereinbelow.

Section 2. That the Director is hereby authorized and directed to execute said Amendment to Grant Agreement in quintuplet on behalf of the Hawaii Aeronautics Commission, and the Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to impress the official seal of this Commission, and to attest said execution.

Section 3. That the Amendment to Grant Agreement referred to hereinabove shall be as follows: (Copy of Amendment in Commission files.)

MARJORIE OWEN CONCESSION, Honolulu Airport: Mr. Owen told the Commission it had come to his attention that the post office would put in a sub-contract station at the airport if someone at the airport would handle it, and said that if his application for a concession were granted, he would be willing to manage the sub-contract station.

After lengthy discussion of the proposed concession and term of lease, the Director was instructed to draw up the lease agreement for a term of one year with option to renew for another year. Mr. Owen was requested, in the meantime, to make an estimate of the cost involved to determine whether or not the amount of money expended could be amortized within one year.

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LIHUE AIRPORT, Additional Runway: A letter from Hawaiian Airlines, outlining the absolute need for a second runway at Lihue, in view of CAA and CAB restrictions for scheduled airline operations, was read.

After lengthy discussion of the matter, the Director recommended that the HAC request an increase in the appropriation for Lihue, to take care of this second runway. Mr. Anderson made a motion to this effect, which was seconded by Mr. Burnett, and carried.

The Secretary suggested that a copy of this motion be sent to the Kauai Select Committee in the Legislature, to apprise them of this development.

SENATE BILL 158, RE GAS TAX: Mr. Walter Flanders requested the Commission's endorsement, in principle, of Senate Bill 158 relative to the revocation of the gasoline tax at privately owned airports. The request was deferred for further study.

NATS HANGAR: The Commission formally endorsed the Hawaii National Guard's proposed move into the NATS Hangar at Honolulu Airport.

USE OF CONFERENCE ROOM, HAC: Mr. Bolles moved that the Commission Conference Room be made available to various organizations of an eleemosynary nature. Motion seconded by Mr. Bright, and carried.

PRIVATE FLYING, WHEELER FIELD: It was suggested that a letter be written to the Air Force requesting permission for private flyers to make practice landings at Wheeler Field, in the event it goes on caretaker status. A motion to this effect was made by Mr. Bright, seconded by Mr. Bolles, and carried.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Ralph C. Honda, Secretary