

HAWAII AERONAUTICS COMMISSION  
Minutes of Special Meeting  
Wednesday, June 22, 1949

A special meeting of the Hawaii Aeronautics Commission was held in the Conference Room of the Commission in the terminal building at Honolulu Airport on Wednesday, June 22, 1949 at 2:00 p.m.

Present were: R. R. Bright, Acting Chairman  
R. C. Honda, Secretary  
O. J. Burnett, Commissioner  
F. K. Sylva, Commissioner  
H. W. Rice, Commissioner

Absent were: R. A. Anderson, Commissioner (Mainland)  
C. J. Pietsch, Commissioner (Mainland)

Attending were:  
G. T. Belcher, Director  
R. B. Black, Asst. Director  
G. R. Sims, Administ. Asst.  
Wm. Neilson, Supt. Maui Airports  
W. S. Holloway, Supt. Safety  
J. R. Canright, Deputy Atty. Gen.

MAUI AIRPORT TAXI OPERATIONS, Rules and Regulations: The proposed Special Rules and Regulations governing the operations of taxicabs and other vehicles for hire at Maui Airport were read aloud and discussed article by article. Numerous revisions were suggested and after lengthy discussion it was moved by Mr. Honda to defer action on their adoption until the next regular meeting scheduled for July 9, in order to give other outer island commissioners the opportunity to be heard. Motion seconded by Dr. Sylva and carried unanimously.

KAHULUI AIRPORT, CONTINUATION OF PERMIT: Mr. Rice reported that he had conferred with the Navy, CAA, and the Governor on the possibility of the Hawaii Aeronautics Commission transferring operations from Puunene to Kahului Airport, and stated it was his understanding that the Commission originally preferred Kahului to Puunene but had decided against transferring because of certain objectionable points in the proposed agreement, particularly because of the revocable clause therein. He reported further that Navy officials locally had finally agreed unofficially to withdraw all points objected to by the Territory with the exception of the revocable clause; also, that CAA would go along with the Territory on such a transfer. Mr. Rice said that if Kahului were taken over, approximately 189 acres of Puunene Airport land could be opened to house lots and could net the Territory \$2,000 per acre which he supposed would go into the airport fund.

On the matter of selling airport lands, Mr. Canright stated that none of the lands may be leased or sold unless CAA determined that such lease or sale would not adversely affect the development of aviation at that airport. He pointed out, however, that Act 32 does not expressly set forth authority to permit the HAC to dispose of property; and, further, that if it were permissible, the HAC had no assurance that monies derived from such sale of lands would go into the airport fund.

After further discussion, Mr. Honda moved that a letter be sent to the Navy through the Governor requesting continuation of the temporary permit, giving the Territory custody of the Kahului Airport for an indefinite period of time. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rice and carried unanimously.

Mr. Rice was appointed a committee of one to look into the matter of house lots at Puunene. Mr. Canright was requested to check the legality of such sale of lands and subsequent disposition of monies involved.

LIHUE AIRPORT PLANS: Progress of the airport terminal building was discussed. It was decided to start work on a permanent terminal building rather than a temporary one.

KONA AIRPORT, REQUEST BY L. P. THURSTON: Action on Mr. Lorrin P. Thurston's request to connect his private road to the airport access road at Kona Airport was deferred until the next meeting.

HILO CONTROL TOWER: The Director recommended the continuation of Hawaii Aeronautics Commission's financial support of the Hilo Control Tower on a month to month basis not to exceed two (2) months, pending the appropriation of federal funds for this purpose.

The Director's recommendation was approved on motion by Mr. Rice, seconded by Dr. Sylva and unanimously passed.

OPENING OF KONA AIRPORT: Arrangements for the formal opening of Kona Airport were gone into briefly. Mr. Honda moved to hold the Commission's July meeting at Kona on the afternoon of July 9. Motion was seconded by Mr. Rice and carried unanimously.

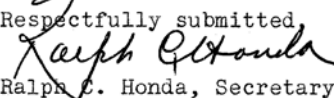
HAWAIIAN SCHOOL OF AERONAUTICS; Student Solo Flying from Honolulu Airport: Mrs. Marguerite Wood appeared before the Commission and requested approval to have students solo to and from Honolulu Airport to and from outer airports on Oahu where practice is carried on. She explained that her request was necessitated by the fact that Hawaiian School of Aeronautics has had to provide licensed pilots to accompany students flying to and from the Honolulu Airport, and were finding this practice financially impossible.

The matter was discussed at length and it was decided to take no action on student solo flying pending receipt of the executive order returning Honolulu Airport to the Territory.

LEI SELLERS, Honolulu Airport: It was suggested that the lei sellers located on the roadside just outside the airport be brought within the airport boundaries, as their occupancy of the roadside area is against the Federal Highway Act. However, in the course of discussion it was decided that their present location added somewhat to "local atmosphere".

Mr. Rice moved that the Director discuss with Mr. R. M. Belt the possibility of constructing a roadside park in that area or one adjacent, the land to be purchased by the Territory and thereafter be maintained by both the Territory and the Federal Government. Motion seconded by Mr. Honda and carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
  
Ralph C. Honda, Secretary