

HAWAII AERONAUTICS COMMISSION  
 Minutes of Regular Meeting  
 Monday, September 19, 1949

The regular monthly meeting of the Hawaii Aeronautics Commission was held in the Board Room of the Commission at Honolulu Airport on Monday, September 19, 1949, at 10:10 a.m.

Present were: Mr. R. R. Bright, Chairman  
 Mr. R. C. Honda, Secretary  
 Mr. R. A. Anderson, Commissioner  
 Mr. H. W. Rice, Commissioner  
 Mr. D. W. Edwards, Commissioner  
 Mr. C. J. Pietsch, Jr., Commissioner  
 Dr. George J. Silva, Commissioner  
 Mr. O. J. Burnett, Commissioner

Absent was: Dr. F. K. Sylva, Vice-Chairman  
 (on Mainland)

Attending were:

Mr. R. B. Black, Acting Director  
 Mr. G. R. Sims, Administ. Asst.  
 Mr. C. E. Perin, Supt., Honolulu Airport  
 Mr. W. Neilson, Supt., Maui Cty. Airps.  
 Mr. W. S. Holloway, Supt. Safety Regs.  
 Mr. M. E. Martin, Supt., Haw. Cty. Airps.

Capt. Elliott, HAL  
 Mr. Carl Erdman, Gray Line  
 Mr. Wall, United Airlines  
 Mr. M. Owen, Princess Pupule Curios  
 Mr. H. E. Smith, Philippine Airlines  
 Mr. W. Birnie, Transocean Airlines  
 Mr. R. Hoefener, CAA  
 Mr. Von Geldern, CAA  
 Mr. H. Graves, PAA

MINUTES: Minutes of meetings held August 1 and August 11, 1949 were approved as circulated.

↳ HANA AIRPORT, PAVING: The Agenda carried an item for approval of Project Application. Item was deferred to a later date to allow Public Works Department to make changes in plans & specifications requested by Civil Aeronautics Administration.

↳ LIHUE AIRPORT: Seeding and Sodding. The Acting Director requested that the H.A.C. appropriate a sum of \$5,000 for seeding and sodding of the Lihue Airport in those areas which will not later be disturbed by future construction work, in order to take advantage of the winter rains. Mr. Edwards made a motion that this request be granted. Motion was seconded by Mr. Honda and carried unanimously.

↳ Water System. Authorization was granted for the advertising of bids for the installation of the Lihue water system, on motion by Mr. Edwards, seconded by Mr. Rice and unanimously approved.

↳ KONA AIRPORT, Request for extension of contract date from April 15 to July 23, 1949: Mr. Black explained that a letter had been received from the Department of Public Works recommending that the HAC and CAA concur with them in extending the completion date of the Kona Airport project to July 23, 1949 from April 15, 1949, without enforcing the payment of liquidated damages, inasmuch as the Surety Company had to complete the project at a considerable financial loss to themselves and would be penalized additionally if this payment were enforced.

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It was pointed out that no precedent had been set for such a stand and the matter should, therefore, be referred to the Attorney General's office for an opinion. Motion made by Mr. Rice, seconded by Mr. Anderson and carried.

ISLAND OF HAWAII, Presentation of Needs: Mr. Martin explained that to date no permanent improvements had been made on Hilo Airport (General Lyman Field) pending final transfer of title to the Territory. He recommended, however, that the following projects be initiated: (1) Improvement and beautification of main gate at the entrance to Hilo Airport; (2) Fencing of operating areas of Hilo Airport; (3) Preparation of plans and specifications for a new joint terminal at Hilo, with the object in mind of constructing the terminal at the earliest possible date.

After a lengthy discussion of the matter, it was decided, on motion by Dr. Silva, seconded by Mr. Honda, and carried unanimously, that: (1) The director proceed with the Master Plan and terminal plans for Hilo Airport; (2) That approximately 20,000 linear feet of fencing be erected around operating areas of the airport, and that \$15,000 be appropriated by the HAC for this purpose; (3) That proposed improvements to the entrance road to the airport be included in the Master Plan.

UPOLU POINT: It was reported that when the new airport at Kamuela is constructed, Upolu Point may be abandoned, except for emergency use, and that therefore only necessary maintenance will be done.

KONA AIRPORT, Status of: The Director reported that plans and specifications for the next phase of construction at the Kona Airport would follow immediately after completion of plans and specifications for the second phase construction for the Lihue and Hana projects.

CAA RADAR INSTALLATION: The Director was authorized to execute a license with CAA for the installation of the proposed Airport Surveillance Radar at Honolulu Airport.

TERMINAL LOBBY EXTENSION, Honolulu Airport: Sketches of the proposed extension of the terminal lobby were presented to Commission members. Mr. Black suggested that an architect be engaged to draw detailed plans.

Mr. Rice moved that the Chairman appoint Oahu Commissioners to a committee to study the proposed extension. Motion seconded by Dr. Silva and duly carried.

PARTICIPATION BY HAC IN ALOHA WEEK ACTIVITIES: Referred for study to the Oahu Commissioners.

LEI SELLERS AT HONOLULU AIRPORT: Referred for study to the Oahu Commissioners.

MASTER PLAN FOR HONOLULU AIRPORT: Referred for study to the Oahu Commissioners.

KIPAPA AIRPORT, Discontinuance of: The Acting Director recommended that operations at Kipapa Airport be discontinued and that the lease be cancelled, effective November 1, 1949. Motion to this effect was made by Mr. Pietsch, seconded by Mr. Rice, and carried.

REPORT OF TAXI COMMITTEE: The Secretary read the following proposal drawn up at a meeting of the Taxicab Committee held at 9:00 a.m., September 19:

"All operators of motor vehicles (Taxicabs, U-Drive, Limousines, Freight Trucks, and others operating for hire or charter) soliciting business on airport

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property at the airport shall pay an annual license fee of \$12.00 payable in advance, effective July 1, 1949. These licensed operators will be given the privilege of operating for one year, and no new licenses will be issued until the following year.

"A limited number of stalls will be offered to the highest bidders at the discretion of the Hawaii Aeronautics Commission, to be effective January 1, 1950.

"Any license may be revoked if the applicant does not abide by any or all rules and regulations applicable on the airport."

Mr. Honda moved for the adoption of the above proposal. Motion was seconded by Mr. Rice.

The Taxicab Committee's report was discussed at great length. Mr. Carl Erdman of Gray Line Transportation objected strenuously to putting stalls out to bid at Honolulu Airport because "it would be economically impossible to maintain limousine service with unrestricted taxi service". The Chairman explained that the Taxi Committee's proposal merely formed a uniform basis for control of the taxi business, and that regulations for the operation of motor vehicles for hire would be worked out between now and January 1st. Mr. Graves of Pan American Airways requested that the airlines be consulted on the matter, in view of the fact that they are directly concerned.

Mr. Honda's motion was unanimously carried.

HAC POLICY RE BUILDINGS AT PUUNENE: It was reported that the Hawaiian Commercial and Sugar Company, Puunene, Maui, has asked the County of Maui to lease certain buildings to them (buildings bought by the Territory of Hawaii and released to Maui County for their custody and use on land turned over to the Territory, acting by and through the Hawaii Aeronautics Commission, by Quitclaim Deed dated December 31, 1948, by the War Assets Administration) for the purpose of emergency storage of sugar during the present maritime strike. In this connection the Maui County has in turn asked the Hawaii Aeronautics Commission to sign a waiver on any and all rental from the buildings involved and for the ground area occupied by the buildings.

In the course of discussion, Mr. Rice pointed out that such waiver should not be signed inasmuch as the buildings are located on property under the jurisdiction of the HAC, and that the Commission has the right to lease or sell the buildings with the money going to the HAC.

It was moved by Mr. Rice, seconded by Dr. Silva, and carried, that the matter be referred to the Attorney General's office for an opinion and that it be brought up for discussion at the next meeting.

✓ CLARIFICATION OF HAC POLICY RE AUCTIONING OF BUILDINGS AT KAHULUI AS CONTAINED IN MINUTES OF AUGUST 11, 1949 MEETING: The question was raised as to whether or not the auctioning of buildings at Kahului, surplus to the needs of governmental agencies, would include putting the buildings up to the highest bidder for rent as well as for sale. It was clarified to mean that surplus buildings would be sold at auction and had no bearing on rental.

PICKUP TRUCK FOR MOLOKAI: The Director's request to purchase a pickup truck for use on Molokai was disapproved.

The Director was instructed to make a study of the continued need for an agent at Molokai Airport and report his findings to the Commission.

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**KALAUPAPA AIRPORT:** Mr. Rice suggested that a meeting be held with the Board of Health officials to ascertain the need for future development of the Kalaupapa Airport. No action was taken on this suggestion.

**PUUNENE AIRPORT, Survey of Pasture Area:** Action on survey of pasture area at Puunene Airport, preparatory to advertising for bids, was deferred until such time as the Revocable Permit for Kahului is received from Washington, D. C., so that similar areas at Kahului may be surveyed at the same time.

**PROPOSAL OF MEMBERSHIP IN THE AIRPORT OPERATORS COUNCIL:** Action on the Acting Director's recommendation for HAC (Honolulu Airport) membership in the Airport Operators Council at an annual cost of \$1,000 was deferred until the return of the Director from the Mainland.

**PUUNENE AIRPORT, Seal-coating Specs.:** It was announced that seal-coating specifications for Puunene Airport requested of the Department of Public Works were being held up due to pressure of work and until the matter of a move to Kahului is resolved.

**LIHUE AIRPORT, FORMAL ACCEPTANCE TRIP:** It was announced that there would be an official trip to Lihue Airport within the next two weeks for formal acceptance of the runway, and that Commissioners would be notified of date and transportation arrangements.

A RECESS FOR LUNCHEON WAS CALLED AT 12:25. THE MEETING WAS RESUMED AT 1:20.

**DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS, REFERRED TO ATTORNEY GENERAL:** On motion by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Edwards and carried unanimously, the Commission voted to refer the following delinquent accounts to the Attorney General's office for collection and writing-off:

Aero Service & Supply	Kuver, Herman E.
Associated Aircraft Repair Station	Lewis, Harold J.
Baldwin, G. E. B. Jr.	Mongeon, R. L., Co., Ltd.
Blackburn, W. E.	Naihe, Harry K.
Blackiston, Roland F.	Overseas Transportation Co.
Buxton, William	Pacific Overseas Airlines
C.A.A. (Disputed Acc.)	Purdy, Eben E.
Dillingham, Walter H.	Rainbow Lines Taxi
Gilland, Thorai E.	Sabihon Aviation, Ltd.
Hawaiian Aeromotive Service	Tharp, Norman E.
Hawaiian Air Transport Service, Ltd.	
Hawaiian Automotive Enterprises	Ueoka, Norman H.
Hawaiian Building Materials, Ltd.	United Photographic Enterprises
Higgins, Herman H.	
Honolulu Aircraft Supply	Watts Air Service
Island Flight Service, Ltd.	Wilson, Ralph C.
Island Junk & Salvage	Woolley Aircraft Co., Ltd.
Johnson Soil Co.	
K-T Flying Service, Ltd.	

**BUILDING # 409, KAHULUI:** Mr. Rice moved to rent Building #409 at Kahului to Mr. Fred Ward of Maui on a month to month basis at \$25.00 per month with a thirty-day notice clause. Motion seconded by Mr. Anderson and carried.

**BUILDING #42, PUUNENE:** The Commission voted to sell Building #42 at Puunene to the Veterans of Foreign Wars on Maui for \$25.00, pending the approval of the Civil Aeronautics Administration.

**BUILDINGS Nos. 21 & 32, Puunene:** The Commission voted to grant Civil Air Patrol the use of Buildings Nos. 21 & 32 at Puunene Airport.

REQUEST FOR BARBER AND PHOTOGRAPHIC CONCESSIONS - MICKEY OWEN:

A letter dated September 14 from Mickey Owen of the Princess Pupule Curio Shop, requesting that he take over the barber and photographic concessions in the terminal lobby of Honolulu Airport "in view of the type of service provided by present concessionaires", was read. After a discussion of the matter, Mr. Owen's request was turned over to the Lease Committee for study.

LIHUE AIRPORT TERMINAL RESTAURANT, LIQUOR LICENSE: At Mr. Edwards' suggestion the Commission voted not to oppose the establishment of a liquor concession at the Lihue terminal if it is approved by the local Liquor Commission.

Mr. Rice moved that the Commission establish the policy that all terminal buildings be permitted to have liquor concessions as an adjunct to their restaurant. Motion seconded by Mr. Edwards and carried.

BLIND VENDORS IN AIRPORT TERMINALS: The Commission approved the policy of permitting the establishment of blind vendors' stands in all airport terminals where there is sufficient space.

LANDSCAPING OF AREA AROUND LIHUE TERMINAL BUILDING: Mr. Edwards recommended that the proffered assistance of the Mokihana Club (a civic organization) at Lihue, Kauai, in beautifying the area surrounding the Lihue Terminal Building, be accepted.

Mr. Edwards was given authority to work with the Mokihana Club on this project, and to go ahead with the planning of work.

FIRE PROTECTION, LIHUE AIRPORT: The Acting Director was requested to make a survey of requirements for fire protection at Lihue Airport, particularly in the matter of sufficient fire hydrants around the field, and to report his findings at the next regular Commission meeting.

CONCESSIONS, LIHUE AIRPORT: Mr. Edwards moved that the Acting Director prepare an advertisement for publication in Kauai newspapers, notifying the public of the concessions desired at the Lihue Airport. Motion was seconded by Mr. Honda and carried.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Ralph C. Honda*  
Ralph C. Honda, Secretary