

HAWAII AERONAUTICS COMMISSION  
 Minutes of Regular Meeting  
 Monday - October 17, 1949

The regular monthly meeting of the Hawaii Aeronautics Commission was held in the Board Room of the Commission on Monday, October 17, 1949 at 10:15 a.m.

Present were: Mr. R. R. Bright, Chairman  
 Mr. R. C. Honda, Secretary  
 Mr. R. A. Anderson, Member  
 Mr. D. W. Edwards, Member (Kauai)  
 Mr. H. W. Rice, Member (Maui)  
 Dr. G. J. Silva, Member (Hawaii)  
 Mr. O. J. Burnett, Member  
 Mr. C. J. Pietsch, Jr., Member

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

Attending were:  
 Mr. G. T. Belcher, Director  
 Mr. R. B. Black, Asst. Director  
 Mr. G. R. Sims, Administ. Asst.  
 Mr. C. E. Perin, Supt. Honolulu Airpt.  
 Mr. W. Neilson, Supt. Airpts. Cty. Maui  
 Mr. W. S. Holloway, Supt. Safety  
 Lt. Col. Herman Runsey, PAC  
 Mr. W. Randall, TPA  
 Capt. Elliott, HAL  
 Mr. B. Renwick, UAL  
 Mr. C. Wall, UAL  
 Mr. R. Gray, BCPA & Canadian Pacific  
 Mr. H. E. Smith, Philippine Airlines  
 Mr. Thomas Cooke, Trans-Air Hawaii  
 Mr. M. E. Martin, Supt. Airpts. Cty. Hawaii  
 Mr. F. Metzger, Fire Chief, HAC

MINUTES: Paragraph 1, page 3, of the Minutes of the regular meeting held September 19, 1949 (paragraph 2, page 17, of Minute Book) was corrected to read "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." The Minutes were then approved as corrected.

AIRPORT OPERATORS COUNCIL -- MEMBERSHIP: The Director reported that he had conferred with various operators on the Mainland about the Airport Operators Council and expressed the view that the interchanging of information between operators with the organization was very valuable. He recommended that the Hawaii Aeronautics Commission apply for membership in the Airport Operators Council for a period of one (1) year, on a trial basis, at the annual rate of \$1,000 for dues. Mr. Rice moved to subscribe for a year's membership. Motion seconded by Mr. Anderson and carried.

HILO AIRPORT - REQUEST FOR BAR AND RESTAURANT CONCESSION: Mr. James K. Martin's request for a bar and restaurant concession at Hilo Airport (letter of September 23, 1949) was discussed. Objection was made to the establishment of a liquor concession at the airport until such time as a permanent terminal building is constructed.

Dr. Silva then moved that a coffee shop concession alone be granted Mr. Martin on a month to month basis at the flat rate of \$40.00 per month. Motion seconded by Mr. Honda and carried.

TERMINAL LOBBY EXTENSION, HONOLULU AIRPORT: The Oahu Group Committee's recommendation to expend a sum not to exceed \$65,000 for the expansion of the Overseas Terminal lobby at Honolulu Airport was approved on motion by Mr. Rice, seconded by Mr. Honda and carried.

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The Oahu Group Committee's recommendation to request the Department of Public Works to employ private architects to prepare plans and designs for the lobby extension was also approved, on motion by Mr. Rice, seconded by Mr. Anderson and carried.

TRANSPORTING OF OFFICE STAFF IN TERRITORIAL AUTOMOBILE, HONOLULU AIRPORT:

The Director read a letter from the Director of the Bureau of the Budget dated September 26, 1949, in which it was stated that the use of government vehicle TH-83 (station wagon assigned to Honolulu Airport) for transporting of office staff to and from town would be permitted if a nominal charge were to be set by the Commission for this convenience. The Director reported that service for transporting employees should be continued in view of the discontinuation of bus service to the airport, and recommended that a \$2.00 monthly rate per person be charged. In discussing the matter, members of the Commission expressed themselves as favoring this arrangement if the automobile is sufficiently covered by liability insurance for passengers.

Mr. Anderson moved that this privilege be granted if the automobile is properly covered, and that the amount assessed the office staff not be exceeded by the rate of the premium to be paid. Motion seconded by Mr. Rice and carried.

ORGANIZATION OF CRASH-RESCUE CREW AT MAUI: Mr. Neilson's proposal, as outlined in a memo of October 12, 1949, to utilize TPA and HAL personnel as crash crew men at Maui Airport, to be trained by HAC Fire Chief, was discussed. It was recommended also that this plan be adopted at Lihue and Hilo airports, as it would insure 24-hour coverage. Details of the matter were discussed at length.

Mr. Rice moved that Mr. Neilson's plan be put into effect at Maui on a temporary basis up to July 1, 1950. Motion seconded by Mr. Edwards and carried.

CRASH-FIRE EQUIPMENT NECESSARY AT LIHUE AND HILO AIRPORTS: On motion by Mr. Honda, seconded by Mr. Edwards and passed, the Director was instructed to make a study to determine the crash-fire equipment necessary at Lihue and Hilo airports and to report his findings at the next meeting.

LIHUE AIRPORT TERMINAL -- FIRE HYDRANTS: Reporting on fire hydrants in the area of the Lihue Terminal Building, the Assistant Director said that although the installation of fire hydrants was not in the present water line contract, he had been assured by the Department of Public Works that they would be provided.

ERECTION OF LIGHTED SIGN AT ENTRANCE TO HONOLULU AIRPORT: It was requested that the Commission approve the erection of a lighted sign at the Kamehameha Highway-Lagoon Drive junction to Honolulu Airport, marking the entrance to the airport.

The Director was requested to investigate the possibility of erecting the sign on the site of the service station at the airport entrance, and the approximate cost, and report back at the next meeting of the Commission.

LEI SELLERS; SERVICE STATION - HONOLULU AIRPORT: The matters of moving the lei sellers (now located on the roadside just outside the airport) immediately within the boundary of the airport and the construction of a service station directly behind the area chosen for relocation of the lei sellers were resolved as follows:

- (1) A motion was made by Mr. Pietsch to adopt a new policy to permit lei sellers to come into the airport property; also

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that the Director be instructed to work out a plan to carry out this policy. Motion seconded by Mr. Rice and carried unanimously.

(2) A motion was made by Mr. Anderson to ask the Department of Public Works to procure the services of an architect, or architects (to include a landscape architect), to plan a layout for the lei sellers' stands and a service station on the airport. Motion seconded by Mr. Pietsch and carried.

TRANSFER OF COUNTY OF MAUI BUILDINGS AT PUUNENE TO HAWAII AERONAUTICS COMMISSION: Mr. Rice reported on a meeting he had attended with the Chairman of the County of Maui Board of Supervisors and the Director of the Bureau of the Budget, which resulted in the offer by the County of Maui to transfer to the Hawaii Aeronautics Commission for the sum of \$7000 all of the right, title and interest of the County of Maui in and to Bldgs. Nos. 102, 209, T-112, 99, 100, 98, 97, 92, 143, 73, T-75, 49, 50, 91, T-45, 192. Mr. Rice reported further that upon the acceptance of the transfer of these buildings the HAC would be authorized to receive any and all rentals presently owing or to become due to the County of Maui (approximately \$5,000 to become due by Oct. 31, 1949).

Mr. Rice moved that this proposition be accepted by the Commission. Motion was seconded by Mr. Pietsch and carried.

SALVAGED MATERIAL FROM B.O.Q. BUILDING (#20), PUUNENE, MAUI: Mr. Rice reported that the inventory of material salvaged from the B.O.Q. Building (#20) at Puunene Airport shows that approximately \$40,000 (list price of new materials) worth of material had been taken from the building. He asked whether or not the Commission wanted the material stacked and held for future use or sold immediately.

The Chairman pointed out that C.A.A. approval would have to be obtained if the salvaged material were to be sold or used for other than aeronautical purposes. It was pointed out also that C.A.A. had authorized sale of B.O.Q. Building No. 20, but sale of other buildings would require C.A.A.'s authorization.

Mr. Edwards moved that the administrative staff be authorized to sell the material if approximately 60% of the list price value can be obtained. Motion seconded by Mr. Anderson and carried.

It was also decided that several members of the Commission make an on-the-spot inspection of material salvaged in the near future.

CLEANING-OUT OF DRAINAGE GULCH, KAHULUI AIRPORT: Mr. Rice pointed out that it would be necessary to have the drainage gulch west of Kahului Airport cleaned-out shortly, in view of the present overgrowth. He moved that the labor used in the demolition of the B.O.Q. Building at Puunene be authorized for this purpose.

Mr. Rice's motion was seconded by Mr. Pietsch and carried.

MAUI FLYING ACADEMY ACCOUNT, PUUNENE, MAUI: It was reported that no revenue had been received from the Maui Flying Academy for the hangar occupied by them, and for monthly landings.

After a brief discussion, the Director was instructed to make a study of the matter and report to the Commission prior to the next meeting.

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HAC PARTICIPATION IN ALOHA WEEK ACTIVITIES: The Oahu Group Committee's recommendation that the Director be authorized to expend up to \$1,000 for HAC Aloha Week projects was approved on motion by Mr. Honda, seconded by Mr. Rice and carried unanimously.

PHOTOGRAPHIC CONCESSION; HONOLULU AIRPORT: The Secretary reported that it was the Oahu Group Committee's recommendation that the Director be authorized to prepare a formal form of bid for the photographic concession at Honolulu Airport, to be effective January 1, 1950 for one year; qualifications to be set up and providing for a six months' advance payment of minimum rent; bidder to set forth his offer for minimum rental and percentage of gross income to be paid to the Commission. Mr. Honda moved that this recommendation be approved. Motion seconded by Mr. Edwards and carried.

IMPROVEMENTS TO KITCHEN AREA OF AIRPORT RESTAURANT: The Director presented a request from Spencecliff Corporation for HAC's assistance in making necessary improvements to the kitchen area of the airport restaurant -- using HAC personnel and reimbursing the HAC for cost of improvements over a period of time.

It was moved by Mr. Rice that a sum not to exceed \$3,000 be allotted for this project, that the work be accomplished by force account, and that a time limit of six (6) months from date of commencement of work be set for payment to HAC of total cost. Motion seconded by Mr. Honda and carried.

PROGRESS OF PLANS & SPECIFICATIONS FOR LIHUE AIRPORT: Reporting on the progress of plans and specifications for Lihue Airport (3d phase), the Director stated that they should be ready for submission to the Commission in the very near future.

PERSONNEL, LIHUE AIRPORT: It was suggested that job classifications be written and positions set up for personnel necessary at Lihue Airport. Mr. Edwards requested that he discuss the matter with the Director before any action is taken.

LIHUE AIRPORT, ADVERTISING OF CONCESSIONS: The Assistant Director reported that concessions for Lihue Airport will be advertised shortly.

USE OF HNG PARACHUTE LOFT, HONOLULU AIRPORT: Mrs. Wood of Hawaiian School of Aeronautics pointed out that no loft for packing of parachutes is available to civilians, and requested that the HAC ask the Hawaii National Guard Air Unit for permission to use their loft, which is located on Honolulu Airport.

Mr. Rice moved that the Director be authorized to contact the Hawaii National Guard for the Commission and make this request. Motion seconded by Mr. Anderson and carried.

DESIGNATION OF POLICE POWERS: Police powers were conferred upon Mr. Franklin D. Metzger, HAC Fire Chief, on motion by Mr. Rice, seconded by Mr. Honda and carried.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 Noon.

Respectfully submitted,

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