HAWAII AERONAUTICS COMMISSION
Minutes of Regular Meeting
Monday - November 21, 1949

The regular monthly meeting of the Hawaii Aeronautics Commission was held in the Conference Room of the Commission in the Overseas Terminal building at Honolulu Airport on Monday, November 21, 1949 at 10:40 a.m.

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

Attending were:
Mr. G. T. Belcher, Director, HAC
Mr. R. B. Black, ASt. Director, HAC
Mr. G. R. Sims, Admin. ASt., HAC
Mr. W. Holloway, Supt. Safety Regs., HAC
Mrs. M. Wood, HSA
Mr. H. K. Graves, PAA
Mr. Simpson, Weather Bureau

MINUTES: The Minutes of the regular monthly meeting of the Commission held October 17, 1949 were approved as circulated.

LEASE OF LAND AT HONOLULU AIRPORT:
(a) A request from Mr. Samuel W. King, President of King, Ltd., for the lease of a small parcel of land located on the Honolulu side of Runway D, Keel Lagoon, for the purpose of engaging in a general marine business, was approved by the Commission on motion by Mr. Pietsch, seconded by Mr. Anderson, and carried unanimously. Lease to be on the basis of 5¢ p.s.f.p.a. for a maximum period of 5 years.

(b) A similar request from Mr. Lono Hoë, Attorney at Law, for his client, Mr. Stanley J. Cleveland, was also granted by this motion on the same basis.

RENTAL RATE, 2-STORIED WOODEN STRUCTURES: The Director's recommendation to establish the rental rate of 10¢ p.s.f.p.a. for the second floor of all two-storied wooden structures (to conform with the rental rate that was established for quonset type structures), was approved on motion by Mr. Honda, seconded by Mr. Anderson and carried. (The prevailing rate of 20¢ p.s.f.p.a. for the first floor of 2-storied wooden structures to remain in effect.)

KIPAPA AIRFIELD; CONTINUATION OF AGREEMENT FOR USE: The Chairman explained that the Commission had been requested the use of Kipapa Airfield be continued for a practice or training area for student pilots, and he recommended that the extension of the HAC's agreement with the Cahu Sugar Company for a period of two (2) months, ending December 31, 1949, to allow time for further investigation of activities there. Request was approved on motion by Dr. F. K. Sylva, seconded by Mr. Pietsch, and carried.

SURVEY, MASTER PLANNING - HONOLULU AIRPORT; EMPLOYMENT OF MR. CLARK M. KEI: After a thorough study and discussion of the matter, it was decided to engage Mr. Clark M. Kee (a New York Civil Engineer experienced in all phases of aviation) for a
maximum period of six (6) months, to make a survey of future airport needs at Honolulu and to work on a Master Plan for the airport. The Chairman was given full authority to negotiate. Motion by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Pietzsch, and carried.

BLDG. 75, 24 & 7, Punalu‘u Airport: A verbal request made to the Superintendent of Maui Airport from the A.I.A. Veterans on Maui for the use of buildings nos. 75, 24 & 7 at Punalu‘u Airport, to be used in conjunction with two other buildings recently approved by the Commission for their use, was granted pending receipt of a written application from the A.I.A. Veterans. Motion by Mr. Rice, seconded by Mr. Pietzsch, and carried.

SALE OF BUILDINGS SURPLUS TO AIRPORT NEEDS, BLANKET AUTHORITY: Authority was given the Director to sell, on a bid basis, any and all buildings surplus to the needs of territorial airports. Motion by Mr. Rice, seconded by Mr. Honda and carried.

BLDG. 43 to Maui Vocational School: Mr. Rice's motion to turn over to the Maui County, Building No 43 at Punalu‘u Airport, without charge, to be moved to Ulupalakua and to be used by the Maui Vocational School for educational purposes, was seconded by Dr. F. K. Sylva, and carried.

HANA AIRPORT, Terminal Facilities, Water Supply: Mr. Rice said that a small terminal building should be erected at Hana Airport and a water line run down to the airport. Mr. Bright pointed out that a check on the cost of laying a water line should be made. Mr. Rice moved that the Director make the necessary survey of cost and report back at the next meeting. He requested that the total cost be kept within a limit of $15,000. Motion seconded by Mr. Pietzsch and carried.

KANAHAI POND, KAHULUI, WATERFOWL SANCTUARY: Mr. Rice suggested that the Director write the Board of Agriculture and Forestry to the effect that the Commission approves the maintaining of Kanaha Pond in Kahului as a Waterfowl Sanctuary, as long as the Hawai‘i Aeronautics Commission has control of that area. Motion seconded by Dr. F. K. Sylva and carried.

REQUEST FROM MAUI WATERWORKS RE PLUMBING MATERIALS AT PUNALU‘U: A request from the Maui County Waterworks Board, for first option on the purchase of various types of pipes, fittings, and other plumbing materials to be salvaged by the Commission at Punalu‘u airport, was presented. At Commissioner Rice's suggestion, it was decided to write the Waterworks Board that the Commission would keep their request in mind pending such time as the materials are classified according to type, size and quantity.

REQUEST FROM MAUI WATERWORKS RE STORAGE SPACE AT NASA: Mr. Rice moved that a letter be sent Maui County Waterworks Board in reply to their request for storage space at NASA for the purpose of storing water works materials, requesting a description of particular site by metes and bounds and designating the specific buildings to be occupied. Motion seconded by Mr. Edwards and passed.

SELLING OF SALVAGED ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT AT PUNALU‘U: Mr. Rice made a motion that the Commission sell all, or any, electrical equipment salvaged at Punalu‘u Airport at sixty percent of the list price. After brief discussion, motion was seconded by Mr. Pietzsch and carried.

** B.O.Q. BUILDING NO. 20, PUNALU‘U AIRPORT; SALVAGED MATERIALS: The Administrative Assistant reported that the first day's cash sales for materials salvaged from B.O.Q. Building #20, Punalu‘u, totaled $7,417.64; that the total cost up to October 31 for dismantling, hauling and storing materials in Kahului Airport warehouses was $77,116.96.
MAUI FLYING ACADEMY ACCOUNT: Mr. Sims reported that he was informed that landing reports for Maui Flying Academy operations were in the mail.

The rental rate for use of the hangar presently occupied by the Maui Flying Academy was discussed. The Director suggested that they be charged for the area occupied by them on the basis of tie-down rates. Motion to this effect made by Mr. Honda, seconded by Dr. Silva and carried.

EMPLOYMENT OF FULL-TIME AGENT AT MOLOKAI AIRPORT: The matter of employing a full-time agent for Molokai Airport was brought up, but no action was taken.

DELEGATION OF POLICE POWERS: Police powers were delegated to Mr. Joseph K. Paikula, Agent at Kona Airport, on motion by Mr. Rice, seconded by Dr. F. K. Silva, and carried.

REQUEST BY B. R. QUEAR - Quonset hut for flower exporting business: A request from Mr. B. R. Quear of the Island of Hawaii for the rental of the quonset hut adjacent to the building recently approved for use as an airport restaurant, for wholesale flower exporting, was reviewed.

It was decided, on motion by Dr. G. J. Silva, seconded by Mr. Honda, and carried, to grant Mr. Quear's request effective immediately. Terms to be on the same basis as the restaurant concession, the two concessions to work jointly on the development and improvement of this building area.

PAVING OF AUTO PARKING AREA ADJACENT TO HILO TERMINAL: Mr. Martin, Superintendent of Hawaii County Airports, reported that the present public parking area at Hilo Airport was inadequate, and that the paving of the area as proposed would accommodate approximately 50 automobiles. Dr. G. J. Silva moved to approve the proposal to pave the auto parking area and to award the job to James W. Glover, Ltd., low bidder, in the amount of $4,740.00. Motion seconded by Mr. Rice and carried.

CORPS CONSTRUCTION, LTD., EXTENSION OF AGREEMENT: The Director requested approval to extend the HAC's agreement with Corps Construction, Ltd., for the excavation of rock at Hilo Airport for an additional five (5) years. He explained, briefly, the terms of the agreement.

The Director's request was approved on motion by Mr. Rice, seconded by Mr. Honda, and carried.

APPROVAL OF PROJECT APPLICATION & SPONSOR'S ASSURANCE AGREEMENT FOR KONA AIRPORT: The following Resolution was introduced by the Secretary, read in full, considered and adopted on motion by Mr. Honda, seconded by Mr. Rice and carried:

Resolution Adopting and approving the Execution of the Sponsor's Assurance Agreement To Be Submitted to the Administrator of Civil Aeronautics, U. S. Department of Commerce, to Obtain Federal Aid in the Development of Kona Airport.

Be it resolved by the Hawaii Aeronautics Commission of the Territory of Hawaii.

SECTION 1. That the Hawaii Aeronautics Commission acting on behalf of the Territory of Hawaii shall enter into a Sponsor's Assurance Agreement for the purpose of obtaining Federal aid in the development of the Kona Airport and that such agreement shall be as set forth hereinafter.

SECTION 2. That the Director is hereby authorized and directed to execute said Sponsor's Assurance Agreement in quadruplicate 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 2. That the Sponsor's assurance Agreement referred to hereinafore shall be as follows: (Copy in H.A.C. file.)
CONFIRMATION OF AWARD OF CONTRACT, INSTALLATION OF WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM,

LIHUE AIRPORT: Verbal authorization to award the contract for the installation of the Lihue Airport water supply system to Mr. David Kapolakimonewa, low bidder in the amount of $23,780, was confirmed on motion by Mr. Edwards, seconded by Mr. Rice, and carried.

LIHUE AIRPORT, PLOT OF LAND TO C.A.A.: On motion by Dr. F. K. Sylva, seconded by Mr. Pletsch and carried, C.A.A.'s request for lease of a plot of land located north of the proposed hangar area at Lihue Airport for the installation of antenna poles for their radio communications station there, was approved.

WEATHER BUREAU REQUEST, ERECTION OF BUILDING AT LIHUE AIRPORT: A plan submitted by the Weather Bureau for the erection of a small building located north of the Lihue Terminal building to be used in connection with air activities at that airport, was discussed briefly. The request for erection of this structure was granted on motion by Mr. Edwards, seconded by Dr. F. K. Sylva and passed.

LIHUE AIRPORT, RESOLUTION $250,000 ACCOUNT: The following Resolution was introduced by the Chairman, read, discussed and adopted on motion by Mr. Edwards, seconded by Mr. Honda and carried:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Hawaii Aeronautics Commission is ready and anxious to proceed with the second increment of construction of Lihue Airport as hereinafter set forth in accordance with the provisions of Act 18, Special Session Laws of Hawaii 1949; and

WHEREAS, the Civil Aeronautics Administration has $250,000.00 allocated to this project; and

WHEREAS, said Act 18 in part appropriated $401,225.00 for construction, reconstruction, improvement, alteration, betterment or extension of territorial airports in the County of Kauai out of any monies received by the Treasurer of the Territory of Hawaii for or on account of loan funds; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HAWAII AERONAUTICS COMMISSION OF THE TERRITORY OF HAWAII that it does hereby respectfully request the Treasurer of the Territory of Hawaii to make available to the Commission, out of the said monies in the loan funds, the following sum in the amount of $250,000.00 all in accordance with the provisions of said Act 18 to be used for the following project; namely,

Lihue Airport -- Construction of taxiway, auto and plane parking areas, additional grading and drainage, installation of field lighting system and other runway improvements -- $250,000.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy hereof be transmitted by the Director of the Hawaii Aeronautics Commission to the Honorable William B. Brown and the Honorable Joseph Dickson, Treasurer and Auditor respectively of the Territory of Hawaii, for their consideration and favorable action.

APPROVAL OF PROJECT APPLICATION & SPONSOR'S ASSURANCE AGREEMENT FOR LIHUE AIRPORT: The following Resolution was introduced by the Secretary, read in full, considered and adopted on motion by Mr. Honda, seconded by Mr. Anderson and carried:

Resolution Approving and Approving the Execution of the Sponsor's Assurance agreement to be Submitted to the Administrator of Civil Aeronautics, U. S. Department of Commerce, to obtain Federal Aid in the Development of Lihue Airport.

Be it resolved by the Hawaii Aeronautics Commission of the Territory of Hawaii.
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SECTION 2. That the Director is hereby authorized and directed to execute said Sponsor's Assurance Agreement in quadruplicate 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 Sponsor's Assurance Agreement referred to hereinabove shall be as follows: (Copy in HAC file.)

POSITIONS TO BE ESTABLISHED AT LIHUE AIRPORT: Approval was given to establish the following positions at Lihue Airport:

1. Janitress CC-3
2. Laborer CC-5
3. Gen. Mechanic CC-7
4. Typist CAF-1

Motion by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Dr. F. K. Sylva, and passed.

TAXICAB OPERATIONS - LIHUE AIRPORT: Mr. Edwards pointed out that no precedent has been established for control of taxis at Lihue Airport and there is, therefore, no status quo on which to continue operating when the airport is formally opened. He requested approval for the administrative staff of the HAC to assist the Taxi Committee in working out a plan for Lihue Airport. Approval was granted.

OPENING OF LIHUE AIRPORT: The opening of Lihue Airport was discussed briefly. The tentative date for the formal opening of the airport was set at January 8.

FURNITURE FOR LIHUE TERMINAL: On motion by Dr. F. K. Sylva, seconded by Mr. Honda, and carried, the Director was authorized to purchase furniture, as will be necessary, for the Lihue Terminal. Cost of such furniture not to exceed $2500.

CHANGE IN TIME OF HAC MEETINGS: Mr. Honda moved that the time of monthly meetings be changed from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Meeting date to remain at the third Monday of each month. Motion seconded by Mr. Edwards and carried unanimously.

TAXI STALLS, MAUI: Mr. Rice moved that no stalls be put out to bid at this time; that this be held in abeyance until such need for stalls becomes evident. Motion seconded by Dr. F. K. Sylva. Motion was lost for lack of affirmative votes.

The putting out to bid of stalls, method of bidding, and minimum price for each, were discussed at length.

Mr. Rice moved that closed bids be taken for stalls at an upset price of $5.00 per stall and that stalls be numbered so that bids could be made in accordance with the value of each and for individual stalls: 13 stalls for Hilo, 7 for Maui, and 6 for Kauai. Motion seconded by Mr. Honda. This motion was subsequently amended by Mr. Rice to read 'open' bids. Motion, however, was not carried due to lack of majority votes. (Votes were: Affirmative - Messrs. Anderson, Pietsch, Honda, and Bright; Negative - Messrs. Sylva, Edwards, Silva and Rice.)

LICENSE FEE, LIHUE AIRPORT TAXIS: Mr. Honda moved that the license fee for taxis at Lihue be reduced to $6.00 from January 1 to June 30, 1950, to conform with the fiscal period. Motion seconded by Mr. Rice and carried.
HONOLULU AIRPORT, MENTAL HAZARD TO FLYING: Dr. Sylva called to the Commission's attention an incident which took place Saturday evening, November 19th, to which he was a witness. (The fact that a commercial airliner coming in for a landing on Runway 4L was paralleled by an Ercoupe on Runway 4R, also in the process of landing at the same time.) He stated that their very proximity was in his estimation a mental hazard, and that the repetition of such incidents would in all probability frighten passengers and create apprehension of flying.

Mr. Holloway, Superintendent of Safety Regulations, was called upon and explained that the incident had been reported to him and that an investigation of the incident showed that no hazard was in evidence and that there had been no violation and no danger whatsoever; the two runways are 500' apart and the aircraft were at all times well apart laterally and by altitude.

Dr. Sylva emphasized the fact that his sole objection was not to the actual danger which may or may not have been present, but to the fact that such flying would appear to be dangerous to the public and would, consequently, turn them against it.

After further discussion of the matter, the Chairman commented that the traffic control tower should be requested to space landing of aircraft better.

ADJOURNMENT: THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 12:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ralph E. Honda, Secretary

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SALE OF BUILDING no. 100, PUUNENE AIRPORT, TO LAHAINA SHINGON MISSION: Dr. F. K. Sylva moved that the Commission approve the action of the Maui Commissioner in selling Bldg. #100 at Puunene Airport to the Lahaina Shingon Mission for $25.00. Motion seconded by Mr. Honda and carried.