

HAWAII AERONAUTICS COMMISSION
 Regular Monthly Meeting
 Monday, December 12, 1949

The regular monthly meeting of the Hawaii Aeronautics Commission was held in the Board Room of the Commission on Monday, December 12, 1949 at 1:00 p.m.

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

Absent was: Mr. C. J. Pietsch, Jr., Member

Attending were:
 Mr. G. T. Belcher, Director, HAC
 Mr. R. B. Black, Asst. Dir., HAC
 Mr. Wm. Neilson, Supt. Airports, Maui Cty.
 Mr. G. R. Sims, Administ. Asst.
 Mr. C. E. Perin, Supt., Honolulu Airport
 Mr. W. S. Holloway, Supt. Safety, Terr. Airpts.
 Capt. Elliot, HAL
 Mr. Mobberly, BCPA
 Mr. A. H. Achor, Kauai Motor Tours
 Mrs. M. Wood, HSA
 Mr. Carl Erdman, Gray Line
 Mr. R. Harrington, PAA
 Mr. W. Birnie, Transocean
 Mr. McDermott, UAL
 Mr. Newt Campbell
 Mr. Chas. Hogue, Advertiser
 Mr. Stuart Fitch, Star Bulletin

The meeting was called to order by Dr. F. K. Sylva who acted as Chairman until Mr. Bright's arrival.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the regular monthly meeting held November 21, 1949, were approved as circulated.

HILLO, MAUI, LIHUE -- TAXICAB SITUATION: The Secretary explained that at the last meeting of the commission the motion resolving the taxicab situation for Hilo, Maui and Lihue airports failed because the word "closed" bid was changed to "open" bid; and that it was otherwise agreeable.

Mr. Honda then moved that closed bids be taken for stalls at an upset price of \$5.00 per stall per month and that stalls be numbered so that bids could be made in accordance with the value of each; and not more than 13 stalls for Hilo, 7 for Maui, and 7 for Lihue be set aside for this purpose. (Bids to be open only to badge holders.) Motion seconded by Mr. Anderson and carried unanimously.

HONOLULU AIRPORT, TAXICAB SITUATION: Mr. Honda read a portion of his memo to HAC Members dated November 25, 1949, outlining recommendations relative to the taxi situation at Honolulu Airport.

Mr. Rice moved that Mr. Honda's proposal (which was agreed upon at a special meeting of Oahu Commissioners on November 29) be adopted. Motion seconded by Mr. Edwards and unanimously approved.

The plan as presented is as follows: (1) Concession would be for taxicabs only; (2) There will be two concessions -- one for the Overseas Terminal and the other for the Hawaiian Airlines Terminal; (3) Current rental of taxi stalls to remain status quo until March 31, 1950; (4) Issuance of badges to be deferred until April 1,

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1950, at which time badges will be issued to all drivers of the concessionaire and to other certified operators. (See plan for each concessionaire in HAC Taxicab File.)

REQUEST FOR 2 PICK-UP VEHICLES: The Director requested authorization to purchase 2 pick-up vehicles to replace worn out surplus jeeps, for use as utility trucks on Honolulu Airport. After a brief discussion, Mr. Rice moved to have a committee of three appointed to investigate the "rolling stock" of Territorial Airports. Motion seconded by Dr. George Silva, and carried.

Committee members appointed by the Chairman were Messrs. Bright, Sylva and Belcher.

✓ RENTAL RATE, LIHUE TERMINAL: Mr. Anderson moved for confirmation of the rental rate of \$2.50 per square foot per annum for the Lihue Terminal, as tentatively adopted by the Oahu Committee at a meeting on November 29. Motion seconded by Mr. Honda and carried.

✓ FREIGHT TERMINAL, LIHUE AIRPORT: The immediate need for a freight terminal at Lihue was discussed briefly. The Director explained that a plan for such is being developed, but that building could not be started until paving of the parking area had been completed.

✓ LIHUE AIRPORT, OPENING DATE: The January 8th date tentatively set for the opening of Lihue Airport was adopted for formal opening of that airport.

✓ LIHUE TERMINAL, concession space: Mr. A. H. Achor of Kauai Motor Tours asked whether or not the Commission had in mind the rental of desk space in the terminal lobby for transportation companies and others. Mr. Edwards replied that some space was available.

Mr. Achor asked also about the possibility of installing a telephone for use by the taxi operators, to which the Chairman replied that successful bidders could get together in the installation of one.

✓ LIHUE, MOLOKAI -- OBSTRUCTION LIGHTS: In a discussion of the possible need for obstruction lights in areas neighboring Lihue Airport to enable night flying by the airlines, Capt. Elliott of Hawaiian Airlines stated that obstruction lights at Molokai were not in operation.

In this discussion, Mr. Rice pointed out that the employment of a full-time, as opposed to part-time, Supervisor at Molokai Airport would be more beneficial in that his continuous presence on the airport would enable him to make routine or emergency repairs to vital equipment and to keep up maintenance of the airport in general. The matter was discussed and action on personnel changes was deferred until the approval and adoption of a new table of organization.

Mr. Edwards moved that a survey be made and plans prepared for the installation of obstruction lights to protect Lihue Airport. Motion seconded by Mr. Anderson and carried.

AT 1:45 THE MEETING WAS RECESSED SUBJECT TO THE CALL OF THE CHAIR.

THE MEETING WAS RESUMED AT 2:45 WITH CHAIRMAN ROY BRIGHT PRESIDING.

HONOLULU AIRPORT TRANSFER: Mr. Honda moved that the Chairman and Commissioner Rice be authorized to go to Washington if conditions warrant such action, in connection with the transfer of Honolulu Airport. Motion seconded by Mr. Edwards and carried.

✓ COMMITTEE REPORT, PERSONNEL: Dr. F. K. Sylva moved to adopt the new Table of Organization as presented by the Committee on Personnel. Motion seconded by Mr. Rice and Carried.

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HANA TERMINAL: Mr. Rice moved for authorization to expend not to exceed \$10,000 for construction of a terminal building at Hana (utilities included). Motion seconded by Dr. F. K. Sylva and carried.

WORK FORCE, MAUI AIRPORT: Mr. Rice moved that the work crew employed at Maui on a temporary basis be placed on permanent status, in view of indications that work will be available for the next year or two. Motion seconded by Dr. Sylva and carried.

MAUI FLYING ACADEMY; Rental of Bldg. #30: Mr. Rice presented a written request from the Maui Flying Academy, dated December 12, 1949, for the rental of Building #30, Maui Airport, at the rate of \$600 per year, and moved that this proposal be accepted. Motion seconded by Dr. F. K. Sylva and carried.

LIHUE AIRPORT, STATUS OF JOBS: Reporting on the status of jobs for Lihue Airport, the Director stated that applications for positions had been approved by Civil Service and had been referred to the Bureau of the Budget for further approval; also that the positions would have to be advertised before they may be filled.

LIHUE AIRPORT RESTAURANT: Mr. Edwards reported that the restaurant concession at Lihue Airport had been advertised and bids called for.

REQUEST FROM DEPT. OF ARMY for areas of land as additions to Kapalama Military Reservation and Sand Island Military Reservation was deferred.

HONOLULU AIRPORT, Sealing and Resurfacing: The Director requested authorization to expend an amount not to exceed \$200,000 (Gas Tax Fund) for the sealing and resurfacing of paved areas at Honolulu Airport. No action was taken on the Director's request, but he was advised to proceed with plans and specifications for this work.

JANUARY MEETING OF COMMISSION: Mr. Honda's motion to hold the January meeting of the Commission on Kauai on the 7th of January at 2:00 p.m. was seconded by Mr. Rice and carried unanimously.

KAMUELA AIRPORT, PUBLIC HEARING, FEBRUARY HAC MEETING: At Dr. George Silva's recommendation, the Commission decided to hold a public hearing at Kamuela in February and hold the Commission's February meeting there at the same time.

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES, LIHUE AIRPORT OPENING: Mr. Rice moved that a sum not to exceed \$1,000 be appropriated for incidental expenses in connection with the opening of Lihue Airport. Motion seconded by Mr. Edwards and carried.

EFFICIENCY REPORTS, OUTER-ISLAND EMPLOYEES: Mr. Rice expressed dissatisfaction with the manner in which the rating of Efficiency Reports for employees of the Commission on outer islands has been handled up to the present time. He pointed out that the distance between Honolulu and outer-island airports is such as to preclude the present practice of rating and signing Efficiency Reports in the Honolulu office of the Commission. He suggested that blank reports be sent to the outer island commissioners who would make the necessary contacts to enable them to properly fill in the reports and return them to the Honolulu office for final processing. The Chairman instructed that this procedure be a matter of policy in the future.

HILO AIRPORT, MASTER PLANNING: The Director reported that a survey of the area is being made so that a master plan can be drawn, and said that the field survey should be completed by about the first of February. Additional time will be required for compiling and drafting of field data.

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TERMINAL BUILDINGS - HILO AND MAUI: Mr. Rice moved that the HAC invite interested architects to submit plans for terminals at Hilo and Maui Airports, taking into consideration materials available at Maui. Motion seconded by Mr. Anderson and carried.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ralph C. Honda

Ralph C. Honda, Secretary