

Minutes - February

HAWAII AERONAUTICS COMMISSION
Regular Monthly Meeting
Sunday, February 19, 1950

The regular monthly meeting of the Hawaii Aeronautics Commission was held at the Waimea Hotel, Waimea, Hawaii, on Sunday, February 19, 1950 at 9:22 a.m.

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

Absent were: Dr. F. K. Sylva, Vice Chairman
O. J. Burnett, Member

Attending were:

G. T. Belcher, Director, HAC
R. B. Black, Asst. Dir., HAC
G. R. Sims, Admin. Asst., HAC
C. M. Kee, Consulting Engr., HAC
M. E. Martin, Supt. Airports, Cty. Hawaii
John Padgett, Hawaii Cty. Engr.
J. V. Dolan, CAA Acting Reg. Admin.
G. Murray, CAA Chief, Airports Branch
Emil Williams, CAA Safety Division
Frank Serrao, Terr. Land Commissioner
H. Cockett, Cockett Airlines
R. M. Belt, Supt., DPW
Jim Wallace, Hilo Tribune Herald

MINUTES: The Minutes of the regular monthly meeting of the Hawaii Aeronautics Commission held January 7, 1950 were approved as circulated.

The Minutes of the special meeting of the Commission held February 7, 1950 were corrected as follows: MOLOKAI AIRPORT, Full-time Manager, was changed to read "Maintenance Man" instead of "Manager". The Minutes were then approved as corrected.

HONOLULU AIRPORT, Agent to handle rental property: The request for hiring of an agent to handle rental property at Honolulu Airport was referred to the Lease Committee for study.

ADDITIONAL CONSTRUCTION, LIHUE TERMINAL: The Director requested approval and acceptance of the bid submitted by the contractor who constructed the Lihue Terminal building, in the amount of \$1804.54, for additional construction needed in the restaurant area of the terminal.

Mr. Edwards explained the need for the additional construction and then moved that the bid be approved. Motion seconded by Mr. Pietsch and carried unanimously.

LIHUE AIRPORT, OBSTRUCTION LIGHTS: Approval was requested to install obstruction lights on hills adjacent to Lihue Airport, at a cost estimated by the Director to be \$5,000. Mr. Kee explained briefly the type of lights planned to be installed and commented that the estimated figure of \$5,000 seemed to be a low one.

Mr. Edwards reported on proposed future aircraft operations into and out of the Lihue Airport and added that there seemed to be no question as to the need for the lights and the HAC's responsibility to have them installed in time to take care of proposed heavy schedules.

Mr. Rice moved for approval. Motion seconded by Mr. Edwards and carried unanimously.

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ADDITIONAL JANITORIAL HELP, LIHUE TERMINAL: Mr. John Batchelder's request for the employment of an additional janitor or janitress at Lihue, to insure complete coverage and adequate maintenance of the Terminal building, was approved on motion by Mr. Rice, seconded by Mr. Edwards and carried unanimously.

Mr. Edwards pointed out the necessity of extending some of the water mains at the Lihue Airport before the parking mat is laid so that the recently planted grass around the Terminal building may be properly watered.

The cost involved was discussed briefly. Mr. Anderson moved that the Kauai Commissioner be authorized to make the necessary survey and carry out the project in the limits of his discretion. Seconded by Mr. Rice and unanimously carried.

KONA AIRPORT, CONSTRUCTION OF PERIMETER FENCE: Authorization was granted to award the contract for the construction of the airport perimeter fence to Mr. James Glover, low bidder in the amount of \$9,070.75, on motion by Dr. G. J. Silva, seconded by Mr. Pietsch and carried.

HAWAII COUNTY, ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL: Mr. Martin, Supt. of Hawaii County Airports, presented a request for the employment of the following additional personnel for Hawaii County Airports: 1 painter, 1 carpenter, 1 motor equipment operator, 5 laborers and 1 maintenance superintendent. He pointed out that he would like to set up a maintenance crew large and capable enough to go to the three airports on Hawaii, in addition to Hilo, to perform routine maintenance. He added that the employee presently working at Hilo Airport was not fully qualified to do skilled maintenance work and that the practice in the past has been to contract for jobs to be done.

The matter was discussed at length.

Dr. G. J. Silva moved that 5 laborers be employed immediately for the County of Hawaii. Motion seconded by Mr. Pietsch and carried.

The Chairman instructed the Director to make a further study to determine the necessity of establishing the other positions requested.

HILO TERMINAL, Re-roofing: Commissioner Rice asked that bids for re-roofing of the Hilo Terminal building be advertised. Mr. Martin reported that this had already been done and that the work should be underway shortly.

MASTER PLAN, HILO AIRPORT: Dr. G. J. Silva inquired as to what progress had been made in drawing up a Master Plan for Hilo Airport. The Director stated that a topographic survey had just been completed and that it would be processed immediately.

DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS, NON-AERONAUTICAL ACTIVITIES: The Chairman pointed out that a considerable number of tenants have not been keeping their accounts current and reported that he had instructed the Director to notify all tenants engaged in non-aeronautical activities whose rents and/or promissory notes are more than 30 days in arrears, that action will be taken to cancel leases, written or otherwise; and to begin legal proceedings for eviction if necessary if amounts are not settled within 30 days.

Mr. Honda moved for concurrence. Motion seconded by Mr. Edwards and carried unanimously.

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DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS, AERONAUTICAL ACTIVITIES: Mr. Honda moved that the Finance Committee, at the next meeting of the Commission, make concrete recommendations as to action the Commission should take regarding tenants engaged in aeronautical activities who are 30 days or more in arrears in rent. Motion seconded by Mr. Edwards and carried unanimously.

PUUNENE AIRPORT, STEEL HANGAR: Mr. Rice suggested that estimates be procured for the dismantling and stock-piling of the steel hangar located on Puunene Airport; also, that it be determined what materials could be used elsewhere. (Bldg. #205.)

Mr. Murray of Civil Aeronautics Administration pointed out that any buildings or materials released to the public would have to be advertised and awarded to the highest bidder.

Mr. Honda moved that a survey be made, as suggested by Mr. Rice, and a report presented to the Commission at its March meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. Rice and carried unanimously.

AUCTION OF BUILDINGS, PUUNENE AIRPORT: Mr. Rice reported that an auction of buildings at Puunene Airport would be held Monday, February 20th, and asked the Commission's authorization to continue such auctions as long as there is a market for buildings.

Authorization was granted on motion by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Rice and carried.

FARM LOTS DEVELOPMENT, PUUNENE AIRPORT: Mr. Rice suggested that certain parcels of land obtained under "Quitclaim Deed" be utilized to develop farm lots for the unemployed under lease arrangement for the purpose of deriving revenue for the Commission. It was duly moved by Mr. Rice, seconded by Mr. Pietsch and passed to authorize the project.

WASHINGTON REPORT: Mr. Rice reported that he had prepared a report of his trip to Washington and would forward copies to members of the Commission shortly.

Mr. Bright briefly summarized developments as follows: (1) Kahului is being declared surplus; and (2) the Executive Order on Honolulu Airport is in the process of being executed.

THE MEETING WAS RECESSED AT 10:20 a.m. AND RESUMED AT 1:30 p.m.

NON-SCHEDULED CARRIERS, Monthly Flight Restrictions: The Chairman explained that CAB had notified all non-scheduled carriers that they must conform with CAB's regulation limiting non-scheduled operations to ten point-to-point flights per month. He pointed out that enforcement of this regulation as it concerns Kamuela, Kalaupapa and Port Allen airports would work a hardship for people in those districts, as they do not presently have regular service.

Mr. Cockett of Cockett Airlines asked for the Commission's intervention. Chairman Bright suggested that the Commission go on record to CAB that exemption from ruling be granted to local non-scheduled operators for operations into and out of Kamuela, Kalaupapa and Port Allen airports.

Mr. Rice moved that a letter be drawn up for the Chairman's signature and dispatched, asking for consideration of the matter. Motion seconded by Mr. Anderson and carried unanimously. It was also decided to solicit the help of the National Airport Operators Council in Washington.

SURVEYS, KAMUELA AIRPORT: Authorization was granted for the expenditure of such sums of money necessary to make surveys to determine the best location for the Kamuela Airport, and to proceed with the necessary field studies, engineering and ground surveys. Motion seconded by Mr. Pietsch and carried unanimously.

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DILLINGHAM AIR FORCE BASE: Mr. Honda moved that action on the non-acceptance of Dillingham AFB by the H.A.C. be reconsidered. Motion seconded by Mr. Rice and carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ralph C. Honda
Ralph C. Honda, Secretary