

HAWAII AERONAUTICS COMMISSION  
 Minutes of Special Meeting  
 Monday, July 10, 1950

A special meeting of the Hawaii Aeronautics Commission was held on Monday, July 10, 1950 at 3:00 p.m. in Room 495, Young Hotel.

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

Attending were:  
 Mr. Peyton Harrison, Director, HAC  
 Mr. G. T. Belcher, Asst. Director, HAC  
 Mr. C. Gillette, Supt. of Airpts. & Opera., HAC  
 Mr. Clark M. Kee, Engineering Consultant, HAC  
 Mr. S. Fitch, Honolulu Star Bulletin  
 Mr. T. Twigg-Smith, Advertiser

GROUND TRANSPORTATION - OVERSEAS TERMINAL: Mr. Harrison announced that under the proposed plan the ground transportation business will be opened to all interested companies and asked the Commission to consider each item of the new proposal designed to iron out all difficulties encountered in the previous proposals. After discussion of the items, the following was agreed upon:

1. The taxi loading and parking areas are to be completely segregated from the private cars. The loading zone for all companies and reserve parking area for all companies are as shown on the sketch.
2. There shall be 8 loading stalls in front of the Immigration Station office and their allocation will be decided after we know how many companies are interested.
3. No company will be allowed more than 3 stalls in the reserve parking area until it has been determined how many companies are interested. (So far, those interested are Gray Line, Irish's Cabs, OR&L, Airline Taxi Co., and King Taxi.)
4. Assignments of stalls for both loading and reserve parking will be by lots.
5. The price will be \$100 per stall for the loading stalls. The reserve parking stalls will be \$25 per stall. In addition to the above, the companies will be required to pay the HAC 10% of the gross revenue of all business done at the Overseas Terminal over \$1,000 per stall per month.
6. All contracts between taxi companies and the Hawaii Aeronautics Commission shall be on a year-to-year basis. (11 months for this fiscal year.)
7. Contracts between airlines and surface carriers involving the Honolulu Airport shall be subject to approval of the Hawaii Aeronautics Commission.
8. There will be no badges or license fees required, but each company must have its vehicles so marked that identification is easy. Money already paid for licenses or badges will be refunded. This applies to Hawaiian Airlines side as well as the Overseas side. (At this time, Mr. Rice made a motion that no badges or license fees be required for Oahu only. Motion was seconded by Mr. Burnett and carried.)
9. Drivers must be neatly and properly dressed at all times, to the satisfaction of the Director, and vehicles kept in neat and safe condition.

10. Soliciting by drivers may be done along side of his vehicle in the loading zone, or at any other position that the Director may designate.
11. Rates shall not exceed City and County rates prescribed by law. (The subject of meter rates and flat zone rates was discussed. Mr. Honda informed that at present Irish's Cabs, OR&L, and Air Line Taxi have meters, whereas, Gray Line do not have meters in their cabs. Mr. Edwards pointed out that certain non-metered taxis charge \$1.75 for the distance from the Overseas Terminal to the Hawaiian Airlines Terminal and stated that rates, meter or flat zone rate, should not exceed the City and County limit.)

Dr. Sylva moved that the Commission adopt a plan on the charge rates, to be worked out by the Director, and the Director be instructed to have taxi companies post rates in a conspicuous place in their cabs. Motion seconded by Mr. Pietsch and carried. The passengers will be privileged to select either the meter or flat zone rate.

Dr. Sylva then made a motion as amended to put this proposal (of 11 points) in effect for the balance of the fiscal period (11 months), beginning August 1, 1950. Motion seconded by Dr. George Silva and carried.

Mr. Harrison said that he will invite all interested taxi companies to a meeting to inform them of this proposal and details, about July 21, 1950.

BADGES FOR OUTSIDE ISLANDS: The Chairman asked what is the recommendation of the Commission on taxi badges for the outside islands.

Mr. Rice moved that all outside islands be allowed to continue as they have been doing. Mr. Edwards seconded the motion; motion carried.

Upon the suggestion of Mr. Rice that a report be obtained from Mr. Neilson on Maui on the number of incoming planes, the number of passengers hiring taxis and the number of passengers transported in private vehicles, the Chairman authorized the Director to investigate this matter for all islands. The result of this report is to be used in determining the cost of the badges for the outside islands.

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR TAXI OPERATION: As for the rules and regulations covering taxi operations at the airport, the Chairman stated that it is the responsibility of the Director and his assistant to enforce them.

PARKING METERS AT OVERSEAS TERMINAL: To alleviate parking problems, Mr. Rice proposed that parking meters be installed at the Overseas Terminal in the most advantageous places. Mr. Honda moved that the Director make a study of parking meters and report to the Commission. Motion seconded by Mr. Rice and carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1950-51: For the office of chairman, Dr. Francis K. Sylva was nominated and was elected unanimously. With the suggestion that the Vice Chairman, who will have to work closely with the Chairman, be an Oahu member, the Commission unanimously elected Mr. Charles J. Pietsch. Mr. Ralph Honda was re-elected unanimously to serve as Secretary.

BARKING SANDS ON KAUAI: Mr. Edwards stated that: "We had a meeting four months ago to discuss Barking Sands on Kauai. The people on Kauai feel strongly that this airport should be maintained as long as usable... It would be foolish to take out such things as water main, electrical distribution, and even the tower. The tower ties in with such things as the beacon, and main electrical switch. There is very little salvage value of the tower, about \$500, which is considered a small sum when you speak of public funds. This steel structure must be painted by the HAC and the cost paid by the HAC.

- "There were three suggestions:
1. Keep this airport strictly as airport property.
  2. As airport property on a standby basis and the cost to us would be small.
  3. Non-airport property; then the HAC will have nothing to do with it.

"If the Federal Government feels that it has to dispossess this airport, we should spend money to keep it because it is a beautiful airport. National Guard could use the buildings out there. We should keep the buildings in shape as well as the runway. I have a list of those buildings which appear to be in the best shape that would justify leaving them there.

"If we take it back as non-airport property and operate it as an emergency airport, we will have difficulty receiving financial aid from the CAA. In this respect, we will not be able to use the airport as we want to."

Members recalled that action on this surplus airfield was taken as "airport property" four months ago, as well as for Bellows Field Airport.

Mr. Edwards made a motion reconfirming the action taken previously to work with the CAA for the return of Barking Sands and Bellows Field. Seconded by Mr. Rice and carried unanimously.

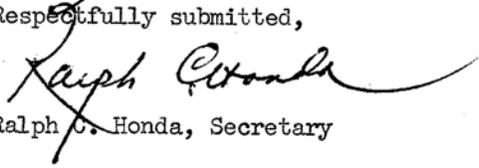
NATIONAL EMERGENCY: Mr. Edwards expressed the opinion that if people working for the Hawaii Aeronautics Commission were called to duty in time of national emergency, there should be plans on what should be done in the future in the way of carrying on the business of the Commission.

Mr. Harrison reported that most heads of the HAC divisions were subject to call of duty; however, he thought that in case of war, the Honolulu Airport will be under the Armed Forces and the HAC members will be stationed right here.

HOLDOVER SUBCOMMITTEE: Dr. Sylva said that the meeting of the Holdover Subcommittee will be held on July 24, 1950, at which time financial reports should be presented in a concise and complete way, including such information as how much money has been spent for each island and how much left over from each island.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Ralph C. Honda, Secretary