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HAWAII AERONAUTICS COMMISSION  
Minutes of Regular Meeting  
Monday, September 25, 1950

The regular monthly meeting of the Hawaii Aeronautics Commission was held in the Conference Room of the Commission at Honolulu Airport on Monday, September 25, 1950 at 1:30 p.m.

Present were: Dr. F. K. Sylva, Chairman  
Mr. C. J. Pietsch, Jr., Vice-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)

Absent were: Mr. O. J. Burnett, Member  
Mr. R. R. Bright, Member

Attending were:  
Mr. Peyton Harrison, Director, HAC  
Mr. G. T. Belcher, Asst. Dir., HAC  
Mr. G. R. Sims, Admin. Asst., HAC  
Mr. Cy Gillette, Supt A&O, HAC  
Mr. C. M. Kee, Engr. Consult., HAC  
Mr. Ford Studebaker, HAL  
Capt. Elliot, HAL  
Mr. Benz, TPA  
Mr. Clifford Bowman  
Mr. Rickard, Grayline  
Mr. Jitchalu, Gregson Airline Cabs  
Mr. Thomas Cooke, Trans-Air Hawaii  
Mr. Stephen Cooke, " " "  
Mr. James Watry, Hon. Advertiser  
Mr. Nelson, Star-Bulletin

MINUTES: The minutes of the regular meeting held August 28, 1950 were approved as circulated.

AIRPORT VEHICLES: Dr. George Silva moved that the Chairman and Director investigate the need for a metal station wagon at Hilo and that they be authorized to purchase same if warranted. Motion seconded by Mr. Rice and carried.

KONA FREIGHT TERMINAL: Mr. Rice moved that the Chairman be authorized to advertise for bids for a freight terminal at Kona, provided he approves of the plans for the terminal along with the Hawaii Commissioner. Motion seconded by Mr. Pietsch and carried.

KONA - REQUEST FOR CLUB HOUSE BY AMERICAN LEGION: Action was deferred on the request from the American Legion for a Club House across the runway from the Kona Airport terminal.

KAMUELA AIRPORT, EXTENSION OF LEASE: Mr. Pietsch moved for the extension of the Kamuela Airport lease for one year beginning November 4, 1950. Seconded by Mr. Rice and carried.

UPOLU POINT AIRPORT: Reporting on an inspection of Upolu Airport, the Director pointed out that a certain amount of patching and seal coating could be done and that a very small expenditure would take care of the drainage system there -- perhaps with the Hawaii County doing the work.

In this regard, Mr. Clifford Bowman, Supervisor from the County of Hawaii, thanked the Commission for the help given them in the past in giving employment to their personnel on airport projects.

KAMUELA AIRPORT. Mr. Kee reported that the surface of the Kamuela landing strip is completely dead and recommended that it be scarified and disked to a depth of about 4" in order to pulverize the soil; that this pulverized soil should be given a shot of cut-back asphalt, preferably MC-3 thoroughly mixed with the scarifier, and compacted with a road roller. Mr. Kee added that this treatment is relatively inexpensive and will provide an adequate soil stabilized surface which

will probably last for three or four years.

Mr. Rice moved to get prices for the accomplishment of this work and to go ahead with the job if the cost meets with the approval of the Chairman and Director. Motion seconded by Mr. Honda and carried.

MAUI CONTROL TOWER OPERATION: The Director reported that Mr. Kline, CAA Regional Administrator, was doing his best to get personnel to activate the Maui control tower during the County Fair. Hawaii Airlines requested that they be notified at least a week in advance of the opening of the Fair.

LANAI AIRPORT, Gen'l Laborer CC-6: The filling of this position was delayed in view of the fact that no decision has been reached as yet by the Auditor with regard to housing prerequisite for this position.

HANA AIRPORT PAVING: Mr. Rice reported that he, Mr. Studebaker of HNL and Mr. Burdick, Maui County Engineer, expect to make an inspection trip to Hana on October 4th and asked that the Commission authorize any additional paving decided upon by the three of them. A discussion followed on the areas proposed to be paved. Mr. Rice pointed out also that it would be necessary to move the fence adjacent to the terminal about 20 feet out from the building.

Mr. Rice moved that the Commission go ahead with whatever paving is needed, at a cost not to exceed \$10,000. Motion seconded by Mr. Edwards and carried.

KAHULUI AIRPORT, SALE OF SAND: As a matter of information, Mr. Rice reported that the Hawaii Aeronautics Commission is selling sand at Kahului at 25¢ per square yard.

PUUNENE PIGGERY LEASE: Mr. Rice presented for filing a sample copy of the final lease form for the Puunene piggery areas.

LIHUE AIRPORT, Lighting System: The Commission confirmed verbal approval previously given to award the contract for the Lihue lighting system to Ken's Electric Company, low bidder in the amount of \$46,672.00, on motion by Mr. Edwards, seconded by Mr. Rice and carried.

PORT ALLEN AIRPORT, Relinquishment of area of land: The Director read a letter from the Commissioner of Public Lands requesting that the HAC relinquish a strip of land at Port Allen Airport approximately 8,800 sq. ft. in area for use by the County of Kauai in road construction. He explained that this land is of little or no use to the Commission.

Mr. Edwards moved that permission be granted. Motion seconded by Mr. Anderson and carried.

LIHUE TERMINAL EXPANSION: A visit to the Lihue Airport by the Chairman, Mr. Kee and the Director, was reported on. The need for expanding the terminal building was pointed out. Mr. Kee's recommendations in this regard were outlined.

The Commission directed that necessary plans be drawn up. Motion by Mr. Bright, seconded by Mr. Anderson and carried.

HONOLULU AIRPORT, Parking Meters - Award of Contract: The Director reported that Lynch Company, which was the low bidder, did not meet Specification #4, specifying that the meter be from zero to 2 hours in increments of 12 minutes; that although they had been given the opportunity to get a meter which would meet this specification, they had been unable to do so; that therefore action taken awarding contract to them should be rescinded. This action, taken August 23th, was rescinded on motion by Mr. Honda, seconded by Mr. Bright and carried.

The Director then recommended that the contract be awarded to the next low bidder, Von Hamm-Young Company, in the amount of \$5,731.25 plus territorial gross income tax. The Director's recommendation was approved on motion by Mr. Bright, seconded by Mr. Rice and carried unanimously - Mr. Anderson abstaining.

Mr. Benz of Trans-Pacific Airlines said that a letter had been sent to the HAC recently setting forth TPA's objections to installation of

parking meters on the Overseas side of Honolulu Airport, primary objections being (1) discrimination against one inter-island carrier and (2) the danger of all parking areas getting meters some time in the future.

Mr. Honda explained that two reasons for installing meters are: (1) To increase non-aeronautical revenue to help operate the airport; and (2) The commission contemplates issuing Revenue Bonds next year with the consent of the Legislature and in order to do so it becomes absolutely necessary to have consistent income from non-aeronautical sources. Mr. Honda pointed out also that only 101 meters will be placed on stalls nearest the terminal entrance but will leave the outer row, next to the highway, free to parking; that the total number of stalls open to free parking would be about 350. Mr. Honda explained too that TPA was not being discriminated against with regard to parking charges inasmuch as Hawaiian Airlines pays the Aeronautics Commission \$429 annually for ground that is used strictly for parking by their passengers. It was pointed out also that revenue from meters would be about \$1,000 monthly.

In this respect, Mr. Benz commented that there seemed to be much concern about raising money from non-aeronautical activities, whereas parking at the airport should be an aeronautical convenience.

**PROPERTY ADMINISTRATOR, Confirmation of Appointment:** Mr. Honda moved to confirm the appointment of Mr. Charles Brenham as Property Administrator CAP-10, as of September 14, 1950. Motion seconded by Mr. Pietsch and carried.

**HONOLULU AIRPORT, Damon Estate land adjacent:** The Director reported that a letter had been received from the Damon Estate relative to the Commission's request to purchase 31 plus acres of land adjacent to Honolulu Airport for development according to the Master Plan, stating that the Damon Estate will sell the land on the condition that the HAQ does not use it to build either a golf course or public playground. The matter was discussed briefly.

Mr. Honda moved that the HAC request the Land Commissioner to proceed with appraisal and condemnation proceedings of the land involved. Seconded by Mr. Pietsch and carried unanimously.

**HATS HANGAR, Honolulu Airport:** The Director outlined past negotiations with HATS relative to the sale of their hangar and reported on their request that the Commission reconsider its offer to them. He recommended no action be taken. The Director's recommendation was approved.

**HAWAIIAN AIRLINES, Lease on Hangar Buildings and Renewal of Land Leases:** A letter from Hawaiian Airlines, which was received on Friday, September 22nd, was presented to the Commission. In this letter Hawaiian Airlines made a proposal on the renewal of its lease, which terminates on Hangar #1 on October 15th and on Hangar #2 on November 7th. The Director requested instructions in the matter.

Since there had been no time available for the Commissioners to study the HAI proposal, the Chairman directed that copies be immediately sent to all members of the Commission. Action on this matter is deferred until Commission members have completed their study of Hawaiian Airlines' proposition.

**STORAGE RATES, Territorial Airports:** The Director asked if any Commissioner was desirous of changing the presently established aircraft storage rate, which is \$3.00 per month. Mr. Edwards said the result of the present rate had been to drive several small planes off the airports, and that he would like to see a report on mainland practices. He added that the rate structure should be studied and, if possible, an arrangement worked out to encourage private flying.

Mr. Rice said also that the entire situation should be checked with regard to rates, types of planes and their location. He moved that the Director bring in a study with respect to private planes and that he also contact the Airport Operators Council for information on it. Motion seconded by Mr. Edwards and carried.

**DELEGATION OF POLICE POWERS:** Upon the Director's recommendation, police powers were delegated to Mr. Cy Gillette, Superintendent of Airports and Operations, and Messrs. Henry R. Teixeira and Louis Bisquera, employees

at Maui Airport. Motion by Mr. Honda, seconded by Mr. Rice and carried.

**AIRPORT OPERATORS COUNCIL:** Mr. Honda moved to extend the Commission's membership in the Airport Operators Council for another year, and also that next year the Chairman, Director and two members of the Commission attend the annual convention of the AOC in Tennessee, after which time the Commission could decide on further continuing membership in the Council. Seconded by Mr. Bright and carried.

**FLINE JEEPS, AWARD OF CONTRACT:** The Director reported that two bids had been received, one each from P. S. Pell & Company and Territorial Motors, and recommended that the contract be awarded to P. S. Pell & Company, inasmuch as they alone bid on Ansul equipment. The type of equipment called for in the specifications was discussed.

Mr. Rice moved to award the contract to P. S. Pell & Company for \$16,000, the jeeps to be delivered in 90 days; also that an additional jeep be included at a pro-rata figure for Hana Airport, and with a \$15.00 a day penalty for each day's delay in delivery. Seconded by Mr. Honda and carried.

**CAB CHAIRMAN RENTZEL:** Mr. Rice moved that the Chairman send a wire of congratulations to Mr. Delos Rentzel on his appointment as Chairman of the Civil Aeronautics Board, and also that an invitation be sent to him to be present at the opening of the new Hana Airport on November 11. Motion seconded by Mr. Edwards and carried.

**KAMUELA AIRPORT:** Mr. Belcher reported that the survey of Kamuela Airport has been completed and topographic plans were received by the HAC and reviewed by himself and Mr. Murray of CAA and that the alignment as originally established was found to be satisfactory; also that the plans had been returned to the Department of Public Works for details and estimates. Ceiling and visibility records for the past year were discussed briefly.

**OPERATIONAL COSTS, BREAKDOWN:** The Director was requested to distribute to each Commissioner a breakdown of operational costs for each island.

**HANA AIRPORT OPENING:** Authorization was given permitting Mr. Rice, the Chairman, the Director and the Manager of Hana Hotel to proceed with arrangements for the opening of the Hana Airport. The Commission decided also that the HAC should be billed for its transportation costs, CAB regulations governing non-scheduled service permitting.

**HONOLULU AIRPORT, WATER SYSTEM:** In discussing negotiations for turning over of the airport water system from the Navy to the Territory, the Director pointed out that in a letter dated December 16, 1947 to the C & C Board of Water Supply the Commission had committed itself to the installation of water meters for the various tenants on the airport.

Mr. Pietsch suggested that, to save the metering cost, the Board of Water Supply meter the HAC in bulk, as has the Navy in the past, and that the HAC in turn meter the airport tenants arbitrarily.

The Director was instructed to negotiate with Mr. Chrt of the C & C Board of Water Supply for continued metering in bulk.

**HONOLULU AIRPORT, ELECTRICAL SYSTEM:** The Director requested authorization to employ Westinghouse Electric Company's representative, Mr. Ramey Syron, to appraise the airport electric system at such time as it is turned over to the Territory. Authorization granted on motion by Mr. Honda, seconded by Mr. Pietsch and carried.

**DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS: (1) P. J. O'Shea - Maui:** The Director reported that letters had been sent to Mr. & Mrs. P. J. O'Shea requesting liquidation of their accounts under penalty of immediate eviction, and that the accounts had been paid in full. However, no landing reports have been received to date, and it was the report of the Manager of Maui County Airports that the O'Shea's were undesirable tenants.

It was the Commission's decision that both the flying school and residence occupied by the O'Shea's be vacated. Motion by Mr. Rice, seconded by Mr. Anderson and carried.

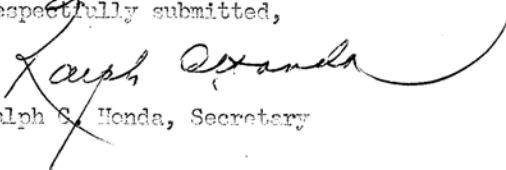
**(2) Hilo Flying School:** The Director stated that he had approached Mr. Okuna with the proposition of paying off his indebtedness by

giving flight service to the Commission and having it credited to his account, but that there seemed to be some disagreement or misunderstanding with regard to it. Dr. Silva agreed to talk the matter over with Mr. Okuna and contact the Director as soon as possible regarding the agreement reached.

(3) Trans-Pacific Airlines: The Director reported that TPA had requested that payment of their rental and past due account be extended until the end of this month. Permission was granted by the Commission. X

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Ralph S. Honda, Secretary