

HAWAII AERONAUTICS COMMISSION
 Minutes of Regular Meeting
 Monday - November 27, 1950

The regular meeting of the Hawaii Aeronautics Commission was held in the Board Room of the Commission at Honolulu Airport on Monday, November 27, 1950 at 1:10 p.m.

Present were: Mr. C. J. Pietsch, Jr., Acting Chairman
 Mr. R. C. Honda, Secretary
 Mr. R. R. Bright, Member
 Mr. D. W. Edwards, Member (Kauai)
 Mr. H. W. Rice, Member (Maui)
 Dr. George J. Silva, Member (Hawaii)
 Mr. O. J. Burnett, Member

Absent were: Dr. F. K. Sylva, Chairman (on Mainland)
 Mr. R. A. Anderson, Member

Attending were:

Mr. P. Harrison, Director, HAC
 Mr. Clark Kee, Consult, Engr., HAC
 Mr. Cy Gillette, Supt. A & C, HAC
 Mr. J. R. Canright, Deputy Atty. Gen.
 Mr. Guy A. Murray, CAA
 Capt. Elliot, HAL
 Mr. Thomas Cooke, TAH
 Mr. Stephen Cooke, TAH
 Mr. H. K. Graves, PAA
 Mrs. Jitchaku, Gregson Cabs
 Mr. Lloyd Osborne, HATS
 Mrs. Marguerite Wood, HSA
 News reporters from the Honolulu Advertiser
 and Star-Bulletin.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the regular meeting held October 23 were approved as circulated.

The Minutes of the special meeting held November 11 were corrected to read, under Lihue Terminal, that \$65,000 was appropriated for this project.

RETROACTIVITY OF RENTAL RATES, Claims by HATS, Andrew Flying Service, Hawaiian School of Aeronautics and Cockett Airlines -- (these tenants have requested that the lowered rental effective August 1, 1948 be made retroactive to the date of occupancy in view of the oral promise made by the then director of HAC Robert L. Campbell): Mr. Canright, Deputy Attorney General, stated that after careful study it has been determined that their request cannot be complied with in view of the fact that Territorial property (rentals collected, in this case) can be disposed of for public purposes only.

In the discussion which followed, Mr. Osborne said that when they had been told that rents would be retroactive to the date of occupancy they assumed it to be so, and that something should be done to make it so.

Mr. Canright pointed out that the Director is only an agent of the Territory and cannot extend the scope of his authority; that it was his recollection that at a meeting which he (Mr. Canright) attended in 1948, it was decided that retroactive rents would not be granted.

On Mr. Bright's inquiry as to whether or not the Legislature could make adjustments in this case, Mr. Canright replied that there was a remote possibility of adjustment under the "Moral Obligations" clause, and suggested that the airlines file their claims with the Director of the Budget, who would first refer the matter to the HAC for a recommendation, and then to the Legislature.

After further discussion, Mr. Rice expressed the opinion that a moral obligation does exist and suggested also that the airlines file their claims. He moved that the matter be continued to some future date. Motion seconded by Mr. Edwards and carried.

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HATS HANGAR: With regard to HAT's request for the purchase of their hangar by HAC, Mr. Canright pointed out that under the agreement between HATS and the HAC, HATS was authorized to construct buildings on airport property and would be entitled to a lease proportionate to the life of the improvement; that ownership of the building passed to the Territory on its construction, but that the tenant owns the right to use the building for the term of the lease. Therefore, if the Commission were agreeable to terminating the lease it could do so by paying a reasonable value for the use of that building for the balance of the term of the lease.

Mr. Honda moved to rescind the original motion of October 23d for purchase of the building for \$22,500; also, that the Commission authorize the Director to proceed with negotiations for the purchase of leasehold rights from HATS for \$22,500. Motion seconded by Mr. Edwards and carried.

LIHUE AIRPORT, POLICE PROTECTION: Mr. Edwards said that some time ago a letter had been received from the Kauai Police Department, requesting that the HAC pay for police protection at the Lihue Airport. Mr. Edwards asked Mr. Canright whether or not normal enforcement of law should be the county's obligation, and requested that the matter be referred to the Attorney General's office for a determination as to the Commission's obligation in the matter of paying the county for police services. The Director was instructed to have the matter clarified by the Attorney General's office.

AIRPORT SURVEY, KAU, HAWAII: The Director read portions of House Resolution No. 25, requesting that the HAC survey the area in the vicinity of Pahala and Naalehu, Hawaii, to determine the area on which an airport may be constructed most economically and to best advantage; and requesting that the HAC submit plans and estimates of costs of constructing such an airport to the Twenty-Sixth Legislature.

Mr. Rice moved that the Director be authorized to start a survey between the area of Naalehu and Pahala, as requested. Motion seconded by Mr. Burnett and carried.

KONA FREIGHT TERMINAL: Mr. Rice moved that Mr. Kee prepare plans for the Kona freight terminal building, subject to approval of the Hawaii Commissioner. Motion seconded by Dr. Silva and carried.

IMPROVEMENTS TO ENTRANCE ROAD TO HILO AIRPORT: The Director reported that Mr. Padgett of Hawaii County is particularly anxious to start this work immediately in order to keep his personnel busy.

Mr. Rice moved to authorize \$26,000 for this work, and that it be started immediately. Motion seconded by Dr. Silva and carried.

KAMUELA AIRPORT: The Director read a letter from Representative Earl A. Nielsen of Hawaii, expressing concern as to the delay in construction of the new Kamuela Airport and the possibility that federal matching funds may not be available if construction of the airport is delayed too long.

Mr. Murray of CAA said that all CAA funds for the Island of Hawaii have been allocated to Hilo.

At Mr. Rice's suggestion, the Director was requested to call Representative Nielsen's attention to the fact that Act 36S (mentioned in his letter as appropriating \$200,000 for the Kamuela Airport) has been repealed and Act 18 enacted, and that the HAC is working on the airport.

HILO AIRPORT, GENERAL LABOR FOREMAN: On motion by Dr. Silva, seconded by Mr. Rice and carried, the Commission authorized the hiring of one General Labor Foreman CC-7 for Hilo Airport.

MAUI COUNTY AIRPORTS: Mr. Rice reported briefly on Maui County airports as follows:

(1) Hana Airport

Final inspection of Hana Airport has been set for Wednesday, the 29th. An 18' wide access road has been constructed. He suggested that Hawaiian Dredging Company finish their work before the HAC completes the fencing.

Mr. Rice said also that a house for tools and implements for the caretaker, plus a shed for his car, will be needed and can be put up in short order -- using money left over from the original appropriations -- at a cost of about \$3,000.

(2) Homestead Field

In the process of being returned to the Territory. Necessary documents are being prepared by the Department of the Interior for the President's signature.

(3) Lanai Airport

The caretaker for Lanai Airport was sent over to Lanai on the 22nd, with a jeep and trailer. A small shed for equipment is needed and can be fabricated at Puunene and sent over.

(4) All Airports, Regular Inspections

Mr. Rice suggested that a regular date be set for monthly visits to all airports by Mr. Gillette.

(5) Sheds - Fire Jeeps

Sheds for the fire jeeps could be fabricated and moved to the fields where they are needed, if the size of the buildings is decided.

PUUNENE AIRPORT, RAZING OF STEEL HANGAR: Mr. Rice moved that \$15,000 be appropriated for the razing and stock-piling of the steel hangar at Puunene Airport, and that authorization be granted to employ 3 steel riggers for the job. Motion seconded by Dr. Silva and carried.

LIHUE RUNWAY EXTENSION: Mr. Edwards asked for a report on the status of the land transfer and surveys preliminary to extension of the Lihue runway. It was reported that the matter of the land transfer was in the hands of the Commissioner of Public Lands, and that the necessary field work has been completed and the Public Works Department is starting on the actual preparation of plans.

LIHUE - Car Parking Area; Accounts: Mr. Edwards reported that the contractor hopes to finish with the car parking area by the end of the month if the weather holds good, after which time the landscaping and planting will be underway. He reported also that all Accounts Receivable for Lihue tenants have been marked current.

CAR PARKING SHEDS, LIHUE: Mr. Edwards said that car parking sheds, similar to those constructed at Honolulu Airport for use of tenants, are needed at Lihue, as there is at present a demand for about 30 stalls. He moved that the Director be authorized to proceed with the construction of car parking sheds and that the Commission adopt the policy of doing this wherever the demand appears to warrant it. Motion seconded by Mr. Bright and carried.

Mr. Rice moved to amend Mr. Edwards' motion to include the provision that erection of the stalls not exceed the amount of \$5,000. Seconded by Mr. Honda and carried.

NOPAERO HOTEL, HONOLULU AIRPORT: With regard to NOPAERO Hotel's request for a reduction of rental retroactive to July 1, 1949, the Director was instructed to reply to their letter to the effect that under no condition can the HAC do such a thing. Mr. Bright moved that the Director also be instructed to demand payment of all back rent, otherwise to proceed with cancellation of their lease. Motion seconded by Mr. Rice and carried.

HAWAIIAN AIRLINES LEASE of hangar space, hangar lean-to space, shop buildings & locker building - Honolulu Airport: The Director was authorized to proceed with the negotiation of a 5-year lease with Hawaiian Airlines, on motion by Mr. Bright, seconded by Mr. Edwards and carried.

HONOLULU AIRPORT - GUARD DETAIL: Reporting on a plan to utilize the services of the Airport Firemen as guards, in addition to their fire-fighting duties, Mr. Gillette pointed out that 2 Honolulu Police would be retained at the airport and 3 returned to the HPD. In line with this reorganization, Mr. Gillette said that it would be necessary to purchase a vehicle for the Fire Chief in order to relieve his Jeep to be used on the Guard Detail patrol.

Mr. Rice moved to adopt this system; seconded by Dr. Silva and carried.

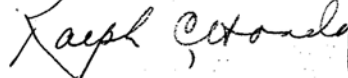
Mr. Bright moved to authorize the Director to negotiate for the purchase of a suitable vehicle; seconded by Mr. Edwards and carried.

HILO AIRPORT MASTER PLAN: Mr. Theodore Vierra presented his 3rd set of sketches of the Hilo Terminal area. After viewing and discussing the sketches, it was moved by Dr. Silva, seconded by Mr. Edwards and carried, to approve Plan #3, with the exception of the restrooms which shall be placed as in Plan #2, and the extra office wing which shall be eliminated.

DATE OF DECEMBER MEETING: The Commission agreed to hold the next regular meeting of the Commission on Monday, December 18, rather than the 25th as scheduled.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitte,



Ralph G. Honda, Secretary