

HAWAII AERONAUTICS COMMISSION  
 Regular Monthly Meeting  
 Thursday, December 28, 1950

The regular meeting of the Hawaii Aeronautics Commission was held in the Conference Room of the Commission, Overseas Terminal, Honolulu Airport, on Thursday, December 28, 1950 at 12:00 Noon.

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

Absent were: Mr. C. J. Pietsch, Jr., Vice-Chairman  
 Mr. D. W. Edwards, Member (Kauai), on mainland

Attending were:  
 Mr. C. M. Kee, Consult. Engr., HAC  
 Mr. C. E. Perin, Honolulu Airport Manager  
 Mr. Ford Studebaker, HAL  
 Mr. Stephen Cooke, TAH  
 Mr. Guy Murray, CAA  
 Mr. R. H. Simpson, Weather Bureau  
 Mr. Withington, Chamber of Commerce  
 Mr. T. Vierra, Architect for HAC  
 Mr. H. K. Graves, PAA  
 Mr. C. Brenham, Property Adm., HAC  
 Various airport tenants

MINUTES: The minutes of the regular meeting held November 27, 1950 were approved as circulated.

HATS HANGAR, PURCHASE OF LEASEHOLD RIGHTS: The Director reported that Hawaiian Air Transport Service had accepted the Commission's offer to purchase leasehold rights to their hangar for \$22,500.00, and requested that the Commission appropriate the necessary funds for this purpose and also that an additional \$10,500 be appropriated for repairs to the hangar.

Mr. Bright moved to appropriate \$22,500 for the purchase of the leasehold and a sum not to exceed \$10,500 for repairs to the hangar. Motion seconded by Mr. Honda and carried.

HAMOIA AIRFIELD: Mr. Rice moved that Hamoa Airfield, Maui, be turned back to the Commissioner of Public Lands. Motion seconded by Mr. Honda and carried.

SUPERINTENDENT OF MAINTENANCE, TERRITORIAL AIRPORTS: The Director recommended that the position of the present Superintendent of Maintenance, Honolulu Airport be re-classified to Superintendent of Maintenance for Territorial Airports, with jurisdiction and authority for the maintenance of all airports in the territorial airport system, but to be under the Superintendent of Territorial Airports in the organizational setup. The Director's recommendation was approved on motion by Mr. Bright, seconded by Mr. Anderson and carried.

D-8 BULLDOZER, REPAIR OF: Action on the matter of repairing the D-8 Bulldozer presently at Honolulu Airport, at an estimated cost of \$2,000.00, was deferred for further study.

HAWAIIAN AIRLINES LEASE of hangar space, hangar lean-to space, shop buildings and locker building - Honolulu Airport: On motion by Mr. Bright, seconded by Mr. Anderson and carried, the Director was authorized to write a 20-year lease covering hangar areas involved, subject to the same lease conditions offered to other aeronautical tenants on the airport, maintenance to be taken care of by the HAC.

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TRANSFER OF PARCEL 1, HONOLULU AIRPORT: The Director reported that the Air Force is willing to grant the Territory a 20-year lease on that portion of Parcel 1 desired, on the condition that when the time comes to widen their Hickam runway, the territory will widen its portion up to their boundary line. The Director requested the Commission's authorization to do so.

Mr. Burnett moved to approve this conditional commitment to the Air Force; 2nd by Mr. Rice and carried.

PIGGERY LEASE RATE: Action taken at the July 24, 1950 meeting establishing the rate of \$50.00 per acre per annum for the Puunene piggeries was rescinded, and the rate of \$4.00 per acre per month established on motion by Mr. Rice, seconded by Mr. Bright and carried.

KAMUELA AIRPORT STATUS: The Director reported that the work at Kamuela has been completed on the old Kamuela Airport and the field was re-opened for use on Friday, December 22nd.

Reporting on the contemplated construction of a new Kamuela Airport, the Director said that the Department of Public Works is working on the estimated cost of the airport; also, that the survey has been contemplated.

UPOLU POINT AIRPORT: It was reported that repair work at Upolu Airport was begun December 26th.

LIHUE AIRPORT: The Director reported that, in company with representatives of the DPW and the CAA, he inspected the results of the second phase construction project at the Lihue Terminal. Representatives of the two agencies mentioned reported the job to be very satisfactory, and it was officially accepted.

HAWAIIAN SCHOOL OF AERONAUTICS -- LEASE: Mrs. Marguerite Wood of Hawaiian School of Aeronautics requested that she be permitted to meet with the Director and legal department of the Commission in order to work out an equitable settlement of HSA's lease. The Chairman instructed the Director to do so and present to the Commission for approval at its next meeting the proposed lease.

TRAINING OF RESERVE PILOTS: Commenting on the pre-war CPT programs to train a reserve of pilots in a case of emergency, Mrs. Wood suggested that a small portion of the gas tax be set aside as scholarships to train a certain number of high school students completing their air education program which is presently being given in schools as a part of their curriculum. She said she would shortly present to Commissioners written material on this subject for their study, and asked for their consideration and cooperation in having the matter presented to the next Legislature.

In this regard, Mr. Honda moved that the Chairman be authorized to appoint a Legislative Committee, consisting of himself and two members of the Commission, and submit recommendations for amendments to Act 32 at the January meeting of the Commission -- these recommendations to be prepared for presentation at the next session of the Legislature. Seconded by Mr. Anderson and carried.

HILO AIRPORT - WEATHER BUREAU REQUIREMENTS: Mr. Robert Simpson, official in charge of the U. S. Weather Bureau (Central Pacific Area), outlined their desired technical requirements (other than office space in the terminal) at the Hilo Airport, and requested that a conference be held with his office on the matter. The Chairman asked the Director and Mr. Kee to meet with the Weather Bureau and CAA and work the matter out.

PARKING METERS, HONOLULU AIRPORT: The Director explained that the delay in purchase of parking meters for use at Honolulu Airport was due to the fact that the Attorney General's Office was holding up approval of the contract for the meters until provision is made in the specifications for their installation.

After discussion, the Director was instructed to discuss the matter with the Attorney General as soon as possible in order that delivery can be made by Von Hamm-Young while the meters are still available at the factory.

**FIRE JEEPS:** The Director reported that the Attorney General's Office would not approve the purchase of the seventh fire jeep, inasmuch as it was not included in the bid.

The Director was instructed to proceed with the approved purchase of the six fire jeeps.

**HILO AIRPORT:** Plans for the Hilo Terminal were discussed at length. It was agreed that the size of the building was not proportionate to the needs of the community and traveling public and that it should be cut down considerably -- the design to remain the same.

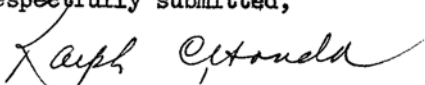
The Commission decided, on motion by Mr. Rice, seconded by Mr. Honda and carried, that in the future all matters pertaining to the Hilo Terminal be left entirely up to the Chairman and Director.

It was also moved by Mr. Rice, seconded by Mr. Honda and carried that a sum not to exceed \$400,000 be expended on the entire Hilo Airport.

**CONTRACT FOR CLARK M. KEE:** On motion by Mr. Bright, seconded by Mr. Anderson and carried, the Commission voted to write a new contract engaging Mr. Kee's services for a period of six (6) months, effective January 6, 1951, with the option for renewal up to the Commission; the existing rate of \$1250 per month to continue.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Ralph C. Honda, Secretary