

HAWAII AERONAUTICS COMMISSION
Minutes of Regular Meeting
Monday - May 28, 1951

The regular monthly meeting of the Hawaii Aeronautics Commission was held in the conference room of the Board of Water Supply, Kahului, Maui, on Monday, May 28th, from 11:15 a.m.

Present: Dr. F. K. Sylva, Chairman
Mr. C. J. Pietsch, Jr., Vice Chairman
Mr. R. C. Honda, Secretary
Mr. H. W. Rice, Member (Maui)
Mr. D. W. Edwards, Member (Kauai)
Mr. Roy R. Bright, Member
Mr. David Furtado, Member (Hawaii)

Absent: Mr. R. A. Anderson, Member
Mr. O. J. Burnett, Member

Attending:

Mr. Peyton Harrison
Deputy Atty. Gen. Sharpless
Mr. William Neilson, Supt. Maui Cty. Airpts.
Mr. Clarence Crozier, Maint. Supt., Maui Cty. Airpts.
Mr. J. V. Dolan, CAA
Mr. Guy A. Murray, CAA
Mr. Fleming, Maui Waterworks Board
Mr. H.A. Austin, Cons. Engr, Maui Waterworks Bd.
Senator Duarte
" Ansai
Representative Paschoal
" Lydgate
Mr. Jack Meek, T. H. Land Office

MINUTES: Amendment to the Minutes of meeting of May 7th was made: (Insert)
"Mr. Rice suggested that some steel now available at Puunene be sold. However, it was the feeling of the majority of the members of the Commission that no steel should be sold at this time." The Minutes were approved as amended.

The Minutes of the meeting held April 23d were approved as circulated.

LIHUE AIRPORT, 3D PHASE: The Director reported that a communication had been received from the CAA notifying the HAC that they will participate on a 50-50 basis on the 3d phase, Lihue Airport, which will bring about a saving of \$53,000 to the HAC. It was stated that left-over money from the Hana construction project made it possible to increase the CAA's share.

Third Phase Bid: It was also reported that bids for the 3d phase were advertised on May 27th, to be opened on June 21st.

T-HANGARS, LIHUE: Mr. Edwards reported that 3 T-Hangars, if constructed, can be immediately occupied and rented. After a short discussion, it was moved by Mr. Edwards to appropriate a sum of \$6,000 and the Commission take immediate steps to construct same. Motion seconded by Mr. Rice and carried unanimously.

DRAINAGE - HONOLULU AIRPORT: The Director reported that, as a result of the last storm, it was necessary to improve the drainage system within the airport. He also stated that Mr. Sinclair of the City and County and Mr. Kee looked into the matter and, as a result, he would recommend that the HAC take over the job of improving the drainage system. It was reported that Mr. Henry Peters could finish the job by December 1st of this year with his own crew. After much discussion it was moved by Mr. Bright and seconded by Mr. Pietsch to have the Director present at the next meeting of the HAC a Work Project Program for the next six months starting July 1st, with estimates, prepared by the engineering department, and the drainage to be included in this program.

IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS QUONSETS: The Director recommended a sum exceeding \$2500 (legal limit for direct purchases) for the rehabilitation of the Immigration and Customs quonsets, and therefore Mr. Bright moved to appropriate a sum not to exceed \$2500 for this purpose. Seconded by Mr. Rice, and carried unanimously.

It was also moved by Mr. Bright to appropriate a sum of \$950 for the purpose of renovating the ceilings. Seconded by Mr. Rice and carried unanimously.

On the question of painting, it was decided to have it included in the Work Project Program, to be submitted to the HAC at the next meeting.

PARKING METERS, AWARD OF CONTRACT: It was moved by Mr. Pietsch, seconded by Mr. Rice and unanimously passed to confirm verbal approval of majority of Commissioners to award parking meter bid to the Von Hamm-Young Company, low bidder in the amount of \$5,819.99.

UPOLO - Rehabilitation of Runways: The Director stressed the importance of rehabilitating the runways at Upolu, in view of the fact that the newly contemplated Kamuela Airport will not be ready for at least 2 years. He stated that Mr. Padgett was ready to start on the project on June 1st. No action was taken inasmuch as this is an approved project.

HILO TERMINAL: It was reported that plans for the new Hilo Terminal were ready but that the land on which the building will be located has not yet been acquired from the Army. It was the consensus of the Commission that every effort should be made to have this parcel of land returned to the Territory immediately so that the construction of the terminal may proceed on schedule. It was stated by the Chairman that the plans have been completed and that bids will be called for without delay.

KAMUELA AIRPORT: The Director reported that work was being continued by the Department of Public Works and was progressing nicely.

HIGH INTENSITY LIGHTING - HILO: Mr. Bright asked of the CAA representatives whether high intensity lights would lower the minimum ceiling requirements in Hilo and, if so, to what extent. Mr. Dolan replied that it cannot be determined definitely at this time but certainly the number of landings under bad weather conditions will be definitely increased.

HIGH INTENSITY LIGHTING - HONOLULU: After discussion of the matter and the undue delays in the electrical designing plans, the Director was directed by the Chairman to do everything necessary to speed up advertising for bids and purchasing of high intensity lights for the airport in view of the fact that it would take many months to be able to purchase them.

MAUI: Starting from the question of Hawaiian Airlines' and TPA's terminals, the discussion turned to the subject of the Kahului Airport. Mr. Pietsch strongly emphasized that if the HAC were planning to move operations from Puunene to Kahului it would be foolish to spend any more money at Puunene. After much discussion it was moved by Mr. Rice, seconded by Mr. Pietsch and carried unanimously, to move operations to Kahului as soon as possible and also that attempts to obtain and regain titles to airports be continued strenuously.

PURCHASE OF LAWNMOWER FOR LANAI: Mr. Rice requested the purchase of one Whirlwind Mower #80 for Lanai. The Chairman instructed that this item be included in the current equipment requisition list now being submitted to the HAC office.

FIRE ENGINE AT MOLOKAI: Mr. Rice stated that the Air Force has asked for the return of the fire engine loaned for use on Molokai when the airport was returned to the Territory. Mr. Neilson stated that this engine was never used because the cost of repair and maintenance would be too high. The Chairman directed that the matter be referred to the Director for disposition.

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ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT'S TRIP TO MAINLAND: It was moved by Mr. Bright, seconded by Mr. Pietsch and unanimously passed to send the Administrative Assistant to airports on the mainland to study latest airport accounting and financing systems for the purpose of establishing the latest approved method of accounting system for the HAC. The following airports were mentioned for this study: New York Port Authority, Washington, Boston, Los Angeles and San Francisco.

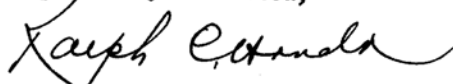
RECESS: The meeting was recessed at 12:35.

THE MEETING WAS RESUMED AT 2:00 p.m. and a public hearing on the question of the pipe lines at Puunene was held. (See summary of hearing in Commission files.)

It was moved by Mr. Pietsch, seconded by Mr. Furtado and passed unanimously that all areas outside of the boundary sketched on the map of Puunene Airport ("Exhibit 1") be declared surplus to the needs of the HAC and that, subject to the approval of the CAA, these land areas be transferred to the Public Lands Department of the Territory.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Ralph S. Honda, Secretary