HAWAII AERONAUTICS COMMISSION
Minutes of Regular Meeting
Saturday, February 16, 1952

The regular monthly meeting of the Hawaii Aeronautics Commission was held in the Kauai County Board Room on Saturday, February 16, 1952 at 1:00 p.m.

Present were: Dr. Francis K. Sylva, Chairman
Mr. G. J. Pletsch, Vice Chairman
Mr. R. C. Hanaa, Secretary
Mr. Roy B. Bright, Member
Mr. H. W. Rice, Member (Maui)
Mr. D. W. Edwards, Member (Kauai)
Mr. David Furtado, Member (Hawaii)

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

Attending: Mr. Peyton Harrison, Director, HAC
Mr. Clark M. Kee, Asst. Dir., HAC
Mr. C. E. Perlin, Mgr., Kauai City Arpts
Mr. Ford Studebaker, Hawaiian Airlines
Mr. W. R. Faris, Hawaiian Airlines
Mr. Jack Sheehan, Chamber of Commerce
Mr. E. S. Kaukani, Chamber of Commerce
Mr. C. J. Farm, Jr., Garden Island Pub. Co.
Mrs. Thelma Hadley, Sp. Corresp., Star-Bulletin
Mr. Harold Ching, Editor, Kauai News

MINUTES: The Minutes of the regular meeting held January 26, 1952 were approved as circulated.

RE-SURFACING AND DRAINAGE, Hilo, Molokai, and Kahului Airports: Mr. Kee reported briefly on the above airports, which were all built about the same time, stating that they were in poor condition and that re-surfacing and improved drainage of runways were necessary in the very near future. He estimated the cost for drainage and seal coating Molokai runways at $95,000; $80,000 for seal coating and $15,000 for improvement of drainage. Mr. Kee recommended that the Public Works Department be requested to undertake a survey for re-surfacing and drainage of runways.

Mr. Bright moved to proceed with survey for re-surfacing and drainage of runways at Hilo, Molokai and Kahului airports. Motion seconded by Mr. Furtado and carried.

WEST-SIDE PLANE SERVICE, KAUAI: Upon request of Mr. Edwards, Mr. Jack Sheehan, President of the Kauai Chamber of Commerce, was heard in connection with possible re-opening of a west-side airport and establishment of regular freight and passenger service. Mr. Sheehan explained the desire of west-siders that such service be re-established, having at least two flights per week by each airline into Bank's Sands and a regular schedule which will permit Cockett Airlines to operate a schedule to Burns Field, Hanapepe.

Mr. Rice pointed out that in establishing Lihue Airport, it was decided that Lihue was the central location, and that was one reason why money was appropriated for the Lihue Airport.

Dr. Sylva suggested that the Chamber of Commerce work out a report and submit it to the Commission through the Kauai Commissioner.

Mr. Sheehan thanked the Commissioners for the opportunity to be heard and indicated that a full report would be prepared by a special committee of the Chamber of Commerce.

500,000 GALLON K-3 RESERVOIR, MAUI: Mr. Rice read a letter from Mr. G. T. Cooper, Manager and Chief Engineer, Maui County Waterworks Board, requesting permission to use the 500,000 gallon Camp K-3 Reservoir at Paunena. Mr. Rice pointed out the inability of the Waterworks Board to use this tank until such time as they also acquire the pipelines leading to it. It was his recommendation that action on this matter be deferred until the Hawaii Aeronautics Commission goes to Maui, at which time the whole matter can again be discussed.
IMPROVEMENTS TO TERMINAL OCCUPIED BY HAWAIIAN AIRLINES, HONOLULU AIRPORT:
Mr. Ford Studebaker pointed out that the Hawaiian Airlines terminal is in need of improvements and requested that an allocation be set up for this project.

Mr. Pietroch moved that $7500 be allocated for the improvement of the Hawaiian Airlines Terminal. Motion seconded by Mr. Furtado.

After some discussion, the motion was amended to increase the amount to $9,000. Motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Rice added that this should be with the agreement that the Director is allowed to get as much help from Hawaiian Airlines as possible.

COFFEE SHOP, NORTH SIDE OF HONOLULU AIRPORT: The Director brought to the attention of the Commission Mr. Spencer Weaver's request for building improvements estimated at $12,000. During discussion of this request, it was brought up by Mr. Rice that service rendered by this concessionaire was very poor and that the food failed to meet required standards. After some general discussion, it was agreed that the concessionaire should be informed of the unsatisfactory condition of his operation and an attempt be made by the Director to have it improved.

Mr. Ford Studebaker requested an opportunity to be heard in connection with this matter. He stated that, based on his own experience, neither the service nor the food was as bad as one might gather from listening to the Commission's discussion. He felt that such deficiency arose, in large part, from the inadequacy of the facilities rather than from the inability of the concessionaire to operate the eating establishment properly.

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS: Mr. Honda reported that the Finance Committee recommended that:

1. A minimum rate of $13.00 per plane per month be established for storage of small aircraft in the former HATS hangar at Honolulu Airport. On motion of Mr. Furtado, seconded by Mr. Rice, this rate was unanimously agreed to.

2. A sum of $30,000 be appropriated to cover the cost of plans for the new Honolulu Terminal, in accordance with the terms of the contract entered into by Mr. Theodore Vierra and the Department of Public Works. On motion of Mr. Bright, seconded by Mr. Edwards, and the unanimous approval of the Members, this amount was appropriated.

3. Mr. Honda reported that at this time it is impossible to state how many representatives to the A.O.C. Convention will avail themselves of the invitation extended by the Hawaii Aeronautics Commission, the Hawaii Visitors Bureau and the Territory, to visit Hawaii upon the conclusion of the conference in Los Angeles, because the Board of Directors of the A.O.C. has not yet acted on the invitation.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Ralph C. Honda, Secretary