

HAWAII AERONAUTICS COMMISSION
 Minutes of Regular Meeting
 Thursday, March 13, 1952

The regular monthly meeting of the Hawaii Aeronautics Commission was held in the Conference Room of the Commission, Honolulu International Airport, on Thursday, March 13, 1952 from 12:00 Noon.

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. R. R. Bright, Member
 Mr. O. J. Burnett, Member
 Mr. H. W. Rice, Member (Maui)
 Mr. David Furtado, Member (Hawaii)

Absent was: Mr. Dorsey W. Edwards, Member (Kauai)

Attending: Mr. Peyton Harrison, Director, HAC
 Mr. R. M. Lee, Admin. Asst., HAC
 Mr. Cy Gillette, Supt. A & O, HAC
 Mr. C. M. Kee, Asst. Director, HAC
 Mr. Ford Studebaker, HAL
 Mr. H. K. Graves, PAA
 Mr. McGuire, UAL
 Mr. Taylor, Northwest Airlines
 Mr. Alt, Philippine Airlines
 Mr. McGraw, TPA
 Mr. Andrew, TPA
 Mr. Johnson, Star-Bulletin
 Mr. Twigg-Smith, Advertiser

MINUTES: The Minutes of the regular meeting of the Commission held February 16, 1952 were approved as circulated.

TPA DELINQUENCY: The Director stated that TPA had promised that a payment on their account would be forthcoming on the 26th of February, but to date no payment had been received on either their January or February billings, bringing their entire delinquency to a total of \$54,000. The Director read a letter from Mr. Ruddy Tongg, addressed to the Chairman, in which TPA's inability to pay was explained -- the primary reason being the necessity of meeting their increased payroll and Federal taxes.

In the discussion which followed, Mr. Lee suggested a way to solve the problem. He said that perhaps TPA can give the HAC token payments and at the same time the HAC could remove them from current status and secure a chattel mortgage, subject to the lien by the Federal government.

After further discussion, Mr. Anderson made a motion in favor of adopting Mr. Lee's suggestion; seconded by Mr. Rice and carried unanimously.

TPA MAINTENANCE HANGAR: The Director presented a request from Trans-Pacific Airlines to have the HAC close the Waikiki end of their maintenance hangar at Honolulu Airport. Action was deferred for the present, pending TPA'S getting their delinquent account in better shape.

RESIGNATION; MR. CY GILLETTE: The Director presented a letter from Mr. Gillette, resigning from his position as Superintendent of Airports and Operations with collateral duties of Manager of Honolulu Airport, effective April 18th.

Mr. Gillette's resignation was accepted with regret. Dr. Sylva stated that the Commission is sorry to see Mr. Gillette leave, and that he would be difficult to replace.

The Director said that it was his intention to transfer Mr. Martin from Hilo to Honolulu to fill Mr. Gillette's position.

RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING SALARY CHARGES FROM AIRPORT FUND (FUEL TAX) TO THE AIRPORT REVENUE FUND: Mr. Lee explained that the Auditor of the Territory had requested that a Resolution be adopted by the Commission transferring salary charges from the Airport Fund to the Airport Revenue fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1951, in order that the Airport Fund

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(Fuel Tax) be used primarily for construction purposes and because the present accumulation of funds in the Airport Revenue Fund is in excess of current maintenance, administration and operational requirements.

The following Resolution was approved on motion of Mr. Rice, seconded by Mr. Pietsch and carried unanimously.

R E S O L U T I O N

Resolution re transfer of Maintenance, Administration and Operational salary charges from Airport Fund (Fuel Tax) to the Airport Revenue Fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1951.

WHEREAS, Act 32, 1947 Session Laws of Hawaii, as amended, provides for, amongst other types expenditures, the expenditure by the Commission for Maintenance, Administration and Operational salaries out of either the Airport Fund (Fuel Tax) or the Airport Revenue Fund; and

WHEREAS, the sum of Three Hundred Seventy Nine Thousand Four Hundred Seventy Six and 81/100 Dollars (\$379,476.81) was expended by the Commission out of the Airport Fund (Fuel Tax) for Maintenance, Administration and Operational salaries for the period from July 1, 1950 to June 30, 1951; and

WHEREAS, The Commission in reviewing its financial requirements finds that the foregoing expenditures should have been charged against the Airport Revenue Fund, in order that the Airport Fund (Fuel Tax) be used primarily for construction purposes; and

WHEREAS, the present accumulation of funds in the Airport Revenue Fund is in excess of current Maintenance, Administration and Operational requirements.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the action taken by the Director of Aeronautics under date of February 11, 1952 transferring the foregoing salary charges from the Airport Fund (Fuel Tax) to the Airport Revenue Fund is hereby concurred in.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor, Territory of Hawaii, be so notified.

ALLOCATION FOR HONOLULU TERMINAL CONSTRUCTION: Dr. Sylva pointed out that although \$30,000 has been allowed for the architect's fee, no money has been allotted for this project to date.

Mr. Lee stated that \$442,570 out of the Public Improvement Bond Act of S.S.L. 1949 could be set aside, and also \$200,000 out of the Airport Fund (Fuel Tax). He said that Mr. Vierra had estimated a cost of \$600,000 for the first segment of the terminal.

Mr. Anderson moved to allocate \$200,000 out of the Airport Fund (Fuel Tax), this to be used as part of the cash requirements for the territorial share. Motion seconded by Mr. Honda and carried.

PURCHASE OF ANDREW FLYING SERVICE HANGAR: It was pointed out that the Commission's estimated purchase price of the Andrew Flying Service hangar had been considerably lower than Mr. Andrew's figure, but that following a meeting with him, Mr. Andrew had lowered his price considerably. It was recommended that the HAC purchase the hangar for \$22,113. Motion by Mr. Bright, seconded by Mr. Anderson and carried.

DEVELOPMENT OF PERMANENT MAINTENANCE AREA, HILO AIRPORT: Mr. Bright moved to appropriate \$13,000 for the development of a permanent maintenance area at Hilo Airport. Motion seconded by Mr. Furtado and carried.

HIGH INTENSITY LIGHTS, HILO AIRPORT: The Director reported that CAA has already set up money for the high intensity lighting project (\$165,000, or 75% of cost) and recommended that the Commission set up \$60,000 to match CAA funds.

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The Chairman pointed out that there seemed to be some discrepancy in the CAA's present figure, as compared to a previous one. Mr. Murray of CAA explained that the original allocation had been based on an earlier estimate. He continued that \$319,000 has now been allocated to Hilo Airport, which they feel is adequate for both terminal and lights.

Mr. Furtado moved to set up \$60,000 for high intensity lighting at Hilo; seconded by Mr. Anderson and carried.

KAMUELA FREIGHT AND PASSENGER TERMINALS: It was reported that Architect Vierra had estimated \$55,000 for construction of the passenger and freight terminals at Kamuela Airport. Mr. Furtado moved to appropriate a sum of \$55,000 for this purpose. Motion seconded by Mr. Pietsch and carried.

OFFICE EQUIPMENT FOR HILO AIRPORT OFFICE: Mr. Furtado reported that a long-carriage typewriter and a calculator were needed in the Hilo HAC office -- items which are capital expenditures and are, therefore, not included in the operating budget.

The Chairman requested that this be deferred until it is determined what items are needed at all airports.

PICKUP FOR UPOLU AIRPORT: Mr. Furtado stated that a pickup is needed at Upolu Airport, rather than the station wagon presently in use. This matter was deferred pending determination of equipment needed at all airports.

USE OF RESERVOIR AT PUUNENE BY MAUI WATERWORKS BOARD: It was reported that the Maui County Waterworks Board has asked for the use of the HAC's 500,000 gallon reservoir and water lines, and in return for using the reservoir and lines they will supply water service to the airport area, metering each individual user. It was pointed out that such an arrangement would save the commission between \$700 and \$800 per month.

Mr. Bright moved to approve the request. Motion seconded by Mr. Rice and carried.

FURNITURE FOR KAHULUI TERMINAL: The Director said action should be started at once on the purchase of furniture for the Kahului Terminal lobby. He reported that the cost of furniture for Lihue had been looked into, and Mr. Neilson estimates that Kahului will need double the amount of furniture purchased for Lihue. The Director recommended that a sum of \$5,500 be set up for this purpose.

Mr. Rice added that Hawaiian Airlines had offered to sell the HAC 17 metal benches for \$775 to furnish the lanai of the Terminal.

Mr. Rice moved to appropriate \$5,500 for furniture for the interior of the terminal. Motion seconded by Mr. Furtado and carried.

Mr. Rice moved to purchase the metal benches from Hawaiian Airlines for a sum of \$775. Motion seconded by Mr. Pietsch and carried.

PAVING OF RAMP - KAHULUI: Mr. Rice moved to appropriate \$3,500 to complete paving of the ramp into the No. 3 Hangar at Kahului. Motion seconded by Mr. Bright and carried.

KAHULUI RESTAURANT: Mr. Rice reaffirmed a previous statement to the effect that it is his contention that the HAC should equip the Kahului Airport Restaurant, a practice which seems to be prevalent throughout the mainland. In the course of discussion it was suggested that the concessionaire be granted a lease subject to the same revocable clause contained in the Territory's lease.

Mr. Anderson moved that the concessionaire be granted a 5 year lease under proper terms and revocable under the national emergency clause, and that the operator equip the restaurant himself; also that proposals be called for (advertised). Motion seconded by Mr. Rice and carried unanimously.

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KAHULUI AIRPORT, FREIGHT BUILDING: Mr. Rice suggested that the Director be authorized to proceed with estimates for reconstructing the Kahului freight building and installing reefers therein, in order to have a workable warehouse at Kahului. Mr. Kee estimated the cost of work at approximately \$6,000 for moving a wall, breaking pavement, and for toilet facilities, and \$10,541 for reefers -- for a total of \$16,541. He pointed out that this estimate was based on the HAC's own force accomplishing the work; but should it have to be put out to bid, engineering and contingencies would have to be added, bringing the total to \$19,018. Mr. Rice stated he would like to contract for the whole job.

In the discussion of storage requirements, continued use of reefers now at Puunene was mentioned. However, Mr. Stuebaker of Hawaiian Airlines stated that reefers of greater capacity than those presently used at Puunene would be needed for use by TPA, Trans-Air Hawaii and Hawaiian Airlines. He pointed out that inter-island freight lines have in the past provided free refrigeration facilities to shippers. When asked if it was standard procedure for airport operators to provide cold storage reefers for the airlines, Mr. Stuebaker replied that it was, but not necessarily free of charge. He said further that the reefers they would like at Kahului would almost have to be built into the building because of their size, and therefore would probably have to belong to the HAC. He added that HAL would be willing to pay for reefer space. He suggested that the Director confer with the airlines on the matter. Mr. Stuebaker stressed the point that his company did not desire to separate freight operations from passenger operations at Kahului.

On the matter of general reconditioning of the freight building, it was pointed out that this work would have to be started immediately in order that there be no delay in opening of the airport. Mr. Rice moved to allocate \$10,000 to proceed with the balance of alterations to the freight building -- excluding refrigeration. Motion 2nd by Mr. Anderson and carried.

PASSENGER PROTECTION FENCE, KAHULUI AIRPORT: Mr. Rice moved to allocate \$3500 for erection of a passenger protection fence at Kahului Airport. Motion seconded by Mr. Bright and carried.

LANAI AIRPORT: Mr. Rice expressed the opinion that the Commission should purchase a sufficient portion of land owned by the pineapple company, as well as that land on which the HAL terminal is situated, in order to insure having both passenger and freight terminals at Lanai Airport. He continued that both parcels of land should be purchased at the same time and that this should be included in the survey of Lanai. He requested that the Director be instructed to have the DPW do this.

It was pointed out that the Lanai Project, including acquisition of land and terminal, would cost between three and \$400,000.

In the following discussion, future extension of runways, to accommodate Convair 340s, was brought up. The Chairman stated that Mr. Stuebaker of HAL should go on the assumption that the Lanai runway would be widened and lengthened only if the Commission has the necessary funds to do so. He pointed out that the HAC does not have as much money as has been publicized.

Mr. Stuebaker commented that this was the first time he had heard any direct statement that the Commission might not extend runways.

At the Director's question as to which airport should take priority in being extended -- Kona or Lanai -- Mr. Stuebaker replied that he would like to reserve his opinion; Hawaiian Airlines would have to study the matter.

Mr. Rice stated that anything that can be done for the safety of passengers should be done.

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MOLOKAI -- SPOT PATCHING: Mr. Rice reported that an estimate of \$80,000 had been given the Commission by its engineer for resurfacing Molokai, but that he, Mr. Montgomery and Mr. Burdick had looked over the airport and had determined that spot patching was all that was necessary, and that this would be good for 4 or 5 years. He therefore moved that an amount not to exceed \$4,000 be set up for this purpose. Motion seconded by Mr. Burnett and carried.

HONOLULU AIRPORT, MEDIUM INTENSITY LIGHTS: The Director requested approval to set up an appropriation of \$150,000 for medium intensity lights on Runway 4-L and necessary taxiways at Honolulu Airport, to match CAA's allotment of \$183,000.

Dr. Sylva commented that there seemed to be a discrepancy in CAA's figure, as compared with their figure previously estimated. It was reported that Mr. Kee and Mr. Murray had revamped the previous estimate.

Mr. Anderson moved to approve \$150,000 for the purpose as outlined by the Director. Motion seconded by Mr. Pietsch and carried.

RATES AT PARKING STALLS AND AREA ADJACENT TO CROSSLEY'S: The Director recommended that no change be made in rate for covered parking stalls because these stalls have been paid for fully already. For Crossley's he recommended that they be charged at the rate charged supporting area such as the area around the apartments and hotels on the north side of the airport; this rate is 5¢ per square foot per year for paved area. The Director continued that it is felt this is part of the area used by them for doing business, and should be handled the same as area around Hawaiian Airlines, Hawaiian School of Aeronautics and TPA.

The Director was informed that this was an administrative problem, and to be handled as such.

HONOLULU AIRPORT MASTER PLAN: The Chairman said that some members of the Commission had not seen the latest master plan for Honolulu Airport and requested that copies be circulated.

LEI VENDORS' STANDS, HONOLULU AIRPORT: The Commission confirmed the award of contract for lei vendors stands to Kaneko Contracting Company, for \$19,173.00, on motion by Mr. Pietsch, seconded by Mr. Honda and carried.

STREET LIGHTING, HONOLULU AIRPORT: The Director reported that there is no street lighting on any of the streets ewa of the HAL hangars, Honolulu Airport, although there are now about 700 people living in this area. He continued that Mr. Peters has worked out a plan to install 18 flood lights on various buildings which, it had been determined, would be the most inexpensive way to handle the problem. He requested that \$1350 be appropriated for this purpose, and added that the Airport Businessmen's Association has agreed to pay the electricity bills.

Mr. Pietsch moved to appropriate \$1350 for this purpose; seconded by Mr. Anderson and carried.

EXPANSION OF OVERSEAS TERMINAL, HONOLULU AIRPORT: It was reported that plans for expansion of the ramp section of the terminal were being worked on by the DPW; also that the DPW has been requested to see if something agreeable can be drawn up with regard to expansion of the Waikiki end of the terminal.

HAWAIIAN AIRLINES TERMINAL: The Director reported that Mr. Peters would be ready to start work on the Hawaiian Airlines Terminal the first part of next week.

ACCOUNT OF IRISH CAB COMPANY: Mr. David H. Marshall, Attorney for Irish's Cab Company was heard on the matter of revocation of Irish's Cab Company's permission to solicit business on the airport. He read a notice to this effect from the HAC to Irish's Cab Company. Mr. Marshall requested that they be given permission to operate for one week from the present day on condition that rental for February and March will

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be paid by 4:00 p.m. in the afternoon of the 20th of March.

The Director explained that Irish Cabs had not lived up to their agreement with the Commission; also that he would like Mr. Marshall's request in writing. It was explained further by Mr. Gillette that an agreement had been signed by Mr. Irish's partner, Mr. Lee, in June of last year to the effect that if Irish should default on payment of their account, permission to solicit business on the airport could be revoked immediately by the HAC. He pointed out that Irish Cab Company was in arrears some \$1900.

Mr. Lee (HAC) reported that his office had called Irish's Cab Company last week and requested of them to have either Mr. Lee or Mr. Irish call the HAC office about the delinquency of their account; however, to date, his call had not been acknowledged.

Mr. Marshall said that he had no idea that this matter was as serious as it was, or that the Commission intended evicting Irish Cabs. He said that he had written the Commission asking he be given a hearing before the HAC on this matter. However, Mr. Gillette reported that the intent of the letter was regarding revision of rental charges on stalls.

The Commission agreed that Mr. Marshall's request was a matter for the administrative staff to handle and the Chairman informed Mr. Marshall that the Director would treat Irish Cabs fairly.

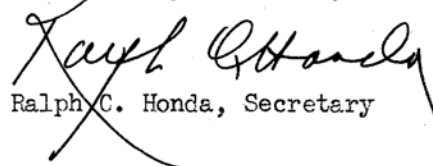
The Director again requested that Mr. Marshall put his proposition in writing.

PERSONNEL, KONA AIRPORT: Mr. Furtado stated that work at Kona Airport is increasing and an additional laborer is now needed.

Mr. Furtado's request for an additional laborer was deferred pending revamping of the organizational chart, with the idea that additional employees needed would be included thereon.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,


Ralph C. Honda, Secretary