

HAWAII AERONAUTICS COMMISSION

Minutes of Special Meeting

Monday - October 20, 1947

A special meeting of the Hawaii Aeronautics Commission was held in the Director's Room of C. Brewer and Company on Monday, October 20, 1947, from 3 p.m.

Present were: Mr. O. J. Burnett, Vice-Chairman  
Mr. Ralph C. Honda, Secretary  
Mr. Chester Clarke, Commissioner  
Mr. Chauncey Wightman, Commissioner  
Mr. Edward Bolles, Commissioner  
Mr. Roy R. Bright, Commissioner  
Mr. Bernard Levinson, Legal Adviser  
Mr. Glenn T. Belcher, Acting Director  
Col. Neil B. Harding, 7th Air Force  
Capt. Hulme, USN  
Mr. Thomas Flaherty, CAA  
Mr. Emil M. Williams, CAA  
Mr. James Glover, Rep. 4th District

Absent were: Mr. R. A. Anderson, Commissioner  
Mr. Richard Cooke, Jr., Commissioner

The minutes of the October 6 meeting were approved as amended.

**KAHULUI LEASE:** The Secretary read five radiograms from Mr. R. L. Campbell, which in substance stated: (1) that the Justice Department had agreed that the transfer of title of Honolulu Airport to the Territory was amply justified; (2) that the necessary documents were being prepared by the Interior Department and CAA for the President's signature; and (3) that CAA had approved the leasing of Kahului airport from the Navy by the Territory.

**BELLOWS FIELD:** The Acting Director reported that in view of the hugeness of Bellows Field and the high cost of maintenance, he questioned the wisdom of taking over this field under the proposed terms, and recommended that a committee be appointed to meet with the Seventh Air Force to discuss better terms of agreement.

On motion by Mr. Wightman, seconded by Mr. Clarke, and and unanimously passed, Messers Bolles and Bright were appointed to serve on this committee with the Director. The Acting Director was asked to make arrangements with the Seventh Air Force for a meeting.

**RULES AND REGULATIONS:** The Acting Director recommended that a Committee be appointed to study the various comments that were received from interested groups and make recommendations for changes in the proposed rules and regulations, if necessary, prior to the public hearing.

On motion made by Mr. Honda, seconded and unanimously passed a committee, consisting of Messers Wightman, Clarke, Levinson and Belcher, was appointed.

**LEASES:** Mr. Bolles asked whether or not the rates of rental for the terminal building had been set by the Commission. It was reported that \$1.00 per sq. ft. per annum had been set for the restaurant and cocktail concessions, but no definite rate had been set for others. Action on rates was deferred until return of Mr. Campbell.

KAMUELA AIRPORT: Mr. Levinson submitted to the Commission a proposed form of lease and suggested that the Commission instruct the Acting Director to submit the copies of lease to Mr. Anthony for execution on behalf of the Smart Estate. On motion made, seconded, and passed, this action was taken by the Commission.

HILO AIRPORT: It was reported that Mr. Montgomery of Public Works was negotiating with the Army, and that the USED had approved the removal of the barrow mound at the end of the North-South runway. The removal of the gate house at the entrance of Hilo Airport should wait until the transfer of the airport to the Territory, it was decided.

REPORT OF INSPECTION TRIP TO PORT ALLEN: The Acting Director reported that the runway at Port Allen was in bad need of repair and was extremely hazardous. He also stated that the Department of Public Works was giving attention to the matter and studying cost. He further reported that a territorial appropriation of \$34,000 was available, but that \$45,000 was the figure estimated necessary for the paving of the runway.

Mr. Flaherty reported that Federal money could be made available by CAA within thirty days after receipt of Territory's application, and that there was at present an appropriation of approximately \$17,000 tentatively set up for Port Allen Airport. He further stated that the application will have to be approved before actual work is begun, but that bids may be called before approval is issued.

The Acting Director was instructed to file an application with CAA as soon as possible.

FREE PARKING IN IRWIN PARK: A letter from the Board of Harbor Commission refusing free parking privilege for the Aeronautics Commissioners at Irwin Park was read by the Secretary, and placed on file.

AIRPORT WATER SYSTEM: A letter from the Board of Water Supply, with regard to taking over of the water system at the airport by them, was read to the Commission. Mr. Ohrt asked the HAC to guarantee the Board of Water Supply the tenants' payments of their water bills. Objections were raised on this point by the Commission, as this was not the case with electrical and telephone bills.

The Acting Director was instructed to confer with Mr. Ohrt on the matter.

SOUTH CAPE AIRPORT: Mr. James Glover reported that he had made a survey of the South Cape Airport, and found the buildings to be of no value except the corrugated roofing. He said, however, that he was in favor of keeping the airport open as he wished to ship out slaughtered cattle. He informed the Commission that he would agree to maintain the airport at his own expense and to keep it open at all times as an emergency landing strip.

Upon Mr. Wightman's suggestion, the Commission decided that the Director should make a trip to South Cape with Messrs. Bolles, Bright, Glover, and Flaherty, to inspect the field and reported dismantling of equipment there, and make recommendations to the Commission.

PROGRESS REPORT: The Secretary suggested that quarterly reports be submitted to the Governor, but the Commission decided on an annual report.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS REPRESENTATIVE:** A letter from Mr. Ray Coll, Jr., requesting consideration of his appointment as public relations representative, was read by the Secretary. The matter was tabled for future consideration.

**BUTLER HANGAR:** The Acting Director reported that Aero Service objected to the price of 50¢ per sq. ft. per year for this hangar. Discussion followed. Mr. Clarke moved that Mr. Bolles look into the matter and make a recommendation to the Commission at the next meeting. Motion seconded and carried.

**REAL TAX:** A question arose with regard to real estate taxes to be assessed against the tenants. Mr. Bolles stated that previous to the war, operators on the field had not paid taxes. Mr. Levinson suggested that the Acting Director confer with Mr. Belt, Mr. Rush, and Mr. Borthwick, with regard to this matter.

**PETITION FOR FOUNTAIN CONCESSION AT HILO AIRPORT:** A petition for a concession at Hilo Airport, submitted by Mr. William Afong Kuamoo, was read by the Secretary. Mr. Belcher said that the sketch presented by Mr. Kuamoo indicated an encroachment upon the Hawaiian Airlines building and that a letter had been written to Mr. Kuamoo to this effect.

Discussion followed. Mr. Levinson read a portion of the Hilo Airport lease to the Federal government, dated August 24, 1943, enumerating restrictions of this lease. In view of these restrictions, prohibiting the Commission from leasing or renting out any portion of the Airport, it was decided to place Mr. Kuamoo's application on file for future consideration. The Director was then instructed to inform Mr. Kuamoo of this action.

**BLIND VENDORS STANDS AT HILO AND HONOLULU AIRPORTS:** Upon inquiry from Mr. Clarke, the Director reported that a letter had been written to Miss Hamman of the Bureau of Sight Conservation, advising of the Commission's action and asking her to send a representative to confer with the Director on the matter.

**WOOLLEY:** Mr. Bolles reported that some of the operators were using land not only out in front of their own, but also on parts nearest the road where aircraft should not be parked. It was reported that this aircraft belonged to Mr. Woolley. It was decided to instruct Mr. Woolley to move them.

Mr. Levinson then explained Mr. Woolley's credit status to date, and the fact that he is in arrears for a year and a half.

The Commission directed Mr. Levinson to confer with Mr. Woolley's attorney to attempt some settlement, and instructed the Director to notify the operators that they should confine themselves to their portion of the property.

**OPENING OF KAMUELA AIRFIELD:** Mr. Honda reported that to date the Commission had not gone on record as favoring the opening of Kamuela. Mr. Clarke moved that the Commission go on record favoring the opening of the Airport and to execute a lease. Motion seconded by Mr. Honda, and unanimously passed.

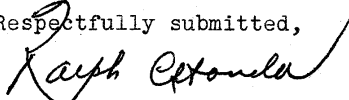
**REQUEST FOR RENTAL OF BUILDING FOR MANUFACTURING OF HAWAIIAN COCONUT CHIPS:** A letter from Barbara Thompson, dba Hawaiian Coconut Chips, requesting rental of coconut huts on Honolulu Airport, was read to the Commission.

Mr. Levinson expressed that the volume of business with the Airlines did not justify granting of permission. This request was therefore denied.

REMOVAL OF BUILDINGS ON HONOLULU AIRPORT: The Director recommended the removal of the delapidated buildings from the Airport. Mr. Clarke moved that the Director be instructed to sell them, if possible; otherwise to use his discretion in their removal, turning income, if any, over to the treasury. Motion was seconded by Mr. Bright, and unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 5:15.

Respectfully submitted,



Ralph C. Honda, Secretary