HAWAII AERONAUTICS COMMISSION Minutes of Special Meeting Friday - October 15, 1948

A Special Meeting of the Hawaii Aeronautics Commission was called at 3:30 p.m., October 15, 1948, at Alexander and Baldwin's Board Room.

Present were:

Chauncey B. Wightman, Chairman
Roy R. Bright, Vice Chairman
Ralph C. Honda, Secretary
O. J. Burnett, Commissioner
R. A. Anderson, Commissioner
T. E. Flaherty, CAA
Guy Murray, CAA
Floyd Welch, War Assets Administration
Francis H. Kanahele, Land Office
John R. Canright, Deputy Attorney
General
Glenn T. Belcher, Director
C. E. Perin, Airport Superintendent

Absent were: Edward A. Bolles, Commissioner Chester Clarke, Commissioner

MAUI AIRPORT, PUUNENE: The Chairman called the meeting to order and asked the Director to discuss the subject: Puunene Airport. The Director pointed out that War Assets Administration was in the process of returning to the Territory certain parcels of lands which were taken over for use by the Navy during the War.

Mr. Welch, War Assets Representative, was called upon to discuss the various conditions under which the Commission would be required to comply in the acceptance of the land in question.

Motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, seended by Mr. Burnett, and carried that the Commissioner accept from War Assets Administration the return of the property known as the original Maui Airport, consisting of 515.639 acres of land, and also the 21.92-acre parcel acquired by the Territory for use in connection with the airport, said parcel being identified as Parcel B and shown so designated on Navy Map MA-N1-177, as revised by Hawaii Aeronautics Commission on October 12, 1948, and, in addition, acquire under Public Law 289 of the Surplus Property Act of 1944, as amended, another parcel, comprising 50.17 acres, of Navy owned land adjacent to the airport and shown designated as Parcel A on said map together with certain improvements; and that the Director be authorized to execute in the name of the Hawaii Aeronautics Commission such documents as may be necessary to accomplish this transaction.

The Director pointed out that the expiration date for acceptance of application for this property was October 19 and because of insufficient time to prepare the final document for acceptance by War Assets by the 19th of October, it was decided to submit a letter of intent to War Assets before the required closing date for acceptance of applications.

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A motion was made by Mr. Bright, seconded by Mr. Honda and carried that the Director submit such a letter not later than the 19th of October.

HONOLULU AIRPORT LEASES: Mr. Canright pointed out that in his opinion it would be inadvisable for the Commission to enter into long-term leases at Honolulu Airport at this time. It was generally agreed by the Commissioners that where tenants had made no large investments, thereby not requiring a long time for amortization, the lease could be of short duration. However, it was felt that where tenants had made sizable investments, such as the cases of several of the schools on the north side of the field, sufficient time should be provided in the lease for amortization.

It was pointed out by the Director that according to the proposed master plan, certain structures on the north side of the field would have to be removed from their present location, possibly within the next five or ten years.

It was therefore decided that in some cases, the new leases should be prepared for a period of twenty years with the condition that they may be terminated by the Territory when it felt it was justified and that the improvements be purchased by the Territory.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.

Ralph C. Honda. Secretary