

HAWAII AERONAUTICS COMMISSION
Minutes of Special Meeting
Monday - January 17, 1949

A special meeting of the Hawaii Aeronautics Commission was held in the Board Room of Alexander and Baldwin on Monday, January 17, 1949, at 3:30 p.m.

Present were: C. B. Wightman
R. C. Honda
E. A. Bolles
R. A. Anderson
R. R. Bright

Absent were: O. J. Burnett
C. Clarke

Attending were: G. T. Belcher, Director
Wm. Neilson, Supt. Maui Cty Airps.

MINUTES: The minutes of the regular meeting held January 3, 1949, were approved as circulated.

LEGISLATION, AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT: A budgetary report entitled "Actual Revenue and Expenditures of All Airports," prepared by Mr. Neilson, was presented to the Commissioners by Mr. Belcher.

The question of recommending to the coming Legislature the retention of the 5¢ gasoline tax was discussed. Alternative means of raising revenue, such as a gallonage fee, increased operators and a flat monthly fee were brought up. Difficulties of collecting revenues other than gasoline tax were strongly felt. It was pointed out that 23 states now have aviation gasoline tax and also that approximately 80% of municipally owned airports charge a gallonage fee, which is in addition to the State gasoline tax. Mr. Neilson explained that a letter summarizing and more clearly explaining his report was in the final stages of preparation and would be presented to the Commissioners shortly for their guidance in determining their stand with regard to the gas tax.

It was agreed that a meeting of the Commission would be held on Monday, January 24, to discuss the matter further. However, in the meanwhile, the Director was instructed to write a letter to the airlines advising them that as soon as the necessary information, which the Commission had previously requested of them, was received, the Hawaii Aeronautics Commission would be in a better position to meet with them and discuss further the problem of gas tax legislation.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION, GOVERNOR'S REQUEST: A letter from the Acting Governor, Oren E. Long, requesting department heads to prepare a statement for the Governor's use in presenting his message to the Twenty-Fifth biennial session of the Legislature was read and commented upon briefly. Action deferred until next week.

KAHULUI, NAVY LEASE: The Director explained the various stringent terms and conditions now attached to the Kahului lease, with particular reference to the insurance, police, and fire protection requirements. It was also pointed out that the lease was subject to revocation during a national emergency and since a national emergency still exists, the Navy could at any time reactivate the field.

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After lengthy discussion it was decided that under the terms of the present lease, the Commission was not interested in acquiring the Kahului Airport. A motion to this effect was made by Mr. Bright, seconded and carried unanimously.

The Director was instructed to draft a suitable letter to the Navy, outlining the Territory's stand on the Kahului Airport, and present it for approval at the next special meeting of the Commission.

KAILUA AIRPORT - Extension of Time for Completion of Project: The Director outlined the background of the Kailua Airport, explaining the causes of the delays in not completing the project. He then requested, on the basis of Public Works' recommendation, an extension of one hundred two (102) days on the contract for the completion of the Kailua Airport Project.

Approval of this extension was granted on motion by Mr. Bolles, seconded by Mr. Bright, and carried.

LIHUE TERMINAL: The Director presented plans for the Lihue Airport terminal and requested approval to have Public Works prepare detailed plans and advertise for construction bids. Approval was granted on motion by Mr. Bright, seconded by Mr. Bolles and passed.

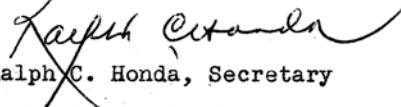
CAA AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL FACILITIES: The Director reported that Civil Aeronautics Administration had asked Hawaii Aeronautics Commission to render an indication whether or not they (HAC) would provide financial assistance to provide building space for air traffic control facilities. While this request is unusual since the Federal Airport Act only requires that the sponsor provide space only for airport traffic control facilities the HAC agreed to offer some assistance if they were financially able.

Motion to this effect was made by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Bright and carried.

DEFERRED: Police Powers - Designation of police powers to Mr. Black, Mr. Neilson, and Mr. Peters.

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

Respectfully submitted,


Ralph C. Honda, Secretary