

HAWAII AERONAUTICS COMMISSION
Minutes of Regular Meeting
Monday - July 24, 1950

The regular monthly meeting of the Hawaii Aeronautics Commission was held in the Conference Room of the Commission on Monday, July 24, 1950 at 11:00 a.m.

Present were: Dr. F. K. Sylva, Chairman
Mr. C. J. Pietsch, Jr., Vice Chairman
Mr. R. C. Honda, Secretary
Mr. R. R. Bright, Member
Mr. O. J. Burnett, Member
Mr. D. W. Edwards, Member (Kauai)
Mr. H. W. Rice, Member (Maui)
Dr. George J. Silva, Member (Hawaii)

Absent was: Mr. R. A. Anderson, Member

Attending were:
Mr. P. Harrison, Director HAC
Mr. G. T. Belcher, Asst. Director HAC
Mr. Clark M. Kee, Consulting Engr., HAC
Mr. C. Gillette, Supt. Airports & Opera. HAC
Mr. H.A.R. Austin, Maui Waterworks Board
Mr. T. Cooke, Trans-Air Hawaii
Mr. S. Cooke " " "
Mr. Stuart Fitch, Stat-Bulletin
Mr. T. Twigg-Smith, Advertiser
Mr. Ford Studebaker, HAL
Mr. McCraw, HAL
Capt. Elliott, HAL

MINUTES: The Minutes of the regular meeting of the Commission held June 26 and special meeting held July 10, 1950 were approved as circulated.

PUUNENE AIRPORT - Water for Kihei District: Mr. H.A.R. Austin, Consulting Engineer for the Maui Waterworks Board, presented a request from the Board to either purchase water from the HAC or get permission from the Commission to install a small pump in the well at Puunene Airport, in order to supply water to the people of the Kihei District. The matter was discussed briefly.

Mr. Rice moved that the Commission approve placing a third pump (two pumps are presently in the airport well to take care of water requirements at the airport), with the understanding that any damage or construction cost would be taken care of by the Waterworks Board, and that they pay the cost of pumping. Motion seconded by Mr. Pietsch and carried unanimously.

UPOLU POINT, Repairs: The need for repairs at Upolu Point was brought up and it was pointed out by representatives of Hawaiian Airlines that this work would have to be done if operations are to continue for as long as three more months. The matter was deferred.

UPOLU POINT, Maintenance Man: Dr. George Silva moved to employ a full time Maintenance Man for Upolu Point. Motion seconded by Mr. Rice and carried.

PIGGERIES, PUUNENE AIRPORT: Mr. Rice reported that he, the Director and Assistant Director had met with the pig raisers on Maui and they were agreeable to paying \$50.00 per acre a year for rental of land at Puunene Airport for use as piggeries. Mr. Bright moved that Mr. Rice's recommendation to charge \$50.00 per acre per year plus cost of water, be approved. Motion seconded by Mr. Honda and carried unanimously. It was agreed that Mr. Neilson would study the cost of water.

LANAI AIRPORT, Maintenance Man: Mr. Rice moved to employ a full-time Maintenance Man for Lanai Airport; seconded by Dr. G. Silva and carried. It was also agreed that a suitable vehicle be provided for his use.

EQUIPMENT, MOLOKAI: Mr. Rice moved that all equipment not needed at Molokai Airport be transferred to Maui after Mr. Crozier has completed his work at Molokai. Motion seconded by Dr. George Silva and carried.

FIRE-FIGHTING CONTRACTS: Mr. Rice moved to approve signing of new fire-fighting contracts with TPA and HAL personnel; contracts to contain same specifications as those which terminated June 30th. Motion seconded by Mr. Honda and carried.

PURCHASE OF STATION WAGON: The Director requested the Commission's approval for the purchase of a Chevrolet station wagon on June 7, 1950, at a cost of \$2,494.88.

The Chairman requested that in the future no vehicle be purchased without previous authorization of the Commission, in order that a limitation be placed on the number of vehicles purchased.

Mr. Bright moved to approve the Director's recommendation with the provision that there be no future infractions of the policy set forth by the Chairman. Motion seconded by Dr. G. Silva and carried.

REPORT ON PARKING METERS, HONOLULU AIRPORT: The Director reported that parking meters will cost between \$50 and \$70 each to install and should pay for themselves in less than a year. He recommended that 101 meters be installed on a trial basis.

Mr. Rice moved that the Director be authorized to get 101 meters and that he call for bids on same installed; seconded by Mr. Pietsch and carried.

HENRY C. PETERS, Job Classification: Reporting on the possibility of re-classifying Mr. Peters' job upwards, the Director said that Mr. Peters' classification had been found to be above average as compared to like jobs in the territorial system.

HONOLULU AIRPORT, Paving and seal-coating: Confirmation of approval was requested to award paving and seal-coating contract to Hawaiian Bitumuls for work at Honolulu Airport. Contract price \$133,370.04. Motion to this effect was made by Mr. Bright, seconded by Mr. Rice and carried unanimously.

LEASING OF COLD STORAGE PLANT, HONOLULU AIRPORT: The Director recommended that a cold storage plant located two blocks ewa of Hawaiian Airlines terminal, Honolulu Airport, be leased to Mortimer J. Glueck for a period of five years at \$350 per month for the first three years and \$450 per month for the last two.

In the course of discussion, it was pointed out that the lease was subject to Air Force cancellation and cancellation by the HAC if the area is required for airport purposes.

Mr. Rice moved to approve the Director's recommendation with the added provision of a 120-day cancellation clause at the option of the Commission. Seconded by Mr. Pietsch and carried.

LIHUE AIRPORT, EXCHANGE OF CANE LAND: Mr. Pietsch moved that Commissioner Edwards be authorized to contact Lihue Plantation Company on an exchange of certain cane land at Lihue, in view of CAA's recommendations on the extension of the runway. Motion seconded by Mr. Honda and carried.

MEETING WAS RECESSED AT 12:00 NOON AND RESUMED AT 1:15 PM.

Attending: Subcommittee of the legislative Holdover Committee on Harbors, Airports and Public Utilities:

Senator Charles Silva, Chairman
Rep. Esther K. Richardson
Rep. Allan Ezell
Sen. Toshio Ansai
Rep. Noboru Miyaki
Rep. Akoni Pule

Mr. Louis Silva, Exec. Sec. Holdover Committee
Various clerks of Committee
Col. Savage, MATS, Pacific Div.
Mr. J. V. Dolan, Deputy Reg. Admin., CAA
Mr. Guy Murray, Airpts. Div., CAA

Dr. Francis Sylva welcomed members of the Holdover Committee, expressing the Commission's desire to cooperate in every possible way in furnishing information desired by the Committee. He then turned the meeting over to Senator Charles Silva, Chairman of the Subcommittee of the legislative Holdover Committee on Harbors, Airports and Public Utilities.

Senator Silva explained that nothing detrimental to the Commission had been brought up in the Committee; that members of the Committee felt they should meet with the Hawaii Aeronautics Commission so that they would be able to recommend for enactment legislation necessary to strengthen the Commission's position with regard to airports in the territorial airport system. He asked Mr. Bright, as former Chairman of the HAC, if he had in mind any recommendations which would be in the best interests of the Territory.

Mr. Bright pointed out that in the expansion of the organization one of the foremost needs of the Commission is more freedom in the hiring of personnel in order to obtain the highly trained personnel required without the restrictions of Civil Service. Mr. Bright continued that, in this regard, under its present organization the Commission is desirous of removing three sub-department heads from Civil Service requirements.

Upon Senator Ansai's comment that such action could possibly set a precedent for similar requests from various other departments, Dr. Francis Sylva pointed out that it would not in view of the fact that there are presently two positions in the HAC which are not under Civil Service.

After further discussion Senator Silva said that such a change would have to be effected through an amendment to the presently existing law.

Senator Silva brought up the matter of the one-cent reduction in gas tax (reduced from 5 cents to 4 cents per gallon by the last legislature). It was the general feeling of the Commission that raising the gasoline tax to its former rate would help to make the airport building program self-financing. Mr. Rice and other members of the Commission urged that the HAC be made similar in function to the Board of Harbor Commissioners and that a greater separation from the Legislature be realized. It was pointed out to Committee Members that in order to increase airport revenue and enable the Commission to finance its own development program, through floating revenue bonds, the HAC must be given more autonomy by the Legislature.

Mr. Rice brought up for discussion the need for repairing Upolu Point and Kamuela Airport, and the necessity of constructing a new Kamuela Airport. He expressed the opinion that Kamuela Airport should be given priority over work contemplated at other airports on Hawaii. The need for a first class airport on West Hawaii was discussed and the cost for constructing a new airport of this type at Kamuela was estimated by Glenn T. Belcher, Assistant Director in charge of Engineering and Maintenance, to be approximately one million dollars.

It was suggested that a major airport might be located halfway between Kamuela and Kona airports. Senator Silva pointed out, however, that the airport should be in the area most accessible and beneficial to the vegetable producers on Hawaii.

Mr. J. V. Dolan, Deputy Regional Administrator of CAA, said that the CAA is anxious to have terminals constructed at both Hilo and Maui airports so that permanent control towers can be set up. Mr. Rice said, however, that at the estimated cost for the Hilo terminal, the Kamuela Airport could still be started.

Senator Silva requested that members of his Committee be furnished with a financial report. He then asked Mr. Dolan whether or not CAA would participate in cost of repairs to Upolu and the present Kamuela Airport. Mr. Dolan replied that CAA would do so if the funds were available. Answering an inquiry as to the need for repairing Upolu and continuing operations from that airport, Mr. Murray stated that Upolu's main purpose is to serve as an alternate for Hilo Airport.

The CAA was reported to have available in matching funds a total of \$418,000.

It was suggested that the present Kamuela Airport be widened from 75' to 100'. The matter was discussed briefly.

The proposed Master Plan for the Honolulu Airport was brought up for discussion. Dr. Francis Sylva introduced Mr. Clark M. Kee, HAC Engineering Consultant, and directed questions on master planning to Mr. Kee.

Senator Silva asked about the proposed hotel at the airport which was called to attention in a recent newspaper article.

Mr. Kee said that the modern airport today has become a big and complex business which, if properly handled, will enable the airport to become self-supporting. In touching on certain basic features required for an airport, such as acquisition of sufficient land areas to keep approaches to runways open, free and safe, Mr. Kee pointed out that there is no reason why these areas should be left idle or be an 'eyesore' to the public. He cited, for example, the golf course proposed in the Master Plan to be located on land Diamond Head of the entrance road to Honolulu Airport. He stated that acquisition of this land was required through necessity for safety to the airport but that a golf course could be developed in this area, answering the need for an additional facility of this sort, as well as beautifying the area, and would also maintain itself and have money to apply to the upkeep of the airport runways.

With regard to hotels, Mr. Kee stated that some airports on the mainland had found them to be necessary, and that it was better to plan for and leave room for one in the event one should prove necessary in the future; that every possibility should be taken into consideration in master planning in order to put the airport on a self-sustaining basis.

In discussing airport terminals, Mr. Kee said they should be functional and should take care of the needs of visitors and passengers, thereby proving a good source of revenue.

It was reported that the HAC was desirous of installing a high intensity runway lighting system at Honolulu Airport but that no CAA matching funds could be made available unless Parcel #1 of the airport were to be turned over to the Territory by the Air Force. Colonel Savage, Chief of Staff, MATS Pacific Division, said that his office would submit the Territory's request for this parcel of land to Washington.

Senator Silva thanked the Commission for its cooperation and turned the meeting back to Dr. Francis Sylva.

THE MEETING WAS RECESSED AT 3:15 AND RESUMED AT 3:30:

HILO TERMINAL: Mr. Rice moved to authorize the expenditure of \$258,000 for the construction of the Hilo Terminal building, the job to be given first priority and the proposed expenditure to be discussed with the Director of the Bureau of the Budget. Motion seconded by Mr. Bright and carried unanimously.

ADDITIONAL PROJECTS: On motion by Mr. Rice and seconded by Mr. Honda, the following expenditures were authorized:

- (1) Kamuela Airport, repairs - \$58,000.
- (2) Upolu Point, repairs - \$50,000.
- (3) Hilo Airport, acquisition of land - \$35,000.

The Director was requested to get CAA participation in these projects, if funds are available.

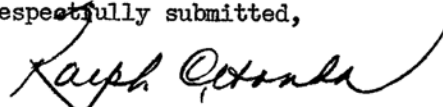
PUUNENE AIRPORT: Mr. Rice moved to authorize expenditure of \$25,000.00, if necessary, for repairing Puunene Airport. Motion seconded by Mr. Honda and carried.

2 LIHUE AIRPORT, EXTENSION OF RUNWAY: Mr. Edwards moved to extend the Lihue runway a minimum distance of 750' and that as much length as possible be added to the northeast end, the balance to be added to the southwest end. Motion seconded by Mr. Pietsch and carried unanimously.

MAIL ROUTE ENDORSEMENT, REQUEST BY TPA: Mr. Honda read a Resolution presented by TPA, requesting its adoption by the HAC. The Resolution requests of CAB an expeditious hearing of TPA's application for amendment of its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to permit it to carry mail over its scheduled routes in Hawaii. The Commission agreed to take the matter under advisement.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Ralph G. Honda, Secretary