HAWAII AERONAUTICS COMMISSION Minutes of Regular Meeting Monday, February 19, 1951

The regular monthly meeting of the Hawaii Aeronautics Commission was held in the conference room of the Commission on Monday, February 19, 1951 at 1:15 p.m.

Present were: Dr. F. K. Sylva, Chairman

Mr. C. J. Pietsch, Vice Chairman Mr. R. C. Honda, Secretary

Mr. R. A. Anderson, Member Mr. R. R. Bright, Member

Mr. D. W. Edwards, Member (Kauai) Mr. H. W. Rice, Member (Maui)

Dr. George Silva, Member (Hawaii)

Mr. O. J. Burnett, Member

Attending:

Mr. Peyton Harrison, Director, HAC Mr. Randolph Lee, Adm. Asst., HAC

Mr. Cy Gillette, Supt. A & O, HAC

Mr. C. E. Perin, Hnl. Airpt. Mgr.

Mr. Chas. Brenham, Prop. Adm., HAC

Mr. W. Turner, S.d. Oil Co. Messrs. Thomas & Stephen Cook, TAH

Mrs. Marguerite Wood, HSA

Mrs. Jitchaku, Gresgon Airline Cab

Mr. Guy Murray, CAA

Mr. S. F. Weaver, Spencecliff Corp.

Mr. Arthur Carter, Gift Shop Concessionaire

Mr. Clark M. Kee, Consult, Engr.

Mr. H. K. Graves, PAA Mr. Chas. Elliott, HAL

Mr. Wong, Security Investment Co.

MINUTES: The Minutes of meetings held January 22nd and February 8th were approved as circulated.

HAC LEGAL MATTERS: The Director commented on the accumulation of HAC matters awaiting legal opinions and action for many months in the Attorney General's office, notably the matters of parking meters and the complaint of Spencecliff Corporation which were referred to the Attorney General's office in July of last year. Mr. Rice reported that remedial steps would be taken by the Attorney General shortly.

POLICE PROTECTION, HONOLULU AIRPORT: Reporting on a conference between the Chief of Police, Mr. Gillette and himself, the Director stated that Chief Liu would not agree to reducing their Airport Police force to two men only unless they were completely detached from the HPD, relieving the Police Department of any responsibility toward them. The Director recommended against such action.

> Reporting further, he said that Chief Liu would be willing to give the airport normal protection as required by law, but any special protection would have to be paid for. Mr. Farr stated that five policemen should be employed to give the airport adequate protection. It was decided to study the matter further.

AIRPORT FIRE DEPARTMENT: The merits of the airport department were discussed. It was not decided to change the present system until members of the Commission have had an opportunity to observe, first hand, mainland airport methods, including police protection.

T-HANGARS, KONA & LIHUE: Action on the construction of T-hangars at Kona and Lihue airports was deferred, until an inspection is made of surplus material available at Puunene which might be used for this purpose.

HILO TERMINAL: The Director's recommendation that buildings at the Hilo Airport, which must be moved to make room for the construction of the new terminal, be moved by the contractor getting the job, as part of his contract, was approved on motion by Mr. Rice, seconded by Mr. Bright and carried.

> The Commission also agreed that the material to be used in constructing the Hilo terminal be taken from Puunene and delivered to the site at HAC expense.

PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT: A request for the purchase of a la-ton truck for Hilo, shifting the Dodge to Kona, and transferring a Carry-all and D-8 to Hilo, was presented.

After general discussion, the Chairman set a policy directing all future requests on any subject matter be referred, with the consent of the Chairman, to the committees concerned before presenting them to the Commission for action; the Commission to act only after receipt of committees' recommendations.

The request for a latent truck for Hilo was turned over to the Equipment Committee (Mr. Bright, Chairman), with the Commission's authorization to purchase same if approved by chairman of the Equipment Committee and Commission. Motion by Mr. Honda, seconded by Dr. Silva and carried.

Mr. Bright requested that all outer-island Commissioners turn in written requests for purchases, replacements, etc., of equipment to his committee so that all requests may be acted upon simultaneously. Mr. Lee said that there was a need for analyzing the cost of servicing and maintaining equipment against capital investment, etc. The Chairman instructed Mr. Lee to work together with the Equipment Committee.

CONTRACT, THEODORE VIERRA (Hilo Terminal): The Director presented a revised contract engaging the services of Mr. Theodore Vierra, Architect, involving work on the Hilo Terminal. It was pointed out that approval of the DPW and Attorney General's office had been secured, and it would also be necessary for the Commission to first cancel the previous contract and approve the revised one.

Mr. Rice moved to cancel Mr. Vierra's first contract; seconded by Mr. Bright and carried unanimously.

Dr. G. Silva then moved to accept the revised contract dated January 16, 1951; seconded by Mr. Rice and carried unanimously.

LANAI: The Director reported that work on the Lanai runway would commence Monday, February 26th.

HAWAIIAN SCHOOL OF AERONAUTICS PROPOSAL: Mrs. Wood's proposal requesting the HAC to purchase HSA's fixed assets for \$64,000 and lease them back to HSA on the basis of amortizing the investment in eight years, was discussed.

Mr. Honda moved to defer action until such time as an appraisal can be made of their physical property and a figure set by HAC. Motion seconded by Mr. Bright and carried.

MEMBERSHIP IN CREDIT BUREAU OF HAWAII: The Director recommended that the HAC join the Credit Bureau of Hawaii. It was reported that the T. H. Auditor would approve the membership.

Motion approving the Director's recommendation was made by Mr. Rice, seconded by Mr. Honda and carried.

HONOLULU AIRPORT, WIDENING OF RUNWAY 8 — HICKAM-HONOLULU AIRPORT PORTION: The matter of widening the Hickam end of Runway 8 was discussed briefly.

Mr. Bright commented that CAA will not participate in paving this runway because the Federal government would not give the Territory clear title to this area. Mr. Rice said that because the Territory does not have legal ownership to the land, paving should wait until the 20-year lease on the area has been received.

Mr. Edwards moved that action to widen Runway 8 be deferred until the lease has been fully executed. Motion seconded by Mr. Rice and carried.

BUDGET: The proposed Budget for the Biennium 1951-53 was reviewed and the various details were explained by Mr. Lee. The following changes were made to the proposed Budget:

- (1) Add \$100,000 for projected repairs and alterations to Honolulu Terminal (Overseas) Building.
- (2) Add \$64,000 as tentative figure for purchase of Hawaiian School of Aeronautics' fixed assets.

(3) Equipment to be listed as construction and Automotive Equipment — detail to be stricken out — and the total to be increased to \$50,000.

(In this connection, the Chairman said that equipment should be used on a Territory-wide basis.)

In considering the Budget, the Commission incorporated in the Budget, as an operating expense, fixed charge of depreciation expense.

The Budget was then approved as corrected on motion by Mr. Honda, seconded by Mr. Bright and carried unanimously.

SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CHARGES: The Chairman explained that the Schedule of Rates and Charges, as drawn up, was patterned after the form used by the San Francisco Airport. Mr. Pietsch moved that consideration of the schedule be deferred until such time as costs are determined by the Accounting Department. Motion seconded by Mr. Honda and carried.

The Chairman suggested that Commission members study the schedule and submit their recommendations.

- LIHUE LEASING OF LAND TO LIHUE PLANTATION: The Director reported that the Territorial Land Board is meeting March 2nd on the exchange of lands with Lihue Plantation.
 - GREGSON CAB COMPANY REQUEST TO ASSIGN LEASE: Mrs. Jitchaku of the Gregson Airline Cab Company, requested the Commission's permission to assign Gregson Airline Cab's lease to Irish's Cabs.

After a brief discussion of the matter, the Chairman advised Mrs. Jitchaku to take it up with the Director who would make a recommendation to the Commission.

PAMPHLET OF HILO TERMINAL: The Chairman requested the Commission's permission to have 150 to 200 copies of a pamphlet made, outlining plans for the Hilo Terminal and embodying sketches of same, for distribution to the various Legislators.

Mr. Bright moved to authorize the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$300 for this purpose. Seconded by Mr. Anderson and carried.

FENCING OPERATIONAL AREAS, HONOLULU AIRPORT: The Director reported that an estimate of \$37,000 had been received from the Weinrich Fence & Iron Company for the fencing of operational areas on the airport. The Chairman explained that it was the HAC's desire to use Commission forces for erecting the fence.

SPENCECLIFF CORPORATION'S ALTERATIONS TO RESTAURANT, HAL SIDE OF HONOLULU AIRPORT:

Mr. Spencer Weaver presented a plan of proposed alterations to Spencecliff Corporation's restaurant on the north side of Honolulu Airport, and requested the Commission's approval. Referring to a letter delivered this date to the Director, Mr. Weaver outlined his proposal as follows: That Spencecliff improve the building for an amount not to exceed \$3,000 (any amount in excess of \$3,000 to be borne by Spencecliff), and that their rental be reduced in an amount of \$100 a month until the cost has been recovered.

Motion spproving the plan and Mr. Weaver's request was made by Mr. Pietsch, seconded by Mr. Honda and carried.

LEASES: Mr. Brenham requested permission to draw up a lease for Security Investment Company, covering several buildings on the airport to be converted into apartment units at an approximate cost of \$100,000, for as long a term as possible.

The Commission approved granting to Security Investment Company a five-year lease with the option to renew for an additional five years; also, the granting of leases to Shaheen's and Engineering Equipment Company — term not specified. Motion by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Burnett and carried.

OVERSEAS TERMINAL, HONOLULU AIRPORT: Mr. Weaver inquired into the feasibility of installing a snack bar in the terminal lobby. Dr. Sylva replied that alterations to the present terminal building are contemplated and that Mr. Weaver's proposition would be considered.

- TERMINAL EXPANSION, HONOLULU AIRPORT: Mr. Bright made a motion to revive work on the plans for the Overseas Terminal expansion and to instruct Mr. Bauer (Architect) to revise the plans, taking into consideration the requirements of the Airport Technical Committee of the Airlines. Motion seconded by Mr. Honda and carried unanimously.
- AIRPORT GIFT SHOP EXPANSION: Mr. Arthur Carter of the Airport Gift Shop outlined a plan to provide for expansion of the airport gift shop, now found to be necessary because of an increase in mail load at the post office division of the gift shop. The Chairman advised Mr. Carter to consult with Mr. Kee and the Director in having this space incorporated in the plans for the lobby expansion.
- PARKING METERS, HONOLULU AIRPORT: Mr.Anderson pointed out the advisability of expediting the matter of purchasing parking meters. The Director explained that the new specifications had been drawn up and forwarded to the Attorney General's office in January for approval and that when they have been approved bids on the project will again be advertised.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ralph C. Honda, Secretary