

MINUTES OF TERRITORIAL AERONAUTICAL COMMISSION MEETING  
HELD AT THE HONOLULU ARMORY ON MONDAY AFTERNOON,  
OCTOBER 17, 1927, AT 3:00 P. M.

PRESENT:

Mr. Will C. Crawford, Acting Chairman  
Mr. Herbert F. Cullen  
Mr. Leo G. Fehlman

ABSENT:

Colonel P. M. Smoot, Chairman  
Mr. A. W. Van Valkenburg

The main object of this meeting was to determine what action to take in connection with the crash of the "Malolo", the Edwin H. Lewis plane which crashed at Laie on Sunday, October 16, killing four persons including Holbrook Goodale, Pilot, and Edwin S. Brooke, Photographer.

It was unanimously agreed to interview Mr. Lewis and the mechanic at the Lewis Field at 10:30 tomorrow and to go to Laie in the afternoon (1:30) to investigate the crash. The meeting place for both engagements will be at the Hawaii Tourist Bureau.

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A letter from Dr. Milton Rice of Hilo dated September 22, 1927 re the progress of the Hilo Airport and our reply thereto was read. The Acting Chairman informed the Commission that the Attorney General approved the purchase of one Chevrolet Dump Truck and that it was purchased in Hilo by Mr. Crawford. We now have one Ford and one Chevrolet Dump Truck.

Under date of September 22 the Governor submitted an opinion of the Solicitor of the Department of the Interior with reference to the Kilauea field. It will take an Act of Congress to have this land transferred. Mr. Evans, Superintendent of Hawaii National Park, has granted permission for planes to make trial landings on this field. A letter has been addressed to Colonel Howard, the Department Air Officer, requesting that when Army planes are on the Island of Hawaii this month that they make trial landings on this field. Colonel Howard has agreed to do this.

The Attorney General reports that before the end of the month about 12 prisoners will be sent to work on the Hilo Airport. There will then be 40 prisoners and 2 trucks. Mr. Richards of the Hilo Airport has asked certain plantation managers to donate a truck with a driver one day a month.

Hilo Airport: The electric and telephone lines have been removed from across the field and there is now available a field stretch of approximately 1000 x 250 feet which is coral dredged material, not absolutely level, but O. K. A new road is being built so that the dredging material will not have to be transported so far. This airport is large enough for any plane in the territory to land on.

Maui: Mr. Bailey, Land Commissioner, reported today that he has received the survey of the additional land near the National Guard camp and that by the next meeting we should know about the progress on this field. The same situation for the Lahaina Field.

Molokai: We are disappointed about this field. The surveyor was to stop at Molokai on his way back from Maui. He was on his way

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back to Honolulu before instructions could reach him. He will go over next week.

Rodgers Airport: The Public Works Department says that most of the field has been cleared. The contractor plans to get his material from road work. ✓

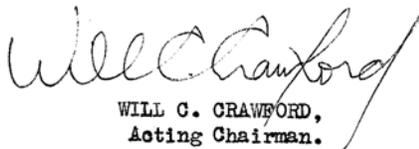
New field, Oahu: The Acting Chairman talked with Mr. Goodale last Saturday with reference to the possibility of developing a new field at the Territorial Fair Grounds, Waikiki. According to Mr. Goodale there is running perpendicular to the race tract a stretch of land over 1000 feet long. After the trip to Laie the Commission may examine this field. As this land belongs to the fair Grounds, there should not be any difficulty in having it transferred should it be desirable. ✓ X

Kauai: Nothing done. Mr. Crawford may go to Kauai next week. He will look into the matter of the field at the Barking Sands. ✓

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Mr. Cullen was told by Mr. Edwin Brooke, photographer for Mr. Holbrook Goodale, that he has been receiving competition from Mr. Williams of Williams Studio. Mr. Cullen has agreed to have a talk with Mr. Williams on this matter and point out to that gentleman that we are not trying to infringe on his liberty but wish to give everyone an equal chance.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:55 P. M.

  
WILL C. CRAWFORD,  
Acting Chairman.