

MINUTES OF TERRITORIAL AERONAUTICAL COMMISSION MEETING  
HELD AT THE HONOLULU ARMORY ON MONDAY AFTERNOON, MAY  
14, 1928, AT 2:30 P. M.

PRESENT:

Colonel P. M. Smoot, Chairman  
Mr. Will C. Crawford  
Mr. Herbert F. Cullen  
Mr. Leo G. Fehlman  
Mr. A. W. Van Valkenburg

ABSENT:

None

The minutes of the previous meeting were read. There being no corrections, the minutes stand approved as read.

The following matters under "Old Business" were considered:

Communication of April 20 from Major T. K. P. Stilwell, G-2, Headquarters Hawaiian Department, stating that there are no objections on the part of the Army to our issuing a license to Mr. Burns Van Kirk of the Brooke Studio to take pictures from aircraft over the Island of Oahu.

Opinion of the Attorney General under date of April 18 to the effect that this Commission may charge fees for the use of its various airports and landing fields and the facilities erected thereon. This money will be payable into the General Fund of the territory. The Chairman announced that he will present to the next session of the Legislature a bill authorizing money received from such source to be utilized by this Commission.

Letter dated April 29 from Mr. David Richards reporting on the progress of the Hilo Airport.

Communication dated May 4 from Mr. H. Blomfield Brown with reference to the landing field on the Island of Lanai. The Chairman stated that Colonel John H. Howard, Department Air Officer, H. H. D., thinks that our idea of marking this field with black and white striped barrels is an excellent one. These barrels will be prepared and sent over. Mr. Crawford expressed the opinion that a T on this field would not be very satisfactory as it would soon be overgrown with weeds.

The following motion was made by Mr. Fehlman, seconded and unanimously carried: "That final action on proposed field rules be deferred until the next meeting". This motion was made due to the fact that we have not as yet received suggestions from Pilot Charles Stoffer on these regulations. A copy of these regulations will also be sent to Pilot Martin Jensen for his constructive criticisms.

The following items under "New Business" were then considered:

Letters to Maui Board of Supervisors and President of Maui Electric Company re having electric current conveyed to the Paukukalo Basin, Wailuku. To date no replies have been received with the exception of a communication from the President of the Electric Company stating that our letter was being referred to the General Manager for his action.

Correspondence with Mr. Caleb E. S. Burns, Manager of the Pioneer Mill Company, with reference to a newspaper clipping containing a criticism of that mill's attitude in regard to the Lahaina ("Old Race Tract") proposed landing field.

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The Chairman announced that on Friday, May 18, he will visit Maui and will spend the following Monday and Tuesday with Mr. Thrum of the Public Works discussing plans for the improvements to the Paukukalo (Wailuku) landing field. The Chairman stated that he believes this field will be ready for the Maui County Fair to be held in October.

A copy of a letter from Major Clarence M. Young of the Aeronautics Branch of the Department of Commerce to Delegate Houston with reference to commercial aviation in these islands was read.

The Land Commissioner informed the Chairman that the executive order turning over the Mana, Kauai, field (2 3/5 miles) to this Commission should be in the possession of this Commission in a few days.

This Commission is in receipt of Executive Order 330 setting aside land at Hanapepe, Kona, Kauai, for a territorial airport to be under the control of this Commission. Under date of May 5 a letter was addressed to the Department Air Officer, Hawaiian Department, requesting his suggestions as to improvements to the Hanapepe field so that it may be used jointly by the Army and territory.

The Chairman informed the Commission that some time ago a request was made of the Superintendent of Public Works to spend \$60 on marking the Molokai field. The Superintendent of Public Works replied that this marking would be done at the same time improvements to the airport were made. Out of the \$5,000 appropriation there is only \$3,800 left and nothing has been done on this field. This money has been spent on surveying instruments, office help, supplies, etc. with the result that it is necessary to sacrifice the fence and house as shown on the Molokai Airport plans. It is within the law to charge these instruments, etc. against the appropriation of this Commission. Mr. Thrum of the Public Works is leaving for Molokai tonight to put a flag on every corner or turning point of this field and will install a wind cone.

Under date of May 7 a communication was sent to the Attorney General inclosing a copy of Information Bulletin #41 of the Department of Commerce, Aeronautics Branch, containing an abstract of State Laws, and requesting that his office state what present laws of this Commission are ineffective and what new ones might be readily adaptable to our usage.

The Chairman stated that he will present the trophy purchased by the members of the Commission to the winner of the Scale Model Contest at the Alexander House Settlement Association's Contests on May 19.

An Act of the Governor of the Territory of Hawaii dated March 22, 1915 with reference to the restrictions relating to aviation was read.

Pilot Martin Jensen informed the Chairman that the Hilo Airport is in excellent condition. The Chairman warned Mr. Jensen not to land on the Hilo Airport without permission and that if necessary, to land at Upolu Point and then telephone to the Hilo Airport for permission to use that airport.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 3:45 P. M. to meet again at the call of the Chairman.

*P. M. Smoot*  
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Chairman.