

MINUTES OF TERRITORIAL AERONAUTICAL COMMISSION MEETING
HELD AT THE HONOLULU ARMORY ON THURSDAY AFTERNOON, MAY
31, 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 items under "Old Business" were considered:

Letter from Mr. Van Valkenburg dated May 15 requesting that the Commission not sacrifice the proposed fence on the Molokai Airport because of the limited appropriation. The Chairman informed the Commission that Mr. Thrum of the Public Works Department had marked the field with white flags and a wind cone. Mr. Thrum stated that there is a great number of cattle on this field and that it is his opinion that a fence around the field is necessary. The following motion was made by Mr. Crawford, seconded and unanimously carried: "That the Chairman and as many other members of the Commission as possible make arrangements to visit the Molokai Airport by Army plane or other suitable means of transportation to ascertain how much work should be done so that the Superintendent of Public Works may be advised accordingly".

Communication dated May 14 from the Department Air Officer, H. H. D., stating that he will be pleased to act in an advisory capacity relative to the expenditure of territorial funds for the improvement of the Hanapepe field, and that the Army has no money at present to expend on the improvement of fields on the Island of Kauai. The Chairman announced that no action will be taken at present with reference to the improvement of this field.

Letter dated May 29 from the Department Air Officer, H. H. D., inclosing a blueprint and four photographs of the Army landing field at Waimanalo, Oahu. As stated in this letter, any Army field is available for use of any flier in an emergency. The following motion was made by Mr. Van Valkenburg, seconded and unanimously carried: "That this Commission provide a wind vane for the Army landing field at Waimanalo, Oahu, provided one has not already been erected".

Letter dated May 18 to Mr. H. Blomfield Brown of Lanai with reference to the marking of a landing field on that island by striped barrels and a wind vane.

Communication dated May 18 to Oahu Railway & Land Company requesting they erect a wind vane on the excellent emergency landing field which they have on the beach of Kawailoa in the vicinity of Waialua, Oahu. Mr. Van Valkenburg informed the Commission that he is endeavoring to have the Navy erect a wind vane on this field. (1)

The following motion was made by Mr. Crawford, seconded and unanimously carried: "That revised copies of our suggested field rules be sent to each member of the Commission for his final study and approval before being mimeographed for distribution".

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

Copies of a report from Major Young of the Department of Commerce covering his trip to Hawaii will be sent to each member for his perusal.

Communication dated May 17 from the Commissioner of Public Lands stating that a deed has been received from the Wailuku Sugar Company whereby it conveys 54.49 acres of land at Paukukalo, Wailuku, Maui, as a landing field under the jurisdiction of this Commission. (2)

The Chairman called the attention of the Commission to a communication he had received from Masahiro Imai through the Honolulu Chamber of Commerce requesting certain information on aeronautics. In view of the fact that quite a number of requests for such information have been received, it was unanimously decided that the Chairman address a communication to the libraries of the territory suggesting that they obtain certain aeronautical publications. Mr. Crawford suggested that in our letter we mention that "Aviation" is a weekly.

Communication from Major Young dated May 15 with reference to a tentative flight of Lindbergh to Europe. The following motion was made by Mr. Fehlman, seconded and unanimously carried: "That the Chairman write a letter to Colonel Lindbergh extending him an invitation to visit Hawaii and forward it to the address given in Major Young's letter".

Executive Order No. 331 setting aside land at Mana, Waimea, Kauai, for a territorial airport, containing 550 acres. (3)

Letter dated May 23 from the Director of the Eleventh Maui County Fair stating that Mr. Sam Baldwin, will, if needed, grant the use of a landing field on Haleakala Ranch for use at Fair time. The Chairman will request Mr. Duncan to have this field marked on a map for the information of this Commission.

Communication dated May 28 from Mr. Van Valkenburg setting forth the advantages of the Kanaha Ponds. The following motion was made by Mr. Cullen, seconded and unanimously carried: "That the Superintendent of Public Works be requested to cease work temporarily on the Paukukalo, Wailuku, landing field and that we endeavor to secure the Kanaha Ponds".

The Chairman reported on his recent trip to Hawaii and Maui. He had a talk with Mr. Burns of the Pioneer Mill Company who agreed to clear the "Old Race Track" at Lahaina. The Governor turned down all offers for the exchange of land and condemnation proceedings have been instituted. The territory has sufficient money to buy this emergency field. The Chairman presented a cup in the name of the Commission to Ray Shephard, Champion of the Scale Model Contest held at Lahaina on Saturday morning, May 19. The dredger at Hilo will be moved to Kauai the last day of June. There are some power lines on the Hilo Airport. Mr. Richard's men will do most of the work of moving these poles and installing them elsewhere. Mr. Van Valkenburg stated that we should not pay for any additional wire which might be needed due to the moving of these poles. The Commission perused a blueprint showing the present runway of the Hilo Airport. (4)

All members of the Commission signified their intention of being present at Wheeler Field Friday morning to witness the arrival of Kingsford-Smith and his party by airplane from California. The fliers will be decorated with suitable leis furnished by the Commission.

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There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting
adjourned at 4:05 p. m., to meet again at the call of the Chairman.

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