

MINUTES OF TERRITORIAL AERONAUTICAL COMMISSION MEETING
HELD AT THE HONOLULU ARMORY ON FRIDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE
8, 1928, AT 2:30 P. M.

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

Mr. Herbert F. Cullen

Mr. Charles J. Fern of Lihue, Kauai, was present to discuss matters pertaining to landing fields on the Island of Kauai.

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:

The following motion was made by Mr. Fehlman, seconded and unanimously carried: "That the suggested field rules, with a few minor corrections made, be accepted and that they be mimeographed and distributed after being approved by the Governor as required by Territorial Law".

The following motion was made by Mr. Fehlman, seconded and unanimously carried: "That after the departure of the U. S. Fleet this Commission request permission of the Army for transportation for the members of this Commission by Army plane to the Island of Molokai, and that if our request is turned down that the Commission go by commercial steamer or Martin Jensen's plane". Mr. Crawford suggests that after visiting the Island of Molokai the members visit Maui before returning to Honolulu.

The Chairman reported that he endeavored to obtain material from Fort DeRussy to use as a fill for John Rodgers Airport. The Constructing Quartermaster, Captain Scott, informed the Chairman that it is too late to secure this material.

Mr. Van Valkenburg reports that he has nothing at present to report on Kanaha Ponds, Maui.

Mr. Van Valkenburg states that the Land Department of the Oahu Railway and Land Company will pay for a wind vane for the Kawailoa, Oahu, landing field. This Commission will have this wind vane made.

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

The Chairman informed the Commission of a telephonic request received by this Commission from the Oahu Theatre requesting permission for Martin Jensen to circulate from his plane while in the air, handbills advertising a moving picture show. A representative of the Oahu Theatre was notified that this matter does not come within the jurisdiction of this Commission. Upon investigation, it is found that there is no city ordinance prohibiting this procedure.

This Commission is in receipt of a letter from Mr. H. K. Duncan of Maui stating that the Maui Electric Company are willing to set a minimum rate of \$15.00 per month for furnishing electricity to the Paukukalo field, whether electricity is used or not. A letter has been addressed to the Manager of this electric company requesting information on this subject.

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Communication from Mr. David K. Richards of the Hilo Airport, dated May 31, 1928, expressing his thanks for a volley ball and net furnished by this Commission.

The Chairman reported on his successful trip to Kauai in the "Southern Cross". He stated that the Barking Sands field on that island is a credit to the territory. At a cost of approximately \$250.00 (paid for from County Funds) an excellent job was made of the clearing of half of this field. It is the recommendation of the Chairman that no further work be done on this field until there is need for it. Because of the location of the field, it will be of more value for trans-Pacific than inter-island flights. Kingsford-Smith announced that it is better than the Oakland Airport. X

A study was made of a map showing the location of a field at Wailua Mauka. 1/3 of it belongs to a plantation and 2/3 belongs to the territory. It is approximately 5 8/10 miles from the Lihue Post Office. The rainfall of 1927 for Lihue proper is 67.71. The rainfall for Wailua Mauka was 99.56. The soil on this field drains very naturally. Mr. Fern believes that if the territory acquires this property as a landing field that the County would build an excellent road to it. The Chairman informed the Commission that the Land Commission has some funds for the acquisition of land. Mr. Fern thinks we can secure this land by exchange. The following suggestion made by Mr. Crawford met with unanimous approval: "That the Chairman request information of the Kauai Board of Supervisors as to what the County will be able to do in the way of putting in a road to Wailua Mauka if we secure a landing field there". It was unanimously agreed to defer action on the securing of this field until the Commission has visited it. X

The Commission studied the construction of a wind vane.

The Chairman announced that it will cost approximately \$600.00 to clear the Hanapepe field. Mr. Fern has agreed to discuss with certain interested people on his island what should be done on this field.

The following motion was made by Mr. Crawford, seconded and unanimously carried: "That a cablegram of congratulations be sent to the "Southern Cross at Sydney, Australia".

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 3:55 p. m., to meet again at the call of the Chairman.

P. M. Smoot

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Chairman.