

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

PRESENT:

Colonel P. M. Smoot, Chairman
Mr. Chester Clarke
Mr. Will C. Crawford
Mr. Herbert F. Cullen
Mr. Leo G. Fehlman
Commander Victor D. Herbster

ABSENT:

None

RESIGNATION OF MR. VAN VALKENBURG:

The resignation of Mr. A. W. Van Valkenburg was accepted by the Governor on November 27, 1928.

READING OF MINUTES:

Under date of November 30, 1928 Mr. Van Valkenburg called the attention of the Chairman to a probable error in the minutes of the meeting of Friday, November 23rd, wherein he was reported as having said "That the Commission was not in a position to decide whether it should exist or not and that it was a matter for the individual members to decide". Mr. Van Valkenburg stated that the words "individual members" should read "Legislature". The Secretary has been instructed to amend the minutes accordingly. With the exception of this change, the minutes stand approved as read.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

Mr. Crawford, chairman of the committee to suggest regulations defining the minimum requirements for airports and landing fields, reported on the progress of his committee. Lieutenant Robert J. Brown, Jr., local representative of the Department of Commerce, has written to Major Young for information as to whether the above matter comes under the jurisdiction of the Department of Commerce. Two factors entered into the discussion; 1st that we desire safety in flying, and the 2nd that we do not care to hamper the promotion of aviation. The Chair instructed the committee to continue its investigations and report when completed.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Chairman gave a report on his inspection of the proposed emergency field at Koko Head. This area of approximately 30 acres is owned by the Bishop Estate and is used as pasture land. Mr. George Collins of the Bishop Estate informed the Chairman that if the Land Commissioner desires this land, the Bishop Estate will cooperate. The Chairman believes it will require less labor to put this field into a usable condition than any other field he has seen. The area is fenced on two sides. An emergency landing could not be made on this field at present. Trees would have to be cut and stumps and rocks removed. 3 or 4 men working on this area for a week would put this field in shape for emergency landings. The approach is from the sea, according to wind conditions on the morning of inspection. The following motion was made by Mr. Fehlman, seconded and unanimously carried: "That the Chairman is instructed to start negotiations with the Territorial Land Commissioner to acquire this land as marked by the Army on a blueprint in our possession".

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At the last meeting the Commission perused specifications for the further improvement of the John Rodgers Airport for which the Superintendent of Public Works is calling for bids. \$54,000 is left in the appropriation for this work, out of which \$4,000 will be reserved for expenses of the office of the Superintendent of Public Works and for inspectors on the job. Mr. Clarke of this Commission discovered that a large sum of money could be saved if dirt was obtained from the Salt Lake Crater (a hauling saving of approximately 5 miles). The Chairman asked the Superintendent of Public Works if he could hold up the bids until the Commanding General of the Hawaiian Department could be seen re obtaining dirt from Salt Lake Crater. The Superintendent of Public Works stated he has rejected all bids as he has a different plan with reference to the hauling of dirt whereby a considerable sum may be saved and that he will have the matter settled within a week.

The Superintendent of Public Works has been requested to proceed with the conditioning, grading and marking of the territorial addition to the Port Allen (Hanapepe) Airport.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Chairman reported on his satisfactory trip to Maui. He was accompanied by Commander Herbster and Mr. Clarke. Mr. Fehlman was already on the Island and spent a day with the members. The first day the members visited Paukukalo Basin; Kanaha Ponds; Kihei (all mud and very strong winds); West Coast Golf Links (the golf links are marked with a tee 14 feet long by a 14 foot span and which is placed in a correct position); "Old Race Tract" (very muddy). Second day -- around to Ulupalakua. From here could be seen what appeared to be two fine areas for emergency fields. One would have to go by horseback to get down to these places. Third day -- Spent at Hana. Here was seen a strip of beach land which the Chairman believes worth consideration. The Chairman brought back a plan of Kihei, the location the Maui interests favor.

The Commission is greatly in need of pictures of various landing fields throughout the territory. The Chairman stated that a 4 x 5 speed graphic camera suitable for taking aerial pictures could be secured for approximately \$165, less 10%. The following motion was made by Mr. Clarke, seconded and unanimously carried: "That the Chairman is authorized to purchase a 4 x 5 speed graphic camera". Commander Herbster mentioned that the Navy will make a very fine aerial map of the Hawaiian Islands and that he will endeavor to obtain a copy for the Commission. It is estimated that the map will be finished within the next six months.

Commander Herbster was excused at 4:05 p. m.

The Attorney General has approved the purchasing of a portable air compressor for use on the Hilo Airport from funds appropriated for the development of that airport.

The Territorial Legislature will convene on February 20, 1928. Many questions will be asked the Commission, and especially the Chairman, by the legislative members with reference to aviation. The Chairman mentioned to the Governor the advisability of making a trip to the West Coast to study the development of aviation that he might be prepared to answer the aviation questions the legislative members may ask. The Governor expressed the opinion that it was an excellent idea and well worth considering. Mr. Crawford said that he was in favor of the Chairman's making the journey but wondered if it would be criticized as a junketing. The Commission agreed that the data obtained by such a trip would be very valuable. The following motion was made by Mr. Fehlman, seconded and unanimously carried: "That the Chairman is requested and author-

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ized to take a trip to the Mainland for the purpose of studying aviation matters". The Chairman expects to leave Honolulu on December 29th and return on February 13th.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 4:20 p. m. to meet again at the call of the Chairman.


P. M. SMOOT,
Chairman.