

MINUTES OF TERRITORIAL AERONAUTICAL COMMISSION MEETING  
HELD AT THE HONOLULU ARMORY ON MONDAY, MARCH 25, 1929,  
AT 2:00 P. M.

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

None

BIDS, PORT ALLEN AIRPORT:

In order to oblige Mr. Crozier of Wailuku, Maui, lowest bidder on the work to be done on the Port Allen Airport, who was present, the matter of the bids for that airport was the first matter discussed. The lowest bid (bids opened March 16, 1929) was \$8,827, which was practically double that which the Commission had estimated. The Chairman stated the Superintendent of Public Works did not discuss with the Commission the work to be done on the Port Allen Airport and that after the Chairman signed the blueprint he asked for a copy of the specifications. After repeated requests the specifications were finally received after the bids had been opened. The Chairman mentioned that Senator Charles Rice of Kauai expressed himself as objecting as a senator and private citizen of Kauai to the Territory's spending \$8,827 on the Port Allen Airport to, as he believed, improve the Army field and that a large number of Kauai citizens were also protesting. It was his (and their) belief that Lihue should have the Kauai airport.

RECESS:

A recess was taken during which time the Commission conferred with the Finance Committee of the House of Representatives, in their room in the basement of the Capitol building, on the advisability of awarding the contract for the Port Allen Airport improvements.

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Mr. Crawford and Mr. Cullen were excused after the recess.

BIDS, PORT ALLEN AIRPORT (Continued):

The following motion was made by Mr. Clarke, seconded and unanimously carried: "That the Chairman is authorized to request the Superintendent of Public Works to reject all bids for work on the Port Allen Airport in view of the fact that no agreement to use the Army section of the joint airport has been secured from the U. S. Army."

The following motion was made by Commander Herbster, seconded and unanimously carried: "That the Chairman secure a letter of authority from the Commanding General, Hawaiian Department, for the use by commercial and civil planes of the Army section of this joint airport."

The following motion was made by Mr. Clarke, seconded and unanimously carried: "The Chairman is authorized to make up a set of specifications for improvements to the Port Allen Airport and after they are approved

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at our next meeting, to forward them to the Superintendent of Public Works requesting bids be called on same."

READING OF MINUTES:

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

Reply dated March 7, 1929 to our letter of February 20, 1929 to Rear Admiral F. C. Billard, U. S. Coast Guard, Washington, D. C., stating that there are not available resources to permit a Coast Guard Cutter to be stationed in Hawaiian Waters at present but that the matter will receive consideration. X

The Chairman's suggestion that an aviation dinner be sponsored by this Commission to which local persons prominent in aviation be invited, met unanimous approval. The matter will be referred to the Entertainment Committee of this Commission.

Communication dated February 25, 1929 addressed to Mr. Edwin H. Lewis with reference to the improving of his field.

Letter to Mayor, City and County of Honolulu, dated February 28, 1929 requesting assistance in the development of John Rodgers Airport. Reply dated March 5, 1929 states that the matter has been referred to the Board of Supervisors for consideration. ✓

Under date of March 22, 1929 communications were addressed to the following Chambers of Commerce requesting assistance in airport projects on their respective islands: Chamber of Commerce of Maui; Chamber of Commerce of Hilo; Chamber of Commerce of Honolulu; Chamber of Commerce of Kauai.

NEW BUSINESS:

Letter dated February 20, 1929 from the Chamber of Commerce of Honolulu inclosing copies of resolutions on aviation adopted by the Associated Chambers of Commerce, etc.

Communication dated March 11, 1929 from Hawaiian Airways Company backing up the proposed Loan Fund amendment of this Commission from \$173,000 to \$367,290.

Application dated March 2, 1929 from Mr. Charles H. Dolan, Jr., for the position of Engineer of this Commission, provided such a vacancy is created. This is the first and only application to date for this position. It will be placed on file until a vacancy is created, at which time it will be submitted to the Commission for consideration.

Communication dated March 8, 1929 from the Governor with reference to the proposed act to extend the provisions of the Workmen's Compensation Act to include members of the Territorial Aeronautical Commission, and an Act appropriating funds for the acquisition, improvement, etc. of airports and landing fields throughout the Territory. X

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Letter dated March 5, 1929 to Superintendent of Public Works requesting the powder storage house, or its contents, on the Hilo Airport be removed at an early date. ✓

Communication dated March 6, 1929 from the Second Assistant Postmaster General of the U. S. with reference to an air mail contract for mail service within the Territory of Hawaii.

On March 16th L. R. Holbrook, Jr., was granted a license to take moving pictures from aircraft over the Island of Oahu.

The following motion was made by Mr. Fehlman, seconded and unanimously carried: "That the Chairman submit designs for an aero device for use on our stationery, etc.". The Chairman requested the members to submit any designs they may have in mind.

The Commission perused a photograph of the West Coast Maui Golf Links which accompanied a letter from Mr. David T. Fleming, dated March 5th.

The attention of the Commission was called to Senate Bill No. 99 providing for not more than seven members of the Territorial Aeronautical Commission, at least one of whom shall be a resident of the County of Hawaii; one a resident of the County of Maui; and one a resident of the County of Kauai. Efforts will be made to have the number of members of the Commission increased so that it will be possible to have more than four members on Oahu.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:30 p. m. to meet again at the call of the Chairman.

*P. M. Smoot,*  
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Chairman.