

MINUTES OF THE TERRITORIAL AERONAUTICAL COMMISSION MEETING  
HELD AT THE NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY, HONOLULU, T. H., ON  
THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 1929, AT 2:30 P. M.

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

Mr. Leo G. Fehman

READING OF MINUTES:

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

(1) RECEPTION AND ENTERTAINMENT -- Mr. Cullen, Chairman, made the following report on an aviation dinner to be given by this Commission to certain persons interested in aviation and to be paid from Territorial funds (Territorial Auditor has approved this expenditure): The tentative date is Saturday night, April 27th. The Waiialae Golf Links may be obtained for the exclusive purpose of this dinner, at \$2.50 per plate. This seems to be the most satisfactory place to hold the dinner, with the exception of the Pacific Club, which I will investigate.

(2) EXAMINATIONS AND RATINGS OF PRIVATE FLYING FIELDS -- No report.

(3) LAWS; LEGISLATION; RULES AND REGULATIONS -- Colonel Smoot, Chairman, reported that a bill is being presented in the House of Representatives to bring our present aviation law up-to-date and to provide for a \$20,000.00 revolving fund. Mr. Crawford's suggestion to have an amendment introduced in the Legislature changing the phraseology of the Loan Fund Bill to read that the funds appropriated are to be placed in the hands of the Territorial Aeronautical Commission instead of the Public Works, met with unanimous approval. Mr. Dolan reported that the Harold Rice Bill transferring the work of the Territorial Aeronautical Commission to the Board of Harbor Commissioners, passed third reading in the Senate and has been sent to the House. Upon Mr. Dolan's suggestion, it was unanimously agreed that the Chairman prepare a list of facts why the Commission should continue to function, furnish a copy to each member of the House of Representatives and the newspapers, and that in the event that the expenditure of Territorial funds for aviation is placed in the hands of the Board of Harbor Commissioners, that this Commission be abolished. It was agreed upon Mr. Clarke's recommendation that these mimeographed facts be presented in person to each Representative by members of this Commission. The Chairman announced that a complaint has been made by the Army against Plane #6968 and that the matter would be taken up later during the present meeting.

(4) LOCATION OF FLYING FIELDS AND AIRWAYS -- Colonel Smoot, Chairman, stated that his Committee had not taken further action as it was considered advisable to wait until it is known what the Legislature will do in the matter of funds. He investigated the Maili lands which are located between Nanakuli and the town of Waianae and reported that this land would do as an emergency landing field. The Chairman also announced that the Land Commissioner has started condemnation proceedings for the "Old Race Tract" at Lahaina, Maui. X

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(5) DEVELOPING; DESIGNING; EQUIPMENT OF AIRPORTS AND EMERGENCY FIELDS -- The Commission perused a colored picture of John Rodgers Airport (prepared by Public Works, Mr. Dolan furnishing the data), showing the contemplated future development of the land portion of that airport. Mr. Dolan stated that his Committee has approved this plan and that it was now presented to the Commission for its action. The following motion was made by Mr. Crawford, seconded and unanimously carried: "This plan for the development of John Rodgers Airport is approved. It is recommended that the Committee make similar drawings for each Territorial airport and landing field". The following motion was made by Mr. Dolan, seconded and unanimously carried: "That an overlay of this drawing of John Rodgers Airport be made for each newspaper".

COMPLAINT AGAINST PLANE NO. 6968:

This Commission received official notification from Headquarters Hawaiian Department that Plane No. 6968 flew over Diamond Head Crater at an elevation of 800 feet on Saturday, March 30th, at 5:30 p. m. This act is in violation of Section 3 (Restricted Areas) of the regulations of the Commission. In this connection the following officers were present: Major Tom K. P. Stilwell, Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, H.H.D., who reported the violation to this Commission; Lieutenant Paul B. Nelson of Fort Ruger who observed the violation; Captain James L. Giffin, Manager of the Western Pacific Air Transportation Company, owners of the plane; and Lieutenant George A. Anderson, pilot of the plane at the time observed by Lieutenant Nelson. The Chairman stated that the parties concerned were not called before the meeting for a trial but so that an understanding could be reached. Captain Giffin and Lieutenant Anderson reported that they are members of the Reserve Corps of the United States Army. Lieutenant Anderson stated that on the flight during which time the alleged violation occurred, he was accompanied by two businessmen on a sightseeing trip. No camera was carried in the plane. One of these businessmen owns property near the Waialae Golf links and desired to view same from the air. Lieutenant Anderson further stated he followed on this flight the route he is accustomed to follow in coming to this particular locality. Major Stilwell remarked that Captain Giffin and Lieutenant Anderson had always cooperated with the Army in every way and that had he known that they were the parties to the act that he might have been able to settle the matter by an interview with them. Not knowing the owners of the plane and the regulations being those of this Commission, he deemed it proper to make such complaint to the Commission. Major Stilwell further stated that the Army was willing to have the matter dropped. The accused and witnesses were then excused. The following motion was made by Mr. Clarke, seconded and unanimously carried: "That a letter be addressed to the Western Pacific Air Transportation Company stating that the violation had come officially to the attention of this Commission and that if there is any further violation by them, disciplinary action will be taken". The following motion was made by Mr. Clarke, seconded and unanimously carried: "That a letter be addressed to each known commercial pilot in the Territory informing him that it has been reported to this Commission that planes have been reported to have violated our regulations with reference to restricted areas and warning him that action will be taken by this Commission against any future violators of such regulations."

REPORT OF COMMITTEES (Continued):

(6) FIELD OPERATIONS -- Mr. Fehlman, Chairman, being absent, Mr. Dolan suggested that the Committee prepare a rough draft of a priority list for the use of hangars; a set of charges for such hangars; etc.

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OLD BUSINESS:

Letter from the Honolulu Chamber of Commerce dated March 26th acknowledging receipt of our letter of March 22nd requesting support for a project on John Rodgers Airport, and stating that the matter has been referred to their Aviation Committee for consideration.

No further action will be taken on the designing of an aviation device for our stationery, etc., until after the Legislature adjourns or after July 1st when the new appropriations become effective.

Communications dated February 25th to the Superintendent of Public Works and Hawaiian Dredging Company requesting estimates on the cost of dredging operations for John Rodgers Airport were read. No replies have been received.

Letter dated February 26th to the Superintendent of Public Works with reference to the expenditure of the remaining funds for the development of John Rodgers Airport was read. No reply. The following motion was made by Mr. Clarke, seconded and unanimously carried: "That a tracer (copy to be furnished the Governor) be sent with reference to this letter, requesting the attention of the Superintendent of Public Works to our letter of February 26th and letter be sent to the Governor outlining the delay in this matter, the accusations that have been made against this Commission of not developing this airport, and requesting his assistance in securing action". It was unanimously agreed that in the tracer letter mentioned above, mention will be made that while we would like to have the dredging eventually done, we would prefer to have the work done as set forth in our letter of February 26th so as to take care of the immediate needs of local aviation.

Letter dated March 28th requesting the Superintendent of Public Works to reject all bids received for the improvement of the Territorial portion of the Port Allen Field. Reply dated April 1st states that this matter has been attended to.

Letter to the Governor dated April 3rd requesting that he take steps to secure permission from the Army for the use by the Territory of the Army section of the Port Allen Field.

NEW BUSINESS:

Application dated March 22nd from Hawaiian Aeronautical Industries, Limited, requesting permission to erect a temporary hangar on John Rodgers Airport. The following motion was made by Mr. Clarke, seconded and unanimously carried: "That permission be granted the Hawaiian Aeronautical Industries, Limited, to erect a temporary shelter on John Rodgers Airport, to be removed at the request of this Commission".

Communication dated March 22nd from Hawaiian Aeronautical Industries, Limited, requesting this Commission to investigate a verbal complaint made against the airworthiness of their J.N. 6H Plane. It was agreed that the Chairman should reply that this Commission does not desire to go further into the matter by making an investigation as the plane in question was a licensed plane operated by a licensed pilot.

Copy of letter dated March 13th from the Chamber of Commerce of the United States attaching a letter from the 2nd Assistant Postmaster General re air mail service for the Hawaiian Islands.

Communication dated March 8th from Captain William M. Gorham request-

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ing the airport at Port Allen be known as the "Port Allen Airport". It was Mr. Dolan's suggestion that the fields be named after the Trans-Pacific Fliers. It was decided, however, to name the fields and airports after their locations. Captain Gorham will be notified that the Commission will be pleased to have this field known as the "Port Allen Field". The airport for the island will probably be located at Lihue.

Letters to Commanding General, Hawaiian Department, and Surveyor, Territory of Hawaii, dated April 4th requesting contour maps showing the elevations of John Rodgers Airport below and above high tide.

Mr. A. H. Shuttlewood of the Hawaiian Aeronautical Industries, Ltd., was granted a license on March 29, 1929 to take pictures from aircraft over the Island of Oahu.

Invitation to Commission to witness the initial flight of the Abreu Detachable Aeroplane at the Oakland Airport.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 5:15 p. m., to meet again at the call of the Chairman.

*P. M. Smoot,*  
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Chairman.