

MINUTES OF TERRITORIAL AERONAUTICAL COMMISSION MEETING
HELD AT THE HONOLULU ARMORY ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 1929,
AT 2:00 P. M.

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

Mr. Chester R. Clarke

REAPPOINTMENT OF COMMISSION:

As the Senate of the 1929 session of the Territorial Legislature did not confirm the appointments of the members of the Territorial Aeronautical Commission, such appointments expired the day the Legislature adjourned, May 1, 1929. The Chairman announced that the Governor has reappointed the present Commission for a term to expire on July 5, 1929. The new commissions have been dated May 11th. The Chairman has requested the Governor's Secretary to hold these commissions pending word from the Governor whether it meets with his approval to have these commissions dated May 2nd so that the Commission would be in existence between May 2nd and May 11th. It was unanimously agreed that the members would let their commissions expire instead of resigning before the date of expiration. X

READING OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as circulated.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

(1) RECEPTION AND ENTERTAINMENT -- The following motion was made by Mr. Cullen, Chairman, seconded and unanimously carried: "It is requested that the Chairman write a letter to the Secretary of the Pacific Club of Honolulu complimenting that Club on the excellent dinner furnished the Territorial Aeronautical Commission on the evening of April 27th at which prominent aviation enthusiasts were present".

The Chairman announced that he will write letters to various steamship companies, chambers of commerce, chapters of the National Aeronautic Association, etc., requesting them to keep this Commission posted on the arrival of outstanding personages connected with aviation.

(2) EXAMINATION AND RATINGS OF PRIVATE FLYING FIELDS -- Mr. Crawford, Chairman, furnished a blueprint showing the proposed improvements to the Ward Airport on Ala Moana Road. This blueprint has been placed on file. Mr. Crawford reported that he has been informed by the Western Pacific Air Transport, Ltd. that they have made application to the Department of Commerce, through the Hawaiian representative of that department, for a rating on this field. The following motion was made by Mr. Dolan, seconded and unanimously carried: "The Chairman is requested to confirm, through the local representative of the Department of Commerce, this statement of the Western Pacific Air Transport, Ltd". Mr. Dolan stated that in a conversation with members of the Western Pacific Air Transport, Ltd. he was informed that the Inter-Island Airways was interested in their field and is considering taking over this field or leasing a hangar or hangar site on such field. Mr. Dolan believes the Inter-Island has given up the idea of landing at Iwilei. Colonel Smoot mentioned that two planes have arrived for the Western Pacific Air Transport, Ltd., and that the company expects to take delivery of them today. Y

MINUTES OF TERRITORIAL AERONAUTICAL COMMISSION MEETING
HELD AT THE HONOLULU ARMORY ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 1929,
AT 2:00 P. M. (CONTINUED)

(3) LAWS; LEGISLATION; RULES AND REGULATIONS -- Colonel Smoot, Chairman, reported that his Committee is waiting for a compilation of the laws passed by the Territorial Legislature; that he does not know whether the Bill drawn up by this Commission to bring the Territorial aviation laws up to date passed, or whether parts of it were passed in separate acts.

This Committee reported that the best design submitted by the students of McKinley High School for adoption as an aero device for use by this Commission was submitted by Quon Chock Lum, and the second best design was submitted by Daniel L. Kojima. They will be awarded cash prizes of \$10 and \$5, respectively.

(4) LOCATION OF FLYING FIELDS AND AIRWAYS -- Colonel Smoot, Chairman, made the following report:

Kaanapali, Lahaina, proposed aviation field-- Territorial Attorney General is conferring with the representatives of the owners of this land.

Koko Head, proposed emergency field between Koko Head and Makapu Point -- the Land Commissioner is working with C. Brewer & Company on the value of this land.

It was Commander Herbster's opinion that an area adjacent to the Army field at Upolu Point, Hawaii, should be acquired as soon as possible to be used as a commercial emergency field. This idea met with the approval of this Commission but no action was taken as the Territorial Government is now negotiating to secure land at Upolu Point adjoining the Army field and to become a part of that area and when acquired would probably be used for both military and commercial purposes.

The following motion was made by Commander Herbster, seconded and unanimously carried: "It is recommended that whenever funds are available, this Commission examine the two areas on the coast line at Ulupalakua, Maui, with reference to securing one of them as an emergency field".

(5) DEVELOPING; DESIGNING; EQUIPMENT OF AIRPORTS AND EMERGENCY FIELDS -- Mr. Dolan, Chairman, stated that the drawings showing the contemplated development of some of our Territorial fields have been approved by his Committee, after making minor changes. A draftsman is making these changes, and the drawings will be submitted at the next meeting of this Commission for the approval of the entire Commission.

Colonel Smoot stated that he has signed the drawing of the Department of Public Works for improvements on John Rodgers Airport, and that requests for bids are being advertised. These bids to not include the furnishing of telephone and water supply.

The Chamber of Commerce of Honolulu has requested details on the assistance the Commission desires on John Rodgers Airport. Colonel Smoot will appear before the Aviation Committee of this Chamber on Thursday morning, May 15th, at 11 o'clock. It was unanimously decided to recommend to the Chamber of Commerce that it render assistance in furnishing any of the following: (1) A tractor to haul planes around the field and do small jobs to keep the airport in condition, to cost about \$700; (2) An emergency vehicle to be used as an ambulance, fire wagon, etc., to cost between \$2,500 and \$3,000; (3) A frame, three-room building to contain an office, telephone, meteorological instruments, etc., to cost about \$4,000; (4) Portable vehicle for fueling planes (to also contain a fire extinguishing apparatus); (5) Caretaker.

(6) FIELD OPERATIONS -- A letter dated May 7th from the Inter-Island Airways, Ltd. with reference to erecting a hangar and small waiting room on the

MINUTES OF TERRITORIAL AERONAUTICAL COMMISSION MEETING
HELD AT THE HONOLULU AIRPORT ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 1929,
AT 2:00 P. M. (CONTINUED)

John Rodgers Airport, rental of runways, etc. was read. A reply to this letter, dated May 15th was also read. The following motion was made by Mr. Crawford, seconded and unanimously carried: "The Chairman is authorized to notify the Inter-Island Airways, Ltd. that permission will be granted them to erect a hangar and waiting room on John Rodgers Airport under the following stipulations: (1) That the design and location of the buildings will be subject to the approval of the Commission; (2) That rentals, fees, and charges may be made, subject to the discretion of the incoming Commission; (3) The use of the runways will be subject to charges and fees to be decided upon later; (4) That private buildings may be removed from the Airport".

The following motion was made by Commander Herbater, seconded and unanimously carried: "That Committee No. 6 submit to the Commission for its consideration a tentative schedule of fees, rentals and charges to be made for the operation of various Territorial airports."

OLD BUSINESS:

A letter from Lieutenant Moffat dated April 24th with reference to the licensing of pilots in the Territory was read. The following motion was made by Mr. Crawford, seconded and unanimously carried: "That the Chairman is directed to write a letter to all airplane operators in the Territory, and especially the Hawaiian Aeronautical Industries, Ltd., enclosing copies of the Field Rules of this Commission and calling their special attention to Rule No. 1". It was unanimously decided that Field Rules will be discussed at the next meeting with a view to making certain amendments.

Additional correspondence dated April 26th with Territorial Surveyor with regard to grades and contours on John Rodgers Airport was presented. The Chairman announced that the grades and contours survey for John Rodgers Airport has been completed but a map or blueprints have not yet been received.

Letter dated May 2nd to Colonel I. G. Blackman with reference to the presenting of a trophy for the promotion of Territorial aviation.

Letter dated May 1 from Mr. Richards, regarding automobiles crossing the runway of the Milo Airport. A wind gauge report accompanied the letter.

NEW BUSINESS:

Communication from T. W. Davies, dated May 11th, with regard to the Royal Aero Club Schneider Contest to be held at Southampton, September 6th and 7th.

Letter dated May 2nd reporting to Department Air Officer that a live demolition bomb dropped on the John Rodgers Airport on April 29th and that such occurrences are dangerous.

On April 25th, 1929, Mr. R. P. W. White of the Honolulu Star Bulletin was granted permission to take pictures from aircraft over the Island of Oahu on Sunday morning, April 28th.

Letter dated May 7th to the Governor of Hawaii with reference to the expiration of the appointments of the Territorial Aeronautical Commission.

Opinion from the Attorney General dated May 7th with reference to the expiration of the appointments of the members of the Territorial Aeronautical Commission.

Communication dated May 2nd to Land Commissioner with reference to securing the "Old Race Tract" at Lahaina for a Territorial landing field.

Communication dated May 14th to Captain Corham with reference to water service on the Port Allen Airport.

MINUTES OF TERRITORIAL AERONAUTICAL COMMISSION MEETING
HELD AT THE HONOLULU ARMY ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 1929,
AT 2:00 P. M. (CONTINUED)

On May 14th a communication was addressed to the Intelligence Office of the Hawaiian Department requesting information on the dependability that could be placed upon five members of the staff of the Hawaiian Aeronautical Industries, Ltd. who have made application for licenses to take pictures from aircraft over the Island of Oahu.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 4:15 p. m. to meet again at the call of the Chairman.


P. H. STOOL,
Chairman.