

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TERRITORIAL
AERONAUTICAL COMMISSION, held on Monday
December 23, 1929, at Room 65, Young Bldg.
Honolulu, T. H. at 3:30 P. M.

PRESENT:

Mr. Anderson, Chairman
Mr. Boyer
Mr. Damon
Dr. Hagood
Mr. Peacock
Mr. Wooldridge

ABSENT:

Mr. Brown

There being no changes in the minutes of the previous meeting, they were approved as circulated.

Christmas greeting from Governor and Mrs. L. M. Judd:

The Chairman read a Christmas greeting addressed to the Chairman and members of the Territorial Aeronautical Commission from Governor and Mrs. Lawrence McCully Judd.

Stove for administration building for John Rodgers Airport:

Mr. Peacock reported that the Hawaiian Electric Company offers a black Japan range, relieved by white and light gray enameled parts, installed for \$115.00. T. H. Davies & Company offer a pure porcelain range, with a slight defect for \$105.00, installed, originally priced at \$190.00. The cost of the stove will be considered as part of the cost of the administration building. The question of paying for the cost of operating the stove was brought up. Mr. Peacock suggested that the Commission pay the watchman's electric light bill, and that he pay for the power used, which would necessarily mean the installation of two meters in the watchman's quarters.

Moved by Dr. Hagood and seconded by Mr. Damon that the Commission purchase an electric stove and have it installed in the administration building at John Rodgers Airport, the stove to be selected by Mr. Peacock. Unanimously carried.

Moved by Mr. Boyer and seconded by Mr. Peacock that the electric current used in the administration building be paid for by the Commission, except the power current used in cooking, that to be paid by the watchman. Carried.

Appreciation of Dr. Hagood's work on behalf of the Commission members:

Moved by Mr. Damon and seconded by Mr. Boyer that the Commission members express their appreciation to Dr. Hagood for his work as Acting Chairman during the absence of Mr. Anderson, Chairman. Unanimously carried.

Acquisition of Maalaea, Maui:

Dr. Hagood stated that the Inter-Island people are just on the verge of letting a contract for a runway at Maalaea, the runway to be 1500 feet long, 100 feet wide, of 6 inch asphalt macadam. This Commission feels it ought to get every field possible, especially keen about owning the Maalaea field outright; but if the Inter-Island Airways build a runway on this field, the additional cost for development might make it so that the Commission could not buy it. This

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Commission is of the opinion that it should not be made to pay for further development of Maalaea without being consulted by the Inter-Island Airways. Adequate drainage of the field seems to be far more important than the proposed runway. At the present time the Commission has no jurisdiction over the field.

Moved by Mr. Boyer and seconded by Mr. Damon that a letter be addressed to the Inter-Island Airways requesting that they hold the matter of putting in a runway at Maalaea field in abeyance until we know the outcome of the present negotiations. Carried.

Dredging at John Rodgers Airport:

The dredging project at John Rodgers Airport was again the topic for a lengthy discussion. The Chairman asked the amount of material necessary to bring the field up to grade level whereupon he was informed that about 175,000 yards would be sufficient. Dr. Hagood read a letter dated December 16, 1929, from Mr. Lyman H. Bigelow, Sup't. of Public Works, re the proposed plan for improving John Rodgers, pointing out the various portions of the field on a blueprint referred to in the letter. Whether it would be more advisable to have the sludge coral piped from the proposed channel onto the field or to have it hauled to the various parts of the field was discussed. The Chairman stated that by piping the cost of improvements would be lessened. Mr. Peacock stated that the present developed runway should be from three to four hundred feet longer, that we ought to develop the part of the field which would give us the maximum use. At present time there are $7\frac{1}{2}$ acres at the end of the present main take-off which could be put into use. The Commission finally decided to call for alternative bids, as enough preliminary work has been done to submit a plan for dredging to the Dep't. of Public Works. ✓

Moved by Mr. Peacock and seconded by Dr. Hagood that the Sup't. of Public Works be requested to call for bids for the dredging project, John Rodgers Airport, on the following basis: (a) To put the entire amount of dredged material from the channel on the area mauka of the Hawaiian Airways hangar, this to be designated as area "A"; (b) To divide the dredged material equally between area "A" and area "B", area "B" to be that part of the airport makai of the Inter-Island Airways hangar and the cross-wind take-off strip; (c) To request the Airway Companies to temporarily vacate the field and to flood the entire field at one operation with dredged material, banking off the hangars and buildings with sand-bags and dykes. Carried.

Dr. Hagood reported on bids for an air compressor to be used in knocking off the humps of coral on the Rodgers field. After obtaining bids from the Hawaiian Contracting Company, Walker and Olund, and McCandless Brothers, Dr. Hagood stated that after a conference with Mayor Wilson the Assistant City Engineer will lend the Commission one double outlet air compressor, with hose and concrete hammers complete, for two weeks, the Commission to furnish gas and oil and pay a city employee to operate it. There are now 12 prisoners at work, pulling keawe trees and clearing the field, who might easily make use of a tractor, but it was decided that with the dredging project on hand it would be unwise to purchase a tractor immediately.

Mr. Anderson, in comparing the mainland fields with the field at Hilo, told the Commission that the surface of the Waiakea airport was as fine as any he had visited while away. He also stated he felt the Commission members were making no mistake in getting a coral surface for John Rodgers.

Inventory of Commission properties:

Moved by Mr. Damon and seconded by Mr. Boyer that an inventory of all the properties owned by the Commission be made and filed on the minutes. Carried.

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Improvements at Molokai:

Several weeks ago Mr. Lloyd Arnold, Libby McNeill & Libby, was authorized to go ahead with the work on the Molokai Field at an estimated cost of \$200.00, to clear the airport of bushes, rocks and humps on the surface. Mr. Arnold is going to charge on the basis of the actual cost, which will be about \$100.00. Work is now being done on the field.

Emergency landing field at Kalaupapa:

If the base-ball field at Kalaupapa were cleared of stones and the take-off lengthened about 250 or 300 feet, it would give the territory a good emergency landing field on the Island of Molokai. The work on this field would be done by patient labor, not to exceed \$500.00. There is almost a constant wind at the upper end of the field. No steps will be taken towards the acquisition of this field until a letter comes from Mr. R. L. Cooke, Sup't. of Kalaupapa Leper Settlement. If this field is developed by the Commission, the Board of Health will use it constantly.

Acquisition of Army landing fields:

Acquisition of Upolu Point, Hawaii, and Hanapepe, Kauai, for further territorial improvements and development were discussed. Colonel Pratt and other Army authorities are in favor of the plan. A letter is to be addressed to the Governor recommending that he address a letter to the Commanding General, Haw'n. Dep't., requesting the transfer of these two landing fields to the territory, stating that such part of the lands in question as shall be designated by the Commanding General, Haw'n. Dep't., for use by the Army for erecting barracks, radio stations, etc., be retained by the Federal Government at the time the Executive order is issued making the transfer. The Chairman was invited by Colonel Pratt to make a trip to Hawaii next week and go over the project on the ground.

Moved by Mr. Wooldridge and seconded by Mr. Damon that the letter drawn up and read by Dr. Hagood, relative to the acquisition of Upolu Point and Hanapepe, be sent. Unanimously carried.

Arrival of planes after dark:

Mr. Wooldridge reported that at least 40 people had commented on the Inter-Island Airways plan arriving after dark last week, and thought it within our jurisdiction to say something about it. As the Airways have been running on an indefinite schedule lately, no record has been kept by the Commission of the landing and taking-off of planes at John Rodgers. It would not be out of order in the least for the Commission to request or direct that the Inter-Island arrange their schedules to meet with the lighting facilities at the airport. A letter is to be written to the Inter-Island Airways regarding this.

Meeting adjourned:

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,


R. A. Anderson, Chairman