

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TERRITORIAL
AERONAUTICAL COMMISSION, held on Monday
January 6, 1930, in the Director's Room,
Young Bldg., Honolulu, T. H. at 3:30 P.M.

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

Mr. Boyer
Mr. Brown

As no quorum was present, no meeting was held on Monday,
December 30, 1929.

In the future, all meetings of the Territorial Aeronautical
Commission will be held on Monday at 4:00 P. M. instead of 3:30.

Correspondence received:

Letter read by the Chairman from the Inter-Island Airways
Company re the landing of transport planes with passengers at John
Rodgers Airport after dark. At no time have planes landed after dark
at the airport. Every precaution is being taken for the care of passen-
gers by the Inter-Island Airways; and they are not in any way going
to jeopardize the lives of their own passengers.

Letter read by the Chairman from the Inter-Island Airways
Company re their building an asphalt macadam runway at Maalaea. The
Inter-Island Airways are fully aware of the possible acquisition of
Maalaea through governmental channels and are willing to arrange for
cancellation of their lease on this property, providing arrangements
for the exchange of the lease can be made between the government and
the Hawaiian Commercial & Sugar Company, the lessors of the land.
This Commission deemed an adequate drainage system for this field a
much more important matter than the proposed runway. When the Inter-
Island Airways arranged for the lease of the land the question of
drainage was fully considered. The Company was informed by various
Maui people that certain prevailing weather conditions in the locality
of the airport would make the draining of the field extremely costly
and that, when completed, would render an area of little value as a
landing field because of several portions of the airport below sea
level. Mud and slush over a wide area of the Maalaea field have
caused Inter-Island planes to land and take-off from Kahului Harbor
during the past weeks. As soon as dry weather sets in, the dust on
the field will become almost unbearable; and in order to get what
they feel is necessary for the safe operation of their planes and
comfort of their passengers, the Inter-Island write that some sort
of a macadam runway is necessary. The Commission feels that a run-
way would be a great improvement to the Maalaea field; however, with
such limited funds available for the purchase of the Maui airport,
the building of a macadam runway at the present would make it impos-
sible for the territory to acquire the field. The Inter-Island Air-
way people are getting estimates from Maui for an asphalt macadam
runway approximately 1600 feet long by 100 feet wide, 4 or 5 inches
deep with 200 feet wide areas at each end. These estimates are ex-
pected within a very short time, and upon receipt of them the Inter-
Island Airways stated they would be more than glad to discuss the
proposition with the Commission. ✓

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Received a copy of a letter written to the Assistant Administrator, Board of Health, from Mr. R. L. Cooke, Sup't. of Kalaupapa Leper Settlement, Molokai, re the Kalaupapa Landing Field, together with an enclosed sketch of the field. The cost of improving the field by removing rocks and a corner of the stone wall about the Old Dairy would be approximately \$500.00. Dr. Hagood reported that the Board of Health are anxious to have this field developed as it would be a great saving for them to travel to Molokai by air rather than by boat. He also stated he had conferred with Dr. E. Trotter, Board of Health, and asked him if the Board of Health would be willing to pay for half the cost of improving the Kalaupapa Field if the Commission would pay the other half. The matter is to be held in abeyance until a report comes from Dr. Trotter. ✓

Dredging At John Rodgers Airport:

The Chairman reported on a conference had with Mr. Rush, Board of Harbor Commissioners, who advised that the Commission have some additional borings made covering the area over which we are proposing to dredge a channel, before a definite strip is laid out and given to the contractor to dredge. The present plan for the location of the channel would divide the airport into two areas, which, Mr. Peacock stated, was injurious to split any property. Dr. Hagood said that in the future it would be possible for speed boats to go all the way from Honolulu to John Rodgers Airport, through the Kalihi Channel, by water!

Moved by Dr. Hagood and seconded by Mr. Peacock that a rectangular area 1000 feet from the corner of the airport mauka, and 4000 feet toward the airport be explored, borings made, and the report given to this Commission as to where to locate the finished channel. Carried. ✓

Report on Kauai:

The Chairman reported that he had been to Hanapepe with Colonel Pratt and other Army officials, during the week, and that it looked feasible to get a cross-wind take off at this airport and eventually have a four way field. Negotiations for the acquisition of this field are moving ahead. ✓

Mr. Peacock and Mr. Anderson are to fly to Hawaii on Tuesday January 7, 1930, to go over the fields at Hilo and Upolu Point.

License form to be issued the Inter-Island Airways and the Hawaiian Airways Companies:

Dr. Hagood renewed the discussion of completing a license form to be given to the Hawaiian Airways Company and the Inter-Island Airways Company, as the Commission has been awaiting the arrival of Mr. Anderson with information on mainland airports. The only objection apparently on the part of the Airways Companies is the question of ground rental; so, with a few changes, Dr. Hagood suggested we draw up a plan now practically as we have it. It was decided that Mr. Anderson, Dr. Hagood, and Mr. McGhee, Assistant Attorney General, get together sometime during the week, draw up a license form, and present it at the next meeting.

Overflow of irrigation water from the Honolulu Plantation Company:

There is a constant overflow of irrigation water from the Honolulu Plantation Company onto the John Rodgers Airport. It was decided that a letter be addressed to Mr. Harry Hewitt, Attorney General, and request his opinion as to the liability of the Honolulu Plantation Company to dispose of this water, and if we are called upon to protect ourselves from it, or can the Plantation Company be expected to provide means of keeping the water from reaching the airport. ✓

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Painting of Radio towers on Advertiser Building:

The Chairman reported that the Advertiser Publishing Company had built two radio towers on top of their new building, which, as yet are unpainted, and had inquired as to whether or not there was any special way the Commission desired to have the towers painted. Dr. Hagood suggested yellow and black as suitable colors for the towers, which might easily be seen from the air. He also stated it would be wise to have each tower lighted, for the benefit of Commercial, Army & Navy fliers.

Meeting adjourned:

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



R. A. Anderson, Chairman.