

MINUTES OF THE TERRITORIAL AERONAUTICAL
COMMISSION, held on Monday, January 13,
1930, in the Directors Room, Young Bldg.
Honolulu, T. H. at 4:00 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.

Mr. Stanley Kennedy, general manager of the Inter-Island Airways Company, addressed the meeting on the subject of his company's needs in the way of improvement for the Maalaea Field. For the past few weeks weather conditions on Maui have forced Inter-Island planes to land in Kahului Harbor. Salt water effects the motors considerably and is a constant wear and tear on their planes. Up to the present time Maalaea has been developed by the Inter-Island and is now a good airport, but there is a great possibility for further development. When the Inter-Island air service was inaugurated exceptionally bad weather conditions had to be met and dealt with. Mud and slush covered a large area of Maalaea recently; but the rains have packed the field and it is now practically all in turf. The wind comes in two directions, north north-east, or south south-west; and varies as much as 180 degrees an hour. In talking with the Commission Mr. Kennedy pointed out that in his opinion as well as that of Lieutenant Carl Cover, operations manager, it is extremely important that an asphalt-macadam runway be put in at this time, while all the islands are experiencing bad weather, both for the safety of passengers and the protection of the Inter-Island Airways Company. Estimates have been received by the Inter-Island from a Maui contractor for an asphalt macadam runway approximately 1600 feet long by 100 feet in width, 2½ inches deep, with 200 foot wide areas at each end, the cost of the work amounting to about \$8,500. The cost of a system to properly drain the Maalaea field would be too expensive to consider, either by the Inter-Island Airways or the Commission. If mud will seep through the 8 inch runway at John Rodgers Airport, Mr. Peacock held that the mud would surely come thru only 2½ inches of asphalt, and possibly ruin the runway as dirt is very detrimental to asphalt. Should the territory eventually take over Maalaea Mr. Kennedy stated that this proposed runway could be used as the base for a permanent runway. This, however, did not meet with the approval of the Commission as any material put on top of the 2½ inch take-off would make the strip higher than the field.

Moved by Dr. Hagood and seconded by Mr. Damon that the Commission discuss the matter of putting in an asphalt-macadam runway at Maalaea by the Inter-Island Airways Company and report to Mr. Kennedy. Carried.

The Chairman read a letter from Mr. C. T. Bailey, Commissioner of Public Lands, regarding the appraisal of Maalaea Field. The Government Board of Appraisers has reported the following: valuation for the Maalaea Airport owned by the Hawaiian Commercial and Sugar Company (value of course exclusive of improvements made by the Inter-Island Airways, Limited, lessee:

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25 acres cane land at \$200.00	\$5000.00
55 acres kiawe land at 100.00	5500.00
45 acres swamp land at 5.00	225.00
<u>125</u>	<u>10725.00</u>

The owners of this land reported by Alexander & Baldwin, Ltd. have refused to accept the appraised value as stated above, holding that a value of \$150.00 per acre is a fair price for the land. If this Commission is to acquire the land by condemnation proceedings, Mr. Damon said we might just as well take the swamp land. Before condemnation proceedings are filed it will be necessary to have an accurate survey made of the land to be acquired. The owners desire to retain a 200 foot strip along the west edge of the field adjoining the company's cane land.

Dr. Hagood reported that Mr. Hewitt, Attorney General, stated that the Commission could prevent the Inter-Island building the proposed runway at Maalaea by filing condemnation proceedings. The Commission could file on a hastily drawn description of the field with the proceedings, and make amendments when the survey is completed. It is the intention of this Commission to improve Maalaea just as the Inter-Island Airway people are proposing, as soon as the field is acquired by the territory stated Mr. Peacock, but when work is started it is the desire of the members to do it on a more permanent basis.

Moved by Mr. Boyer and seconded by Mr. Wooldridge that the Chairman be authorized to select another member of the Commission to go with him to see the representatives of the Hawaiian Commercial & Sugar Company and discuss a compromise. Carried.

To avoid all possibilities of accidents in the future, the Inter-Island Airways Company is anxious to begin work at the Maalaea Field, and Lieutenant Carl Cover will fly to Maui on Tuesday, January 14, to consult further with the contractor. Mr. Boyer will also make the trip to investigate for the Commission. In the opinion of Mr. Peacock the permanence of an asphalt macadam runway $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches thick is a question to be settled by a road engineer, in which opinion he was supported by the Commission.

Aero photographs by Palama Settlement:

Letter from Palama Settlement read by the Chairman asking permission to make still and moving pictures of their plant from the air.

Moved by Mr. Boyer and seconded by Mr. Damon that permission be granted to Palama Settlement to take aero pictures of their extensive plant; and that they be complimented on their action in painting the word "Palama" on the roof of their gymnasium to act as an aerial sign. Carried.

Report on Hawaii:

The Chairman reported on the trip which he and Mr. Peacock made to Upolu Point during the week. The Commission can take the two areas at North Kohala, 37.9 acres and 57.2 acres, and develop as a whole, or put all available funds into the area now in use. Landing at Upolu Point is now very hazardous, and it would take at least 30 thousand dollars to develop both fields. The Chairman stated there is not enough traffic at this field to justify the improvements. It was recommended that the territory purchase only half of the field. A letter was read from the Governor relative to the Army landing fields at Upolu Point and Puolo Point with enclosed copy of the Governor's letter to the Commanding General, Hawaiian Department. It is believed ✓

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the Governor would like to acquire all possible land from the Federal Government, letting the Army retain the areas they desire for radio stations, barracks, fueling stations, etc. Mr. Damon expressed his desire that the territory should acquire all of Upolu Point Federal lands.

Dredging at John Rodgers:

The Chairman read a letter from Mr. Lyman H. Bigelow, Sup't. of Public Works, relative to the dredging project at John Rodgers Airport. Mr. Bigelow thought the Commission should concentrate on the two present runways, and develop a much smaller portion of the field than previously considered by the Commission. A blue print from the Dep't. of Public Works was presented, showing the plan for development. It was decided that this scheme should be included as the fourth alternative for dredging at John Rodgers. ✓


License form for Inter-Island Airways & Hawaiian Airways:

The matter of licenses for the Hawaiian Airways and the Inter-Island Airways was discussed. Dr. Hagood stated there were only one or two points in the license that must be insisted upon with the Companies could not agree to. Mr. McGhee, deputy attorney general, is to be consulted during the week on several points in the present license form.

Meeting adjourned:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



R. A. Anderson, Chairman.