

MINUTES OF THE TERRITORIAL AERONAUTICAL  
COMMISSION, held on Tuesday, January 28,  
1930, in the Director's Room, Young Bldg.  
Honolulu, T. H., at 3:00 P. M.

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

Mr. Wooldridge

This was a special meeting called by the Chairman to discuss the acquisition of Maalaea, by the territory.

Maalaea Airport:

The runway to be built by the Inter-Island Airways Company at Maalaea as reported to Mr. Peacock by Carl Cover, operations manager, will cost between 15 and 18 thousand dollars, will be 75' wide by 1500' long, with 3 inches of gravel and 2 inches of crushed rock for the base. It was the desire of the Commission several weeks ago to have such a foundation for the base of this runway; but 1500 feet seems a little longer than necessary for ships to take off from Maalaea, and it is doubtful if planes would swerve off a 50 foot width instead of 75'. Mr. Peacock is urgent about immediate action in acquiring the field as he feels we would be able to alter the specifications somewhat for the construction of said runway. Several members of the Commission were under the impression that the runway would be used only occasionally, but Mr. Damon said the Inter-Island Airways intended to land on the runway constantly. This brought about the question of the field conditions for landing purposes. If the land is too soft and irregular for ships to land on, Dr. Hagood would hold off buying for at least a year and let the Inter-Island experiment with the field at their own risk. When this Commission was contemplating acquiring in September, Lieutenant Moffat, Department of Commerce Inspector, informed us of the rough air conditions, which, he said, proved noticeable and embarrassing to light weight planes, and advised the development of a field near Lahaina. Other persons at this time reported uncertain weather conditions existing at this field. About September the members of the Commission were somewhat dubious about Maalaea as an airport, but by waiting several months Mr. Damon feels the purchase of this field is a safe bet, even though the delay in buying has increased the price. ✓

After conferring with Mr. John Waterhouse, Alexander & Baldwin, Mr. Damon came before the meeting with the following statement:

"Subject to the approval of Mr. F. F. Baldwin, President of Hawaiian Commercial & Sugar Company, Ltd., said company will agree to sell the land now known as the Maalaea Airport, which is under lease to the Inter-Island Airways, Ltd., for \$18,000.00, provided satisfactory arrangements can be made with said Inter-Island Airways, Ltd., for the taking over of the lease and reimbursing them for monies already expended or to be expended on contracts already entered into by them for the improvement of said airport. The offer is subject to acceptance within 30 days."

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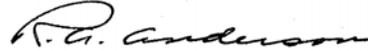
The Inter-Island Airways are willing for the sale of the Maalaea property if the territory will reimburse them for their improvements. The field as it stands today, would cost the territory approximately \$42,000.00. Mr. Bailey, Commissioner of Public Lands, present at this meeting, believes the land could not be purchased for less at any time. Available funds to expend on Maui at present are \$5,000.00 from the old appropriation and \$20,000.00 from the last legislature. Money might be re-allotted from the Hawaii or the John Rodgers allotments.

As this Commission has 30 days in which to act, it was decided to get the value of the lease hold held by the Inter-Island Airways Company and discuss Maalaea further at a meeting of the entire board.

Meeting adjourned:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



R. A. Anderson, Chairman.