

MINUTES OF THE TERRITORIAL AERONAUTICAL
COMMISSION, held on Monday, February 3,
1930, in the Director's Room, Young Bldg.
Honolulu, T. H. at 4:00 P. M.

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

None

There being no changes in the minutes of the meeting held on Monday, January 27, they were approved as circulated.

Maalaea Airport:

Maalaea Airport, the acquisition of which this Commission has been considering for some time, was again the subject of discussion. At the request of the Commission for a reappraisal of the Maalaea property, Mr. Charles T. Bailey, Commissioner of Public Lands, received a letter from the Maui Board of Appraisers setting the value of approximately \$31,000.00 on the airport, including the Hawaiian Commercial & Sugar Company's reversionary interest in the improvements being made by the Inter-Island Airways under their five-year lease.

The Chairman reported that he and Mr. Damon had conferred with Mr. Stanley Kennedy, general manager of the Inter-Island Airways, and Mr. Kennedy had suggested the following scheme as a possible plan for the territory to purchase Maalaea: that the Commission buy the land from the Hawaiian Commercial & Sugar Company at \$18,000.00; that we then reimburse the Inter-Island Airways \$12,000.00 of the \$23,000.00 which they will have spent in improvements at the field when the work is completed; and that we then so word the license we propose giving them to cover the use of all territorial landing fields and hangars on the basis of the \$11,000.00 balance on improvements put in at Maalaea by them, applying as pre-paid rental covering the use of the territorial fields for a period of 20 years. ✓

The Commission does not feel justified in tying the territory to a proposition extending over a period of twenty years. It is also the attitude of this Commission not to charge any rentals until the Airways companies are well established; but at that time the territory should have a free hand to charge any rentals deemed proper.

It was finally decided that the whole matter would be summed up in writing and put before the Governor and the attorney general; then a meeting will be called possibly Friday of this week.

Hawaiian Airways to resume operations:

The Hawaiian Airways Company, which suspended inter-island air service several weeks ago, expects to resume operations with one of its two Kreutzer monoplanes next week, and desires to know what the Commission contemplates in the way of the entrance to the hangar leading to the runway. In two months they will have their Fokker F10 in operation and would like to have the entrance strip widened from 25 feet to 50 feet. Mr. Peacock is at present repairing this area and will do whatever work is necessary.

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The Hawaiian Airways Company would also like to use the office and waiting room of the Administration building at John Rodgers as a ticket office, and ask upon what basis this might be accomplished. At present no one is occupying the office in the Administration building; but aviation in the territory is growing so rapidly that to the Commission an airport manager seems imperative, and the Administration building seems the only logical place for headquarters for such a person. Sometime ago the matter of employing an airport manager was discussed. With such a project as the dredging to be done at John Rodgers, a general supervisor should be at the airport, as well as someone to regulate traffic and attend to routine matters. Mr. Peacock is open to acceptance for such a position; in this case it would necessitate his resignation from the Commission. It was suggested by Dr. Hagood that this matter be taken up with the Governor stating that the Commission feels the time has arrived when a supervisor for the development of territorial airports is needed, making John Rodgers Airport as headquarters, and from that point he could take care of territorial airports, which time the Commission members cannot give. The Chairman will refer this to the Governor for consideration.

Letter from Inter-Island re condition of Rodgers Airport:

The Chairman read a letter from the Inter-Island Airways Company regarding the surface conditions of the runway and the field at John Rodgers Airport. As a result of wet weather conditions the runway is very soft and many grooves appear over the airport. The Inter-Island Airways reported of their planes being stuck in the mud several times, occasionally doing damage to the planes; and of the necessity for a washing down of each plane after every trip. If a steam roller were run over the field much trouble could be avoided by smoothing out the surface and filling in large holes. It was suggested that the letter from the Inter-Island Airways be shown to the Governor in connection with the possible employment of an airport manager.

Moved by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Wooldridge that a steam roller be rented from the City & County for two days, if necessary. Carried.

Meeting adjourned:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned to meet again when called by the Chairman.

Respectfully submitted,



R. A. Anderson, Chairman.