

MINUTES OF TERRITORIAL AERONAUTICAL COMMISSION MEETING
HELD AT THE HONOLULU ARMORY ON FRIDAY AFTERNOON, MARCH
30, 1928, AT 2:00 P. M.

PRESENT:

Colonel P. M. Smoot, Chairman
Mr. Will C. Crawford
Mr. Herbert F. Cullen
Mr. Leo G. Fehlman
Mr. A. W. Van Valkenburg

ABSENT:

None

The minutes of the previous meeting were read. There being no corrections, the minutes stand approved as read.

A letter to Lewis' Hawaiian Tours dated March 20 granting the use of the Hilo Airport was read.

The Chairman will take up with the Superintendent of Public Works the matter of having more surfacing material dumped on the Hilo Airport as the dredger may be taken to Kauai shortly. ✓

A communication addressed to Mr. H. Penhallow, Manager of Wailuku Sugar Company, requesting permission to encourage civilians to start work on the clearing of the Paukukalo Basin proposed landing field, was read. A similar request was made of Mr. Caleb E. S. Burns, Manager of the Pioneer Mill Company, in connection with the proposed landing field in the "Old Race Track". Major E. M. Bolton, Assistant Adjutant General of Hawaii, is leaving for Maui tonight and will discuss this matter with Mr. Burns. ✓

The Chairman informed the Commission that all of the Barking Sands (Kauai) proposed landing field is being surveyed. Too small an area was surveyed a few months ago. ✓

Mr. Fehlman reported that Dr. Milton Rice of Hilo suggested having someone on the Island of Hawaii appointed a member of this Commission. As two other islands have made similar requests and there are only two vacancies available, no action will be taken on this matter at present. ✓

A letter dated March 10 from the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Aeronautics informing this Commission of his pleasure in knowing that Major Young was able to be of assistance on his recent visit to the territory, was read. The Chairman stated that this letter is probably in reply to our letter of thanks addressed to Secretary Herbert Hoover of the Department of Commerce.

In connection with a letter from Elmer R. Petersen of Laupahoehoe, Hawaii, on the subject of trans-oceanic non-stop air flights, the Commission expressed itself on the following points:

SAFETY - - The Commission does not feel it is safe from the standpoint of commercial purposes.

PRACTICAL - - Not practicable at present from a business standpoint.

NECESSARY - - Yes. No new industry can develop without such pioneering work.

The Chairman informed the Commission that the expenditures due to the recent visit of Major Clarence M. Young, Director of the Bureau of Aeronautics, Department of Commerce, amounted to \$394.36. ✓

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The subject of field rules will be discussed at the next meeting of this Commission. The members will study Suggested Field Rules, pages 29 and 30 of the "Domestic Air News", Volume 11, No. 3, Serial #22, dated February 15, 1928, preparatory to discussing this matter at the next meeting.

The Chairman requests that all members of this Commission keep a record of the number of hours they are in the air so that it may be incorporated in the report of this Commission to the Governor for the period July 1, 1927 to June 30, 1928. Y

Mr. Crawford who recently returned from a trip to the mainland gave an interesting talk to the Commission on the subject of aeronautical matters in the States. There is on file a clipping from the Honolulu Advertiser covering his report in detail. Mr. Crawford was accorded a vote of thanks for the able manner in which he rendered his report.

The members of this Commission will donate a cup for the Star-Bulletin Inter-island Airplane Model Contest on Maui in May. The members will give the cup as individuals and personally. X

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:05 P. M. to meet again at 2:30 P. M., Thursday, April 12, 1928.

P. M. Smoot.

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Chairman.