

MINUTES OF TERRITORIAL AERONAUTICAL COMMISSION MEETING
HELD AT THE HONOLULU ARMORY ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 18, 1929,
AT 2:30 P. M.

PRESENT:

Mr. Leo G. Fehlman, Acting Chairman
Mr. Chester Clarke
Mr. Herbert F. Cullen
Mr. Charles H. Dolan, Jr.
Commander Victor D. Herbster

ABSENT:

Colonel P. M. Smoot, Chairman (Absent on the Mainland in the interest of commercial aviation)
Mr. Will C. Crawford

ACTING CHAIRMAN:

The Governor has appointed Mr. Fehlman as Acting Chairman during the absence from the Territory of the Chairman.

APPOINTMENT OF MR. DOLAN:

Mr. Charles H. Dolan, Jr., who was appointed by the Governor on December 31, 1928 as a member of this Commission to succeed Mr. A. W. Van Valkenburg, was welcomed as our new member. Notification of his appointment was read and filed with the Secretary.

READING OF MINUTES:

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

MR. VAN VALKENBURG'S RESIGNATION:

Mr. Van Valkenburg's communication to the Governor submitting his resignation as a member of the Territorial Aeronautical Commission and the Governor's letter of acceptance of such resignation, were read.

OLD BUSINESS:

A letter dated December 19, 1928 to the Land Commissioner requesting a tract of land of approximately 30 acres between Koko Head Crater and Makapuu Point be secured for operation by this Commission, was read. ✓

NEW BUSINESS:

On December 19, 1928 a wind vane and wind cone were furnished the Superintendent of Public Works with request that they be erected on John Rodgers Airport. On January 4th a wind cone was forwarded to Mr. H. Blomfield Brown for erection on the Lanai field to replace one which was torn to shreds by the last storm.

This Commission is in receipt of a communication from Mr. David K. Richards of the Hilo Airport stating that he is in receipt of the portable air compressor and equipment pertaining thereto. ✓

Two communications from Captain William Gorham of Port Allen with reference to the Port Allen Airport and the Commission's reply thereto were read. Mr. Fehlman stated that within a month a representative of the Public Works Department will be sent over to Port Allen to draw up plans

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of the work to be done, after which bids will be called. Mr. Dolan stated that the Superintendent of Public Works informed him that the Army section of the Joint Port Allen Airport was formerly under the jurisdiction of the Territory and that it would be advisable to have the Federal Government turn it back to the Territory so that Territorial funds may be expended for its improvement. The following motion was made by Commander Herbster, seconded and unanimously carried: "That the matter of endeavoring to have this land transferred by the Federal Government to the Territorial Government be held in abeyance until the Chairman's return".

An interesting letter from the Chairman and newspaper clippings of his activities in Los Angeles were read.

Mr. Dolan stated that the Superintendent of Public Works has been endeavoring for some time to get the Hawaiian Dredging Company interested in taking a contract for work at John Rodgers Airport. Recently this dredging company approached the Superintendent of Public Works on this subject. As the work of one of their dredgers is tied up owing to a law suit, they are willing to take the John Rodgers Airport contract so that their dredger will not be idle while the law suit is pending. The dredging company could furnish a fill for approximately 60¢ a cubic yard while other companies are quoting \$1.75. Mr. Dolan further stated that the dredger could blast its way through the reef, pump 5,000 feet which would be used for a fill, and we would then have an entrance for the dredger for future work. The following motion was made by Mr. Dolan, seconded and unanimously carried: "That the Superintendent of Public Works be requested to submit to this Commission at the earliest practicable date a complete report on putting the dredger within striking distance of John Rodgers Airport and all data pertaining thereto". It was unanimously agreed that when this report is received to invite the Superintendent of Public Works to our meeting that he may enlighten us on any points in the report that may not be clear. The following motion was made by Mr. Clarke, seconded and unanimously carried: "That the Chair is authorized to appoint a committee of two members to present in person our letter requesting information on this dredging project". This committee will consist of Mr. Fehlman and Mr. Dolan.

Mr. Dolan mentioned the advisability of the Territorial Aeronautical Commission's adopting the Uniform State Law that is being advocated by the Department of Commerce throughout the country. The Attorney General's Department of the Territory has drawn up a proposed bill amending the present territorial aviation law. This matter will be given further consideration at a later date.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 4:05 p. m. to meet again at the call of the Acting Chairman.


LEO G. FEHLMAN,
Acting Chairman.