

MINUTES OF TERRITORIAL AERONAUTICAL COMMISSION MEETING
HELD AT THE HONOLULU ARMORY ON THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 1929,
AT 2:30 P. M.

PRESENT:

Colonel P. M. Smoot, Chairman
Mr. Will C. Crawford
Mr. Charles H. Dolan, Jr.
Mr. Leo G. Fehlman
Commander Victor D. Herbster

ABSENT:

Mr. Chester R. Clarke
Mr. Herbert F. Cullen

READING OF MINUTES:

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

MEETING CALLED BY GOVERNOR:

The Governor of Hawaii called a meeting for 2:00 p. m., April 19, 1929, in his office in the Capitol Building to discuss with the Superintendent of Public Works and the members of this Commission work to be done on John Rodgers Airport. The minutes of the meeting are in the files of this Commission.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

(1) RECEPTION AND ENTERTAINMENT -- Mr. Cullen, Chairman, being absent, submitted a written report on arrangements for the Commission's Aviation Dinner to be given at the Pacific Club on Saturday evening, April 27th.

(2) EXAMINATIONS AND RATINGS OF PRIVATE FLYING FIELDS -- No report.

(3) LAWS; LEGISLATION; RULES AND REGULATIONS -- Colonel Smoot, Chairman, stated that if the bill now before the House of Representatives to abolish the Commission (already passed by the Senate) is passed, the Governor stated he would veto it. It is the Attorney General's verbal opinion to Colonel Smoot that if the appointments of the members of this Commission are not confirmed by the Senate, the present members will not continue as such after June 30, 1929.

A letter dated April 22nd addressed to Lieutenant R. C. Moffat, A. C., Local Aviation Inspector, Dept. of Commerce, with reference to Mr. L. H. McCurley's flying with a passenger was read. In this letter request is made for a list of persons and planes that pass inspections for licenses. X

(4) LOCATION OF FLYING FIELDS AND AIRWAYS -- Colonel Smoot, Chairman, read a report on the trip of two members of this Committee to the Island of Kauai, April 6th to April 9th.

PORT ALLEN FIELD: It was the Chairman's belief that the clearing is the most important part of the work to be done on the Port Allen Field and that very little grading is necessary. Commander Herbster stated that in his opinion the dip in the field would not have to be filled at present. The following motion was made by Mr. Crawford, seconded and unanimously carried: "That Committees Nos. 4 and 5 work together in the drawing up of specifications for the improvement of the territorial section of the Port Allen Field". X

BARKING SANDS FIELD (MANA): The following motion was made by Mr. Crawford, seconded and unanimously carried: "That we mark on a blueprint the area that we wish cleared on the Barking Sands Field and request the Superintendent of Public Works to clear this area of small brush at an estimated cost of \$300.00". X

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LIHUE DAIRY FIELD: Mr. Crawford mentioned that the railroad will move for \$15,000.00 the railroad track and ditch which are on the field in the vicinity of Lihue Dairy, which field is under the jurisdiction of this Commission. The Chairman suggested that we might exchange this field for the field in the vicinity of the Old Race Tract and Polo Field on the beach about one mile south of Kapaa. The following motion was made by Mr. Dolan, seconded and unanimously carried: "That the Chairman investigate the matter of securing the Old Race Tract (ascertain the Land Commissioner's ideas on the advisability of an exchange; the terrain and meteorological features of the field; secure blueprint of area; etc.)". Mr. Crawford expressed the opinion that this field is too far from Lihue for use as a terminal. ✓

(5) DEVELOPING; DESIGNING; EQUIPMENT OF AIRPORTS AND EMERGENCY FIELDS -- Mr. Dolan, Chairman, reported that a tentative layout of various territorial fields is being worked up and that it was hoped they will be ready for the aviation dinner on the 27th. These layouts will be mounted on cardboard and placed so that they may be perused by the dinner guests. Mr. Dolan added that a very capable young Chinese draftsman is working on these layouts and will probably have four or six drawings finished for the dinner.

(6) FIELD OPERATIONS -- No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

A reply dated April 4th from the Maui Chamber of Commerce with reference to the promotion and encouragement of commercial aviation was read. Commander Herbster recommended that the Chairman answer this letter. The following questions contained in the above mentioned communication were presented for the Commission's consideration: ✓

"Does the Commission look to Maui Chamber of Commerce to raise funds to purchase a site and for its development or either?" -- No, but certain localities in certain States have donated airport sites as they realized the benefits of having a landing field. ✓

"What have been the findings of the Commission as to the various proposed sites on this Island?" -- The following motion was made by Commander Herbster, seconded and unanimously carried: "It is the consensus of opinion of this Commission that the best location known by this Commission is Kanaha Ponds and the second is a field due west of Spreckelsville (exact location to be described)." The following motion was made by Mr. Dolan, seconded and unanimously carried: "That the Commission go definitely on record as believing that the Kihei Swamps and adjoining area are unsuitable for an airport location". ✓

Reply dated April 3rd from Chamber of Commerce of Hilo with reference to the encouragement of commercial aviation.

Letter dated April 24th to Western Pacific Air Transport, Ltd., stating that no further action will be taken by this Commission with reference to the alleged violation of our "Restricted Areas" Regulations.

Communication dated April 6th to Captain William M. Gorham with reference to the name of the "Port Allen Field".

Reply dated April 1st from the Superintendent of Public Works that the territorial powder magazine located on the Hilo Airport cannot be moved until the Legislature appropriates money for such purpose. The Chairman announced that he was informed by Senator Desha that it is expected \$5,000 will be appropriated and placed in the hands of the Superintendent of Public Works for the erection of a new powder magazine. ✓

In a letter dated February 25th Mr. Edwin H. Lewis was given 90 days

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from January 12, 1929 to make certain improvements to his field as outlined by Lieutenant Robert J. Brown, Jr., former Local Aviation Inspector, Dept. of Commerce. Mr. Lewis vacated this field before the expiration of the 90 days and the field is now operated by another company. This letter will be referred to Committee No. 2 for further consideration.

Communication dated April 6th to Hawaiian Aeronautical Industries, Ltd., granting them permission to erect a temporary hangar on John Rodgers Airport.

Letter dated April 6th to Hawaiian Aeronautical Industries, Ltd., stating that the Commission will not take further action in the matter of the verbal complaint against their J.N.6H Plane.

Mr. Crawford has submitted 17 designs drawn by students of McKinley High School for an insignia for adoption by this Commission. The following motion was made by Mr. Dolan, seconded and unanimously carried: "That these designs be submitted to Committee No. 3 for their selection and recommendation of the two best designs". The following motion was made by Mr. Dolan, seconded and unanimously carried: "That a voucher in the amount of \$10.00 be prepared for the student who has submitted the best design, and a voucher in the amount of \$5.00 for the student who has submitted the second best design." X

An opinion dated April 6th from the Territorial Attorney General advising that it would be improper to have a bill introduced to amend Senate Bill No. 15 now pending in the House and that the Chairman of the House Finance Committee should be requested to make the changes desired. X

Under date of April 11th the Governor transmitted copies of correspondence with reference to the use of the Army Section of the Port Allen Field by the Territory. This Commission has not yet been informed if this permission is granted. ✓

At the meeting of April 4th a motion was unanimously carried directing the Chairman to write a warning letter to all commercial and private pilots against violating our regulations on restricted areas. No action will be taken on this matter until a list of such pilots is furnished the Commission by the local Aviation Inspector of the Dept. of Commerce.

Letter dated April 16th to the Territorial Surveyor with further reference to a contour or grades survey of John Rodgers Airport.

NEW BUSINESS:

A letter dated April 10th from Colonel L. G. Blackman offering a trophy for the promotion of aviation in Hawaii was read. The following motion was made by Mr. Dolan, seconded and unanimously carried: "That a letter be sent to Colonel Blackman expressing our appreciation of his offer and recommending that he submit his proposition to the Honolulu Chapter, N. A. A., for their consideration".

Communication dated April 10th from Western Pacific Air Transport, Ltd., informing this Commission that certain planes formerly operated by them have been removed from the Ala Moana Airport by their owner.

On April 24th the Superintendent of Public Works was furnished a list of improvements desired by this Commission on the John Rodgers Airport.

The Chairman announced that he is a member of the Chamber of Commerce of Honolulu and receives mimeographed copies of action taken by that Chamber on the subject of commercial aviation.

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This Commission is in receipt of a letter dated April 9th addressed to the Finance Committee, House of Representatives, by the Department Commander of the American Legion, opposing the abolition of the Territorial Aeronautical Commission.

The Governor has furnished this Commission a letter from the Commanding General, Hawaiian Department, dated April 16th, with reference to the disposition of hangars at present used on Wheeler Field. There are none available for municipal use.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 4:25 p. m., to meet again at the call of the Chairman.


P. M. SMOOT,
Chairman.