MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TERRITORIAL AERONAUTICAL COMMISSION, held on Tuesday, July 16, 1929, at Room 52, Young Building. Honolulu, T. H. at 3:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Mr. Anderson, Chairman

Mr. Boyer Mr. Damon

Dr. Hagood

Mr. Peacock

Mr. Wooldridge

ABSENT:

Mr. Brown

The minutes of the last meeting of the former Commission held on Friday, June 21, 1929, were read, together with the correspondence referred to.

Inter Island Airways and hangar:

The Chairman first stated that the most pressing matter was the situation in regard to the Inter Island Airways and their hangar, as they hoped to start active service on September 1st. He requested the consideration of the Commission in connection with the type of hangar and the general location.

Visit to Rogers Airport:

The question was raised as to whether they were able to grasp the situation fully until they had actually looked over the field, and Mr. Anderson suggested that they should all go to Rogers Airport the following morning, Wednesday, July 17th, at 11:00 a.m. All the members present agreed to be on the field the next morning at 11:00 a.m. and action was deferred until the field had been inspected.

Administration Building for discussion of John Rogers Airport:

The next question raised was whether the time had yet come for an Administration Building. The Chairman stated that his personal opinion was that there was no need for an Administration Building for some time to come, but it was pointed out that the former Commission had given a great deal of thought to this problem and had decided that an Administration Building was needed, and therefore they would all have to go into this matter very thoroughly.

Dr. Hagood next asked if any plans had been made to put water on the field. The Chairman replied that he knew of no plans at present. Dr. Hagood stated that the dust was very thick and that it seemed to him that the first thing necessary was to pipe water and then water the field.

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Mr. Peacock asked if any certain type of field had been decided upon and it was stated that the best field would be developed in accordance with what was available. A grass field was discussed but it was pointed out that Luke Field had had large sums of money spent upon it in an endeavor to get a good grass field but it was now as bad as ever, and it looked as if an oil surface would be the only solution.

The Chairman handed round the blue prints and photographs and these were studied carefully so that a decision could be made with regard to runways as well as the hangars, and several alternatives were discussed.

Mr. Wooldridge suggested that a standard hangar could be obtained which was like a portable house and which would save a good deal of money in construction, but Mr. Peacock pointed out that it would be necessary to have a type that could be easily added to, as they could not possibly anticipate their needs far enough in advance. Of course it was an important factor that they should not use a style which would make the cost of the erection of the hangar prohibitive. It was suggested that they would be able to get a good many ideas regarding the construction and the cost of same when visiting the field, and they should then have another meeting as soon as possible.

The Chairman next suggested the possibility of obtaining prison labor, as there were huge lumps of coral on the field and it would require a rock crusher. Dr. Hagood also stated that if a man were put directly in charge of the field more work would be accomplished. These matters would be considered.

It was mentioned that a vital problem for some time to come would be to get passengers to the runway, and it was decided to let the Air Company deal with this and find transportation.

Digest of Minutes of old Commission:

Mr. Boyer made a request to the Chairman for all members to be supplied with a digest of the Minutes of the meetings held by the former Commission, as much hard work had been accomplished and it might be as well to follow as closely as possible the items that the former Commission had in mind.

Fields on other islands discussed:

The fields on the other islands were then discussed. It was suggested that the members go over to Hilo on the 7th of next month. The Governor would be in Hilo for two days during this time and it was agreed that this was an excellent idea.

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Again mentioning the fact that they would all be on the field at 11:00 a.m., the following morning so that they could get a better idea of how to deal with the matters already discussed, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. Hagood, Jr., Secretary