

MINUTES OF THE TERRITORIAL AERONAUTICAL
COMMISSION, held on Monday, January 20,
1930, in the Directors Room, Young Bldg.
Honolulu, T. H. at 4:00 P. M.

PRESENT:

Mr. Anderson, Chairman
Mr. Boyer
Mr. Damon
Mr. Peacock
Mr. Wooldridge

ABSENT:

Mr. Brown
Dr. Hagood

There being no changes in the minutes of the previous meeting,
they were approved as circulated.

Installation of telephone at Upolu Point by Inter-Island:

A letter was read by the Chairman from the Inter-Island Airways stating they had received from the Mutual Telephone Company an estimate of cost for the extension of its telephone lines from the main line in Kohala district down to Upolu Point Landing Field, and also had permission from the Hawaiian Department of the United States Army to install a phone at this field. The phone is to be a coin collection box type and the Inter-Island monthly rental will be \$5.50. The extension of the line will cost \$680.00. The Inter-Island Airways want to know, should Upolu Point become a territorial airport, if the Commission would be willing to reimburse them for the installation of this phone. Depreciation charges would naturally have to be figured in should the acquiring of the field from the Federal Government take any length of time.

From an operating standpoint, a phone at this field is essential, for obtaining weather reports, and to use in emergency cases. Mr. Anderson thought that eventually it would be necessary to place phones on all of the landing fields; but does not want to make this expenditure at Upolu Point at the present time. It will be quite some time before this Commission is able to post those connected with aviation on air conditions, and Mr. Peacock thought it wise to tell the Inter-Island people we would reimburse them for the installation of a phone at Upolu Point Landing Field. ✓

In discussing the matter, Mr. Boyer stated we ought to come to some sort of a definite understanding as to what we propose to do in the way of revenue and non-revenue producing fields. For this reason the Chairman said he had not done anything further with the license; that there ought to be a clause written into the license form whereby we can feel free to levy any charges we see fit at any time.

Moved by Mr. Boyer and seconded by Mr. Damon that the matter of installing a telephone at Upolu Point be laid on the table, to be discussed again in connection with the license form at a meeting of the entire Commission. Carried.

Overflow of irrigation water from the Honolulu Plantation Co:

Reporting on a telephone conversation with Mr. McGhee, Deputy Attorney General, Mr. Anderson said there is little obligation on the part of the Honolulu Plantation Company to keep the surface water on their own property, provided it is surface water. This Commission could build a bulkhead around the boundary of John Rodgers Airport to keep the overflow of the irrigation water from reaching the field; but Mr. McGhee suggested the Commission see the Honolulu Plantation Company people and endeavor to come to some understanding as to the discharge ✓

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of the ditch water. Should the Honolulu Plantation Company refuse to do anything about the overflow, Mr. McGhee wants further details of the matter and he will go to the Airport and look into the proposition himself before advising the Commission further what to do.

Ward Airport:

The Chairman read a letter written to Lieutenant R. C. Moffat, Department of Commerce Inspector for Hawaii, regarding the suitability of Ward Airport for flying purposes. This field is under consideration by certain individuals as a field from which to give flying instructions and appears to be a rather hazardous field for such use.

Moved by Mr. Boyer and seconded by Mr. Damon that the Chairman's action in the matter of Ward Airport be approved. Carried.

Maalaea Airport:

The Chairman read a letter written to Mr. C. T. Bailey, Commissioner of Public Lands, relative to the re-appraisal of Maalaea by the Government Appraisal Board as a developed airport rather than cane, swamp, and kiawe land. A copy of this letter was furnished the Governor.

Dredging at John Rodgers Airport:

A letter was read by the Chairman to Lyman H. Bigelow, Superintendent of Public Works, stating it would be advisable to specify the fourth alternate scheme suggested by Mr. Bigelow in calling for bids for the dredging of a channel at John Rodgers Airport. It was reported by the Chairman that where the additional borings have been made it looked as though there was rather hard material where we want to locate the mauka boundary. ✓

Flying over restricted areas:

Two letters have been received from Major General Fox Conner, Commanding General Hawaiian Department, calling to the attention of the Commission the fact that planes have recently been flying over Forts Weaver and Kamehameha, violating Section 3 of the Air Commerce Regulations of the Territory of Hawaii. Letters were written to all those connected with the flying of commercial aircraft, quoting Section 3, Restricted Areas, Air Commerce Regulations. It was reported by the Commanding Officer, Fort Kamehameha, that on January 11, an Inter-Island Sikorsky "S-38" flew over Forts Kamehameha and Weaver at such a low altitude that observers were able to identify the plane by reading the markings thereon. Mr. Kennedy, Vice-President and General manager of the Inter-Island Airways, said it is almost impossible for their planes to land at John Rodgers without going out of their way unless a deep turn is made over the above mentioned Forts. A map showing the restricted areas on Oahu, approved August 19, 1927, was presented, and the possible modification of Section 3, Air Commerce Regulations of the Territory of Hawaii, was discussed.

Expenditures of Commission:


A list of expenditures of this Commission from July 16 to December 31, 1929, was given each member.

Moved by Mr. Boyer and seconded by Mr. Wooldridge that the expenditures be approved as submitted. Carried.

Meeting adjourned:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,


R. A. Anderson, Chairman.