MINUTES OF THE TERRITORIAL AERONAUTICAL COMMISSION, held on Monday, February 17, 1930, in the Director's Room, Young Blog. Honolulu, T. H., at 4:00 P. M.

PRESENT:

Mr. Anderson, Chairman

Mr. Brown

Mr. Damon

Dr. Hagood

Mr. Peacock

Mr. Wooldridge

ABSENT:

Mr. Boyer

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

Maalaea Airport:

The Chairman reported on letters written during the week to the Governor, Mr. Bailey, Commissioner of Public Lands, and Mr. Hewitt, Attorney General, setting forth recommendations of this Commission relative to the purchase of Maalaea, inclosing copies of the Inter-Island Airways letter dated February 11, and asking the Attorney General's opinion as to the possibility of arranging a purchase on the basis of paying \$18,000.00 to Hawaiian Commercial & Sugar Company for the land and \$16,325.00 to Inter-Island Airways for improvements on the field.

Mr. Bailey suggested to the Chairman that this Commission ask for another appraisal of Maalaea on the basis of the value of the land plus the actual cost of improvements. In case a reappraisal is asked and a survey made of the field it was decided to ask Alexander & Baldwin, agents for Hawaiian Commercial & Sugar Company, to extend their 30 day offer to sell the property for \$18,000.00, if necessary.

Hilo and Kona, Hawaii:

The Chairman reported on a phone message from Mr. Rush, Department of Public Works, giving figures of: \$1.25 a yard for excavating, and \$75 a yard for filling the runway at Hilo Airport. To grade an area of the runway 500'x1000' necessitates cutting 25,000 yards of material. The Commission will have to consider a shorter runway. Additional information is expected from Mr. Rush after he works over a plan for improvements on the Hilo runway. Dr. Hagood is going to Hawaii on Friday and was authorized to look over the Hilo proposition.

Both the Inter-Island Airways Company and the Hawaiian Airways Company have talked with members of this Board regarding the possibility of locating an emergency landing field on the Kona Coast. As Island people and tourists are attracted by the Kona district, the Commission expressed its opinion that a field should be developed there if possible. In 1920, Dr. Hagood went over the Island of Hawaii with the Commanding General, U. S. A., and he stated we could doubtlessly get information from the Army about a potential landing field at Kona.

Moved by Mr. Peacock and seconded by Mr. Brown that Dr. Hagood be authorized to make a survey of the Lona district with the view of a suitable location for development of an airport on that side of the Island. Carried.

Employment of Executive Secretary:

the Governor last Saturday morning regarding the possibility of

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employing a man to serve as Executive Secretary to the Commission in charge of flying and development activities at all Territorial Airports under the general direction of the Commission. The subject of salary was discussed; also that the proposed employee devote about one-half hour each morning to the work being done on the Alawai Golf Course as the Governor cannot see we need a full time man at John Rodgers Airport. This Commission objects to any division of time as there is enough work at Rodgers Field to keep a man busy constantly. Work on the outside Islands is being neglected for the lack of an efficient person to attend to airport and flying activities.

Mr. Peacock, due to his familiarity with the work at John Rodgers, is the logical man for such a position. He has expressed his willingness to accept such a position. After considerable discussion a decision was reached that a letter be addressed to Mr. Lyman H. Bigelow, Chairman of the Board of Harbor Commissioners, outlining the recommendations of this Commission in regard to employing an Executive Secretary.

Moved by Mr. Demon and seconded by Mr. Brown that the Chairman be authorized to engage or take the necessary steps to employ an Executive Secretary at a salary of \$300.00 a month, plus \$50.00 a month allowance for automobile expenses. Carried.

E. H. Lewis Flying School:

Reports have recently come to this Commission to the effect that Mr. Lewis' solo students have been carrying passengers, of take-offs that barely avoid crashing and of no competent person in his employ to give flying instructions. It was agreed that a letter should be addressed to Mr. Lewis asking if he is operating a school and, if so, under whose supervision, a copy of this letter to be sent Lieutenant Carl W. Pyle, Department of Commerce Inspector for Hawaii.

Meeting adjourned:

There being no further business the meeting adjourned, deciding to make an inspection tour of John Rodgers Airport.

Respectfully submitted,

R. A. Anderson, Chairman.