

MINUTES OF THE TERRITORIAL AERONAUTICAL  
COMMISSION, held on Monday, May 19, 1930,  
in the Director's Room, Young Building,  
Honolulu, T. H., at 3:45 P. M.

PRESENT:

Mr. Anderson, Chairman  
Mr. Brown  
Mr. Damon  
Dr. Hagood  
Mr. Hinkley

ABSENT:

Mr. Boyer  
Mr. Wooldridge

There being no changes in the minutes of the meeting held on  
May 5th they were approved as circulated.

Ward Airport:

A letter from Lieutenant C. W. Pyle relative to the suitability  
of Ward Airport for flying purposes was read by the Chairman. In the  
opinion of Lieutenant Pyle with a strong wind across the short dimension  
of the field landings are dangerous for any type airplane and the sur-  
roundings are such that the consequences of engine failure will probably  
be a complete crash. He also brought out that student training should  
not be permitted at this field. Section 62-J of the Department of  
Commerce Regulations was referred to by Lieutenant Pyle as a means of  
controlling the situation at Ward Airport, regarding the suspension  
or revocation of licenses, but suggested that any restrictions placed  
upon the Ward Field be by local ordinances. No further word has been  
received from the Attorney General and it was suggested by Mr. Damon  
that a copy of Lieutenant Pyle's letter be forwarded to Mr. Hewitt.

Maalaea Airport:

A letter from Mr. C. T. Bailey informing the Commission that he  
is now in possession of the deed from the Hawaiian Commercial & Sugar  
Company, Ltd., dated May 9, 1930, conveying to the territory the Maalaea  
Landing Field, Maui, was read by the Chairman. The necessary  
Executive Order is now being prepared and will be ready for the Gov-  
ernor's signature on his return from the mainland, setting aside this  
property under the control of the Commission.

Hilo Airport:

A letter from Mr. A. H. Armitage, President Inter-Island Air-  
ways, relative to the building of their hangar on the Hilo Airport  
was read by the Chairman. Inter-Island Airways advised they had  
signed a contract with Messrs. Ames & Will, Ltd., for the construction  
of their hangar and that work will be undertaken just as soon as the  
material arrives from the mainland. A letter from Mr. Richards, Hilo  
Airport, dated May 15th, estimated approximately 15 working days to  
fill and level the proposed hangar site.

John Rodgers Airport:

A report from Mr. Peacock estimating the cost of spreading coral  
on John Rodgers Airport (areas indicated on an accompanying blue print)  
was read by the Chairman and discussed. Presupposing the use of 18  
prisoners, rental of Mr. Black's steam shovel, trucks, etc., hired  
labor and supervision, Mr. Peacock estimates 50¢ per cubic yard to move  
40,000 cubic yards of material available in the present quarry, requir-  
ing 90 working days. Necessary grading on the main take-off, due to  
necessary equipment, would have to be done by contract, costing approx-  
imately \$2,500.00.

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Replying to our letter of April 30th, relative to the development of Rodgers Field under the supervision of Mr. Peacock and calling for bids for a truck and an air compressor, Mr. Bigelow advises he has decided to give the proposed scheme a trial. He stated bids for an aircompressor had been withdrawn in view of the availability for the purchase of a larger second hand compressor. It will, however, Mr. Bigelow stated, be necessary for Mr. Peacock to receive instructions from the Public Works Department, make daily reports and keep daily records. The Chairman agreed to answer Mr. Bigelow's letter to the effect that Mr. Peacock is still fulfilling his duties as Superintendent of Airports but can give general supervision to the work; also outlining exactly what this Commission proposes to do in the way of developing Rodgers Field. The matter will be held in abeyance until next meeting, awaiting a reply from Mr. Bigelow. Mr. Anderson and Mr. Peacock will interview Mr. Bigelow Tuesday morning.

Lihue, Kauai:

In connection with locating a landing field in the vicinity of Lihue, Kauai, the Chairman reported on several sites visited by him and Mr. Peacock last week. The Chairman stated the Dairy Farm is out of the question but was most favorably impressed by an area of Lihue Plantation property 3 miles from Lihue, adjoining the Wilcox property. If this field is considered several small buildings would have to be removed, and a small reservoir filled in. The Chairman estimated the cost of developing the field would be very little. Mr. Chas. Rice was very favorably impressed with the site.

Dr. Hagood suggested writing to the heirs of the E. S. Wilcox estate and then to Mr. W. N. Stewart, manager of the estate, getting his approval, asking for suggestions and then placing the plan before the Board of Directors of the Lihue Plantation. It was Mr. Damon's suggestion to have a practical pilot look over the property. Mr. Peacock will see Mr. Elliott to obtain the reactions of Inter-Island Airways should the field be developed and the Chairman agreed to see Mr. Gaylor Wilcox before he leaves for Kauai tonight.

Weather reports, Radio Facilities:

It was reported by Mr. Peacock that Mr. Voorhees, U. S. Weather Bureau, has an appropriation of \$5,300.00 with which to accumulate daily reports of weather conditions in the Islands and has called on Mr. Peacock to report on the various points from which weather reports would be desired so that they may be sent to John Rodgers before 8:00 o'clock in the morning. The Department of Commerce has requested Mr. F. A. Edgecomb, Superintendent of Lighthouses, to report on the radio facilities now available in the Islands.

In view of the Army accident last Wednesday it was brought out that had it not been for radio communication all members of the crew might have been lost and the question of establishing two-way radio communication between commercial planes and land stations in Hawaii was discussed.

It was moved by Mr. Damon, seconded by Mr. Brown, and unanimously carried that Mr. A. H. Armitage be asked to wire Mr. Stanley Kennedy, now on the mainland, to investigate the latest developments in radio communication between planes and shore.

There being no further business, the meeting on motion adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

R. A. Anderson, Chairman.