

MINUTES OF THE TERRITORIAL AERONAUTICAL  
COMMISSION, held on Wednesday, July 30, 1930,  
in the Director's Room, Young Building,  
Honolulu, T. H., at 3:45 P. M.

PRESENT:

Mr. R. A. Anderson, Chairman  
Mr. C. Damon  
Mr. H. Wooldridge  
Dr. R. H. Hagood

ABSENT:

Mr. Boyer  
Mr. Brown  
Mr. Hinkley

The following motion was made by Dr. Hagood, duly seconded and unanimously carried: "That the last sentence of the last paragraph under the heading 'Hilo Airport' of the minutes of July 16 be rewritten as follows: 'The Commissioner of Public Lands has no record of permission having been granted the Hilo Electric Light Company for this pole line to be run across territorial property.'"

With the exception of this one change the minutes of the previous meeting were approved as circulated.

BIDS ON JOHN RODGERS AIRPORT:

The Chairman read a letter from Mr. Lyman H. Bigelow, Superintendent of Public Works, submitting a tabulation of bids opened on July 29 for excavating and transporting coral at John Rodgers Airport, the project to increase the cross-wind runway to a length of approximately 1800 feet and the present main runway to a length of approximately 3000 feet.

Mr. Stanley H. H. Ashford tendered a bid of \$15,660, item 1, for completion in 65 days time and \$2700, item 2, for completion in 10 days time, but due to an error in his figures he asked the Superintendent of Public Works to withdraw the bid.

Mr. E. E. Black submitted the next lowest bid, \$24,499 for item 1, to be completed in 100 days, and \$4225 for item 2, to be completed in 15 days.

The following motion was made by Mr. Damon, seconded by Dr. Hagood and unanimously carried: "That the matter of investigation be left in the hands of the Chairman and Mr. Peacock with the understanding that we hold Mr. Ashford to his bid if it seems at all reasonable; otherwise award the contract to Mr. Black".

Others bidding on the project were W. S. Ching, Noboru Iboshu, Hawaiian Contracting Co., Ltd., and Kalihi Contracting Co., Ltd.

FIELD DEVELOPMENT FUNDS:

In connection with previous letters to the Superintendent of Public Works regarding funds for development of fields the Chairman read a letter from Mr. Bigelow submitting a list of expenditures from July 5, 1929, to April 29, 1930. Mr. Bigelow stated he was very surprised this list of expenditures had not reached the Commission previously inasmuch as it had gone forward to us under date of April 29, 1930. As regards the authorization of expenditures Mr. Bigelow stated that under the law, all expenditures are authorized by the Department of Public Works and it has been the policy of that department to authorize no expenditures that have not been requested by the Aeronautical Commission. Monies expended under General Funds amount to \$42,465.13; Loan Funds, \$1,986.13. Monies available for airport work

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under General Funds: John Rodgers Airport, \$10,431.28; Molokai, \$686.58; Maui, \$4,737.74; and Kauai, \$14,446.78; and under Loan Funds, \$98,013.87.

On receipt of the above letter the Chairman wrote the Superintendent of Public Works asking for additional expenditures from April 29, 1930, to June 30, 1930, covering the Commission's first year in office. He also requested that the Department of Public Works submit to this Commission quarterly statements of all expenditures from both funds.

BUDGET ESTIMATE FOR BIENNIUM 1931-1933:

The Chairman read a letter from the Board of Harbor Commissioners re budget estimate for biennium 1931-1933. The Legislature of 1929 placed a fund of \$25,000.00 as current expenses in the accounts of the Harbor Commission, to be expended for account of the Aeronautical Commission, and the Harbor Commission have asked whether it is the desire of the Commission that they include an amount in their estimates for current expenses of the Aeronautical Commission. The Chairman replied to the effect the action taken at the last Session of the Legislature was a make-shift proposition but it is hoped that at its coming Session the Commission would be replaced in its former status. If, however, they did not see fit to place funds directly at our disposal they would no doubt again take the alternative course. Inasmuch as the Commission will turn in a budget of requirements it was felt that it would not be necessary for the Harbor Commission to include this item in their budget.

APPLICATION FROM MR. E. H. LEWIS:

An application from Mr. E. H. Lewis asking for the privilege of using the new coral fill opposite Ward Airport, Ala Moana, for flying purposes was read by the Chairman. Mr. Lewis stated this field could be used by Army & Navy planes and for emergency landings.

Dr. Hagood suggested before acting on this application that a committee should call on the Mayor and City Engineer to see what type of permission has been given anybody to use that field and for what length of time.

The following motion was made by Dr. Hagood, seconded by Mr. Wooldridge and unanimously carried: "That a committee be appointed to investigate the field from the standpoint of availability and report back to the Commission". The Chairman appointed Dr. Hagood, Mr. Wooldridge and Mr. Peacock, as a committee.

APPROVAL OF HONOLULU GLIDER CLUB ORGANIZATION:

A letter from Mr. J. P. Cooke, President Honolulu Glider Club, requesting the approval to the organization of the Honolulu Glider Club, organized on July 3, 1930, was read by the Chairman. The purpose of this Club is to foster gliding as a sport in the Islands and to stimulate interest in aviation.

Following is a motion made by Mr. Damon, seconded by Dr. Hagood and unanimously carried: "That the Aeronautical Commission notify the Honolulu Glider Club of its approval of the activities of the Club and will offer assistance insofar as needed or required and calling attention of the Glider Club to the fact that the Regulations of the Department of Commerce and this Commission must be complied with".

FIELD AT HANAPEPE, KAUAI:

The Chairman reported, after seeing Colonel Pratt, that the papers returning Hanapepe, Kauai, to the Territory, are in transit between here and Washington, and it will be just a matter of routine before the field is turned back. Should, however, the Commission

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desire any information Colonel Pratt advised getting in touch with Captain Armitage, Fort Armstrong.

PLANS FOR MOLOKAI SHELTER:

A letter from Inter-Island Airways, inclosing blueprint of the proposed shelter for Molokai Airport, was read by the Chairman. The plans call for two waiting rooms and they are ready to go ahead with the erection of the shelter as soon as water is piped to the location. Mr. Peacock answered this letter advising that the necessary pipe had been shipped for installation immediately. Another communication will be addressed Inter-Island Airways approving the plans submitted and authorizing them to proceed with the construction of the waiting room. (Moved by Dr. Hagood and seconded by Mr. Wooldridge.)

INSPECTION OF LANDING FIELDS:

Mr. Damon brought out that he thought it quite in order for the entire Commission to hire an Inter-Island Sikorsky and fly to the various Islands to go over all the airports and landing fields. This suggestion met with the unanimous approval of the Commission but it was decided to wait until the whole Commission assembled to set the date for such a trip.

LIHUE, KAUAI:

The Chairman reported, after talking with Mr. Charles Rice, that the Kauai Chamber of Commerce recommends that we take immediate steps towards acquiring a strip of the Wilcox Estate property adjoining Lihue Plantation Company's Field No. 39 by condemnation proceedings. A letter to this effect will be forwarded the Commission at an early date. The members of this Commission are convinced that this area is the most suitable site for an airport for the Island of Kauai but before requesting Mr. Bailey, Commissioner of Public Lands, to start condemnation proceedings Mr. Damon stated he thought the Wilcox Estate should be approached by the Kauai Chamber of Commerce asking if the territory may acquire the Wilcox property at a reasonable figure. X

The following motion was made by Dr. Hagood, seconded by Mr. Wooldridge and unanimously carried: "That as many of the Commission members as can make the trip fly to Kauai to go over the field."

JOHN RODGERS AIRPORT:

In connection with having the road from the main highway to John Rodgers Airport put through the Damon Estate, thereby shortening the distance to the field, as desired by Mr. Peacock, it was decided to wait until the development work at Rodgers Airport is completed before considering a project of this kind.

Mr. Peacock reported that Mr. Bigelow has available a portion of the money for the Administration Building and is desirous of putting a concrete floor in the garage. It was moved by Mr. Damon, seconded by Mr. Wooldridge and unanimously carried: "That two more stalls be added to the garage in lieu of concrete." Dr. Hagood suggested Mr. Peacock obtain figures for this construction by the next meeting.

The Hawaiian Airways hangar is going up for auction on August 7th and Mr. Worth Aiken is anxious to know the Commission's attitude towards purchasing it. A hangar would do much to encourage aeronautical activities and the Chairman stated he thought in time such a building would be needed. There are several people at the

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present time interested in renting space for planes. Mr. Peacock agreed to canvass those persons interested to ascertain what they are willing to pay. As the demand is becoming noticeable for storage room of private planes the Chairman said that if the hangar could be purchased for \$5,000.00 it would be wise to buy. However, Mr. Damon was of the opinion that we are being induced by the fact that we are getting a bargain. No action was taken but the matter will be given further consideration at the next meeting; in the meantime the members will give it their careful attention and the legal aspect of the Territory's bidding at public auction will be gone into.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

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

Respectfully submitted,

R. A. Anderson, Chairman