

MINUTES OF THE TERRITORIAL AERONAUTICAL
COMMISSION, held on Wednesday, August 13, 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. Wooldridge

ABSENT:

Mr. Boyer
Mr. Hinkley

The following motion was made by Mr. Damon, seconded by Dr. Hagood and unanimously carried: "That the approval of the minutes of the last meeting be deferred until next meeting."

LIHUE DISTRICT, KAUAI:

A communication from the Kauai Chamber of Commerce, dated August 5, recommending to the Commission the selection of Plantation Field No. 39 and Mrs. Emma K. Wilcox' property for the site for an airport for east Kauai, was read by the Chairman. It was brought out that the property thought to be owned by the A. S. Wilcox Estate is personal property of Mrs. Emma Wilcox. Upon receipt of the recommendation of the Kauai Chamber of Commerce the Chairman addressed a letter to Mrs. Wilcox asking her to consider the sale to the Territory of a strip of land adjacent to Field No. 39 and a small area at the west end of it. A similar letter was also addressed to the Lihue Plantation Company asking them to consider the sale to the Territory of Field No. 39. Copies of correspondence to the various parties concerned were sent to the Governor and the Commissioner of Public Lands requesting Mr. Bailey to carry forward negotiations for the acquisition of the airport property. The Chairman stated he had received a reply to his letter from Mr. A. W. T. Bottomley, President American Factors, informing him he would take the matter up at an early date with the Manager of the Plantation Company.

Mr. Brown reported on a possible alternate field for development as the Kauai airport known as Field No. 36, Government Land, about 4½ miles from Lihue. The field covers an area of 197 acres with an additional 35 acres which Lihue Plantation Company will sell to the Territory for a reasonable sum. He stated he is going to Kauai Thursday and will report to the Commission upon his return.

BIDS ON JOHN RODGERS AIRPORT:

During the week the Chairman addressed a letter to Mr. Lyman H. Bigelow, Superintendent of Public Works, recommending that the contract for quarrying and hauling coral at John Rodgers Airport be awarded to Mr. Stanley H. H. Ashford if he could be legally held to his bid and, if not, to Mr. E. E. Black, the next lowest bidder. In a conference between Mr. Peacock and Mr. Hewitt, the Attorney General stated that if Mr. Ashford could show an error in his figures he could be excused from his bid. It was reported by the Chairman that Mr. Bigelow is inclined to hold Mr. Ashford to his bid and had instructed him to present his papers to the Department of Public Works. Although an article in the newspaper stated the contract had been awarded Mr. Black Mr. Bigelow has not definitely taken this step, awaiting figures from Mr. Ashford.

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HILO, HAWAII:

A communication from Mr. D. C. Wilson, Executive Secretary, Hilo Chamber of Commerce, making recommendations for an additional amount of work to be done, up to the sum of \$2,500.00, in connection with the cross-wind runway contract, was read by the Chairman. Mr. Wilson recommended grading and surfacing with coral a triangular area adjacent to the main runway extending it as far northwest as possible to meet the prevailing wind runway. There are several squatters at present on this area and all that is necessary to remove them is a 30 day notice from the Land Office. Mr. Richards is now working on a strip of land between the main runway and the cross-wind runway adjacent to Kamehameha Avenue.

The following motion was made by Dr. Hagood, seconded by Mr. Brown and unanimously carried: "That a letter be addressed to Mr. Lymah H. Bigelow, Superintendent of Public Works, authorizing him to spend up to an extra \$2,500.00, for the development of the area recommended by Mr. Wilson."

REPORT OF ACCIDENT:

The Chairman read a report from Mr. E. L. Peacock of a minor accident to Travel Air plane No. C-640-H which occurred at John Rodgers Airport on August 10, 1930, at 4:30 P. M. The plane is owned by Mr. Johnson, Johnson Radio and Music Company, and was being flown by him as a student with Mr. L. McCurley as instructor. Damage to the plane resulted in a broken propeller and landing gear. Neither occupant was injured. A copy of the report will be forwarded Lieutenant C. W. Pyle, Department of Commerce Inspector.

WIND VELOCITY, KAILUA, HAWAII:

The Chairman read a letter from Mr. R. A. C. Anderson, Secretary Kona Civic Club, inclosing readings of wind velocity taken on the north and south sides of the Kona Inn, to assist in determining the possibility of a future airport for Kailua. Mr. Peacock agreed to lay out a map of the two sites inspected by the Commission and plot the wind directions.

USE OF ALA MOANA, E. H. LEWIS:

In connection with permission being granted to Mr. E. H. Lewis for the use of the fill opposite Ward Airport for flying purposes, Mr. Wooldridge and Dr. Hagood, appointed as a committee of investigation, reported that the Mayor had not given anyone permission to use this area and had no intention of doing so. Mr. Peacock also reported that Lieutenant Pyle, Department of Commerce Inspector, has refused to let Mr. Lewis fly his plane.

CAMERAS IN AIR OVER AND ABOUT OAHU:

It was reported by Mr. Brown that about two weeks ago on his return from Hawaii a person boarded an inter-Island plane with a camera and although the pilot called his attention to the use of cameras in the air the passenger continued to use the machine and passed it on to another passenger. A discussion on the rules covering the use of cameras followed and Mr. Brown suggested that Inter-Island Airways be asked to place a notice in their planes stating that no pictures be taken over Oahu, also that cameras be taken away from passengers within a 10 mile radius of Oahu.

The following motion was made by Dr. Hagood, seconded by Mr. Brown and unanimously carried: "That the Chairman be authorized to issue explanatory instructions to Inter-Island Airways calling their attention to the rules of this Commission governing aero photography and point out how they ought to be interpreted."

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Several complaints have come to the Commission from the Army and Navy regarding incidents of this nature and it is thought that by addressing a communication to Inter-Island Airways there will be no need for further complaint.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN:

For the past few weeks the Chairman has been compiling his Annual Report to the Governor and the final draft was read by him. Several changes were made and the following motion was made by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Damon and unanimously carried: "That the report, with corrections, be approved."

MEETING ADJOURNED:

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

Respectfully submitted,

R. A. Anderson, Chairman