

MINUTES OF THE TERRITORIAL AERONAUTICAL
COMMISSION, held on Thursday, August 28,
1930, in the Director's Room, Young Bldg.,
at 3:45 P. M., Honolulu, T. H.

PRESENT:

Mr. Anderson, Chairman
Mr. Boyer
Mr. Brown
Dr. Hagood
Mr. Hankley
Mr. Woodriddle

ABSENT:

Mr. Damon

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

KALAUPAPA, MOLOKAI:

The Chairman read a letter from the Governor, dated August 18, stating it is estimated that \$5,000.00 will not be required under the Board of Harbor Commissioners, based upon actual expenditures to June 30, 1930, and that Mr. H. A. Kluegel, Bureau of the Budget, estimates an expenditure of approximately \$1,500.00 would put the field at Kalaupapa in proper condition. The Governor recommended conferring with Mr. J. W. Lloyd, Director of the Bureau of the Budget, stating he thought it desirable to develop Kalaupapa if it can be made serviceable for this amount.

It was reported by Dr. Hagood who has landed on the field and investigated the matter with Mr. R. L. Cooke, Superintendent Kalaupapa Leper Settlement, that it would be impossible to make the field serviceable for the type of aircraft now in operation as it is too short unless the stone wall surrounding the Dairy Farm is removed and a sand ridge approximately 25 feet, some 20 or 30 feet from the sea shore boundary, is leveled. This sand ridge is an old burial ground and it is not known whether it would be possible to have it moved. The Commission were of unanimous opinion that could this ridge be leveled it would be wise to spend \$1,500.00 in conditioning the field. The Chairman agreed to write the Governor inquiring the possibility of moving the sand ridge in order that this field may be developed.

LIHUE, KAUAI:

A letter from Mr. A. W. T. Bottomley, President Lihue Plantation Company, dated August 25, regarding the sale of Field No. 39 to the Territory for a landing field was read by the Chairman. Mr. Bottomley stated that in laying out a field in this location would involve the cutting of a large number of very fine old trees which would result in the marring of a very beautiful garden spot in the heart of Lihue and therefore the Lihue Plantation Company are decidedly opposed to the location of a landing field on this area. X

As an alternative, the Lihue Plantation Company suggest Field No. 36 which they would be glad to turn back to the Government as soon as the cane is harvested early next year and feel that this field could be developed at less expense than Field No. 39. This location is agreeable to Inter-Island Airways as a landing field, the only objection being its remoteness from Lihue which would necessitate the County of Kauai building a road to the field. Dr. Hagood suggested that the Commission go to Kauai as a body and investigate the matter of locating a field in the Lihue district or develop Hanapepe to the maximum degree. The Chairman stated he could not make the trip as he is leaving the Territory on September 5; he has however, been over the Island with Mr. Peacock.

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The following motion was made by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Boyer and unanimously carried: "That a committee of two be appointed to talk to Mr. G. N. Wilcox, President Grove Farm, while he is in town and call a special meeting either Tuesday, September 2, or Wednesday, September 3, to determine what action to take regarding the acquisition of a field in the Lihue district."

JOHN RODGERS AIRPORT:

Mr. Peacock reported that Mr. Black's men are working on the field, preparing it for blasting. Mr. Black has been definitely awarded the John Rodgers contract.

Teletype rates from the Mutual Telephone Company were read by the Chairman and discussed. The purchase of a teletype machine would cost considerably and inasmuch as weather reports are now accumulated at the Weather Bureau and phoned from the main office to Inter-Island Airways it was not thought advisable to install a machine at Rodgers at this time.

RADIO COMMUNICATION:

In a recent issue of the Air Commerce Bulletin No. 3, Volume 2, appeared an article on Radio under the heading "Tentative Draft of Proposed Interpretation of Regulations Governing Scheduled Operation of Inter-State Passenger Air-Transport Services" which proposes that radio equipment will be required on all aircraft when it has become suitably available and ships of a passenger capacity of 8 or more shall be provided with two-way radio communication facilities, capable of communication at all times under normal conditions with one or more ground stations provided. The possibility of the territory establishing ground stations at Hilo and Rodgers Airports suitable for communication with Inter-Island Airways planes, with the understanding that Inter-Island would install proper equipment in their planes, was discussed. Mr. Peacock agreed to obtain figures from the Mutual Telephone Company for the establishment of ground stations at Hilo and Rodgers Airports. The Chairman will address a communication to Inter-Island Airways calling their attention to the proposed regulations of the Department of Commerce and asking for an expression of opinion whether they would be willing to install radio sets on their ships if the territory provides the necessary ground stations.

NAVAL PLANES AT HILO:

A letter from Commander V. D. Herbster, U. S. Naval Air Station, asking for permission to base six landplanes on the Hilo Airport during the week September 9 to 16, 1930, for advance base operations, to be staked down and guarded by naval personnel, was read by the Chairman.

The following motion was made by Dr. Hagood, seconded by Mr. Brown and unanimously carried: "That this Commission give its approval of this plan and extend an invitation to the Navy to base their planes on any of the territorial airports, at any time"

GLIDER WINGS FROM NAVY PLANE:

A copy of a letter sent to the President of Punahou Academy from Commander V. D. Herbster relative to the operating of a glider built by a group of Punahou boys, in operation at John Rodgers Airport, was read by the Chairman. The wings of this glider were from an old Navy plane, given to Punahou by the Government for instruction purposes, as they had already served their useful life in Naval Aviation and further use of these wings would endanger the persons flying the glider. It was requested by Commander Herbster that the Commission take steps to stop the flying of the glider

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until those portions of the original Naval plane are replaced by other than government material. Mr. Raymond Smith has taken the matter up with Commander Horbater, it was reported by the Chairman, and the owners of the glider are building a new set of wings.

NEW AIR-TRANSPORT ROUTE:

A communication dated August 8th, 1930, from Miller, Fieldman & Paul, a firm of New York lawyers, stating one of their clients who can obtain substantial financial backing, is interested in establishing an air transport route between the Islands, was read by the Chairman. They have asked the prerequisites for the issuance of a franchise or permit for the establishment of such a company.

Mr. Peacock answered the above letter, informing the attorneys that the Territory is very eager in aiding an enterprise of this nature and have thrown open a system of airports on all the Islands for commercial operation with no charge to the user. He also stated that hangar sites are awarded with no ground rental for the first four or five years and quoted several extracts from the Inter-Island Airways lease relative to hangars.

CAMERAS IN AIR OVER OAHU:

At the last meeting of the Commission it was decided that the Chairman address a letter to Inter-Island Airways calling their attention to the use of cameras in the air over the Island of Oahu but before the Chairman had written that Company a letter was received from Mr. Stanley Kennedy which seems to have taken care of the matter. From a recent newspaper article it seemed to imply that Inter-Island Airways had done nothing to curb the use of cameras in its planes and that it is not cooperating with the Army & Navy in carrying out the regulations of the Aeronautical Commission, therefore Mr. Kennedy hastened to inform the Commission that instructions had been given to all Inter-Island pilots regarding the use of cameras in the air and that in quite a number of cases cameras have been taken from passengers and placed in that Company's office, until their return.

A copy of an order recently issued to the pilots of Inter-Island planes by Mr. Kennedy, relative to the use of cameras in the air, was inclosed with the above letter and read by the Chairman. In acknowledging Mr. Kennedy's letter the Chairman stated it is regrettable that a subject of this nature receives such exceptional publicity, for which the Commission is in no way responsible, and suggested that a neatly framed notice to passengers be posted in each plane to familiarize them with the regulation.

COPILOTS, INTER-ISLAND PLANES:

An extract "Copilot" under the heading "Tentative Draft of Proposed Interpretation of Regulations Governing Scheduled Operation of Inter-State Passenger Air-Transport Services" appearing in Air Commerce Bulletin No. 3, of Volume 2, was read by Dr. Hagood as follows: "A copilot is required when (a) aircraft capacity is 15 passengers or more; or (b) gross weight of aircraft is 15,000 pounds or more; and/or (c) where the pilot flies a schedule of 4 hours or more in any one day on aircraft having a seating capacity of 8 passengers or more. A copilot may hold either a transport or limited commercial license, and may function as such without a rating for the particular type aircraft employed." It is understood that Inter-Island Airways co-pilots, not holding pilot's license, not infrequently take over the controls of the ships. Dr. Hagood suggested that a letter be addressed to Inter-Island Airways calling their attention to the matter and quote in the letter the proposed action by the Department of Commerce.

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LETTER TO DEP'T. OF COMMERCE RE LT. PYLE:

It was reported by the Chairman that several complaints have come to him relative to the work of Lt. Pyle, Department of Commerce Inspector for Hawaii. It was brought out that an Army man cannot devote sufficient time to his duties as Department of Commerce Inspector and Dr. Hagood made the recommendation that a civilian be employed on a part time basis if possible, and if not, then employ a full time inspector. Mr. Fehlman, member of the former Aeronautical Commission and ex-aviator, and Mr. Peacock were recommended as possible men for such an office. Mr. Brown recommended that a Pacific Coast Field Inspector be sent to Hawaii to look over the local situation.

The following motion was made by Dr. Hagood, seconded by Mr. Brown and unanimously carried: "That the Chairman address a letter to the Department of Commerce asking that a West Coast Inspector be sent to Hawaii, and pointing out that this Commission is not desirous of an Army or Navy man as local inspector."

ACTING CHAIRMAN:

The following motion was made by Mr. Boyer, seconded by Mr. Wooldridge and unanimously carried: "That Dr. Hagood be appointed as Acting Chairman during the Chairman's absence from the Territory from September 5, 1930, to October 16, 1930." The Governor will be informed of this appointment.

BUDGET:

The Budget for the biennium 1931-1933 was due on August 21. Mr. Peacock agreed to obtain forms from Mr. Lloyd, director of the Bureau of Budget, and prepare figures to pass on at the next meeting of the Commission.

PURCHASE OF ICE-COOLER:

To provide ice water for the prisoners at the John Rodgers Airport Mr. Peacock asked the Commission to consider the purchase of an ice-cooler. Drinking water in the Administration building flows through pipes that become exceedingly warm from the sun, making the water impossible to drink. Heretofore the prisoners have been obtaining water from the women's rest room in Inter-Island Airways hangar. Mr. Anderson, Chairman, stated the Von-Hamm-Young Company have a Frigidaire water cooler to offer for \$150.00.

The following motion was made by Dr. Hagood, seconded by Mr. Wooldridge and unanimously carried: "That the Commission purchase the Frigidaire water cooler from the von Hamm-Young Company."

There being no further business the meeting on motion adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

R. A. Anderson, Chairman