

MINUTES OF THE TERRITORIAL AERONAUTICAL
COMMISSION, held on Wednesday, October 8,
1930, in the Director's Room, Young Bldg.,
Honolulu, T. H., at 3:45 P. M.

PRESENT:

Dr. Hagood, Acting Chairman
Mr. Damon
Mr. Hinkley
Mr. Peacock
Mr. Wooldridge

ABSENT:

Mr. Anderson
Mr. Boyer
Mr. Brown

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

Lihue, Kauai:

On September 26 a letter was addressed to Mr. G. N. Wilcox, Lihue, (blueprint inclosed) asking for a proposition on the site for the airport recently under consideration on Grove Farm. The Chairman read an answer to this from Mr. E. H. Broadbent, manager Grove Farm. The area located on the land approximates 138 acres, requiring about 1900' of 30" pipe to supply water to the two high points on the land below the area, also on the N. E. and S. W. runway Mr. Broadbent stated is a valley from 15 to 20 feet deep. This would require fill and to relocate the railroad would be extremely costly as well as the fact that the only possible route would leave too much cane land not accessible to the railroad. The area required also cuts off small areas that would be of no value as cane land. In the opinion of Mr. Wilcox and Mr. Broadbent the establishing of an airport on this area would be very costly, in addition to the fact that the loss of the area would greatly add to the cost of all operations connected with cane growing on the remaining adjoining lands. X

Mr. Damon stated he wondered if Lihue needed an airport badly enough to justify giving up the necessary land and if the Territory should expend so much money. Dr. Hagood brought out that much more traffic would center about Lihue if this district could be reached by plane.

It was moved by Mr. Peacock, seconded by Mr. Damon, and unanimously carried: "That the Chairman address a communication to Mr. G. Wilcox asking for a quotation of a project, deleting the triangular area, #2 on the blueprint, including area #1, containing the reservoir, with the proviso that Grove Farm may continue to use the reservoir and the Territory will pipe water to the runway for their purpose."

Department of Commerce Inspector:

A letter from the Department of Commerce was read by the Chairman in answer to ours of August 29 with reference to the Department representative in the Territory. Inasmuch as the Department appropriations will not stand a full-time employee it was suggested that the Commission recommend someone from the Air Corps personnel who would be better adapted to the requirements that Lieutenant Pyle. The Chairman read his reply to this letter in which he stated the Commission would like to postpone taking up the matter of a change in view of the fact that several of the Commission members know Colonel G. C. Brant who will take over the office of Department Air Office, U.S.A., on or about November 1st.

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Statement of Recommendations:

In answer to the Governor's request of September 15, for information from this Commission for use in his message to the Legislature of 1931, the Chairman read his letter of October 3 in regard to the recommendations and activities of the Commission. The following recommendations were made: That the construction work at Rodgers Airport be carried to completion; that the item of \$10,000 for the purchase of the Hawaiian Airways hangar is vital; that the item of \$3,500 for fencing at John Rodgers is essential; and that attention be given to the possibility of dredging and improving the 766 acres of coral reef at Rodgers with the ultimate aim of developing here a first class Zeppelin Field. It was requested that serious consideration be given to the location of an additional field at Lihue, Kauai, included in the budget under Loan Funds.

It was further recommended that the services of an aviation trained Superintendent of Airports are essential and the necessity of providing resident caretakers at the various territorially owned and operated airports. Mention was made of the fact that on July 12, 1930, the Territorial Airport Rules & Regulations were revised and made more modern, conforming to those of the U. S. Department of Commerce Rules, and in the matter of safety devised for overwater flying actually anticipated the rules of the Department of Commerce.

Naval Planes at Hilo Airport:

A letter from Commander V. D. Herbster, U. S. Navy, was read by the Chairman, thanking the Commission for the use of the Territorial Airport at Hilo during the recent advance base operations. Commander Herbster stated the field was found in fine shape and congratulated Mr. Richards on having built up one of the best inter-island airports in the Islands.

Active Commission members:

As Mr. Boyer left the Territory on October 8, to be gone approximately four months, the Chairman read a letter introducing him to the Aeronautical Industries of Australia and New Zealand. A letter was also read from the Secretary to the Governor stating Mr. Boyer had submitted an undated letter of resignation to the Governor which will not be accepted unless a quorum is necessary for the Commission to properly function. Dr. Hagood, after talking with the Governor, stated he will resign from the Commission on November 3rd, the day before election. Mr. Peacock will remain on the Board until Mr. Brown's return and in case Dr. Hagood is not elected for representative he stated he will resign entirely.

Kalaupapa, Molokai:

With further reference to the development of a landing field at Kalaupapa Dr. Hagood stated he intended traveling to Molokai on Thursday, October 9, to return Friday and while there he would go into the matter, reporting to the Commission on his return.

Lease for Inter-Island Airways:

The lease for the erection of the Inter-Island Airways hangar at Rodgers Airport is ready for signatures of the various parties concerned except for an accompanying blueprint showing the location of the present hangar site. Considerable discussion

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was given to the area that should be allocated between the present hangar and a future hangar site. Mr. Damon could not see how this Commission could be responsible for any future land and thought that whenever this land is requested by anyone else Inter-Island's reservation should be cancelled. Inasmuch as progress cannot be retarded Dr. Hagood agreed that a refusal on the adjacent property should be incorporated in the lease. The matter was left in the hands of Mr. Peacock.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. R. H. Hagood, Jr.,
Acting Chairman