

MINUTES OF THE TERRITORIAL AERONAUTICAL
COMMISSION, held on Wednesday, November 12,
1930, in the Director's Room, Young Bldg.,
Honolulu, T. H., at 3:45 P. M.

PRESENT:

Mr. Anderson, Chairman
Mr. Damon
Mr. Hinkley
Mr. Peacock
Mr. Wooldridge

ABSENT:

Mr. Boyer
Mr. Brown

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

INTER-ISLAND AIRWAYS: GRANT OF LICENSES:

In discussing the form of license to be given Inter-Island Airways, in connection with their purchase of the Hawaiian Airways hangar, Mr. Damon expressed the opinion that provision for future purchase should be based on the replacement value at the time, less depreciation.

It was brought out that Inter-Island are willing to that in the case of this hangar we provide to take over on the basis of cost to them less depreciation. After considerable discussion it was the consensus of opinion that in this case the license be so worded but that in future cases it would be advisable to re-consider the matter and provide for purchase based on replacement value, less depreciation.

It was decided to issue Inter-Island Airways licenses covering their rest house at Molokai Airport, the terminal station and rest house at Hilo Airport, and the Hawaiian Airways hangar at John Rodgers Airport. A letter was addressed to Inter-Island Airways sometime ago granting them permission to construct the terminal station at Hilo Airport and stating that should it be necessary to move the terminal station the expense would be borne by the Commission. Mr. Peacock thought it unnecessary to issue licenses covering these various buildings but it was finally agreed that inasmuch as we now have a suitable license form it would be in order to grant licenses for said buildings. License drafts have been prepared to cover the terminal station and rest house at Hilo, the Hawaiian Airways hangar at Rodgers, and the rest house at Molokai. No action was taken on the drafts pending circulating them among the members to go over before the next meeting.

RADIO COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT:

Mr. Peacock reported he had received a letter from the Western Electric Company stating that their radio equipment is beyond the experimental state and American Airways, Boeing Air Transport, Western Air Express, National Air Transport and Transcontinental Western Airways, Inc., are now using Western Electric radio telephone equipment on the mainland. The Commission was of the unanimous opinion that the time has come to take action relative to the installation of radio equipment in Inter-Island ships. Before addressing a letter to Inter-Island Airways on this subject Mr. Damon recommended that the Chairman see Mr. Balch of the Mutual Telephone Company to see what that Company is ready to do in the matter.

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INTER-ISLAND AIRWAYS: CO-PILOTS:

Mr. Wooldridge inquired as to what action had been taken in the matter of requiring licenses for co-pilots. Nothing has been done since writing Inter-Island Airways in September calling their attention to the proposed regulations of the Department of Commerce. The Chairman agreed to check up on the matter.

MR. DAMON'S ABSENCE:

Mr. Damon reported he is leaving Friday for the mainland, to be gone five weeks, and will probably not be present at the meetings until after Christmas. He will not turn in his resignation at present but the Commission can obtain his letter of resignation from the Bishop Trust Company at any time if necessary during his absence. The Chairman suggested we recommend that Mr. Peacock serve in Mr. Boyer's place and that Dr. Hagood be re-appointed.

JOHN RODGERS AIRPORT:

Mr. Peacock reported that developments at Rodgers Airport are progressing rapidly. The triangle between the cross-wind take-off and the macadam strip has been completed and planes are now using the cross-wind take-off. Since the last meeting of the Commission 1,460 cubic yards of material have been placed on the field, or 9,760 cubic yards since operations began. Mr. Peacock stated that surfacing is very slow work and that he is endeavoring to obtain a stone crusher from the quarry off Waiialae Avenue which will be a big help in pulverizing the surface material.

HILO AIRPORT:

It was reported by Mr. Peacock that Mr. Rush of the Public Works Department has recently gone over the Hilo Airport and found that the contractors did a very poor job on the field. After inspecting the field Mr. Rush requested the contractor to grade the field to meet the specifications of the contract. A communication from Mr. Richards stated the fill along the Kamehameha Avenue extension is about 250 feet from the cross-wind runway and will connect with the cross-wind take-off in about seven or eight weeks.

LIHUE, KAUAI:

No word has been received as yet from the Grove Farm relative to the establishment of an airport in that vicinity. It was reported that Mr. Wilcox has just returned from the mainland, a reply probably being held up awaiting his return. It was decided to wait at least a week before addressing further communications to Grove Farm.

ARMY PLANES STUNT FLYING:

The Chairman read copies of correspondence received from Inter-Island Airways calling the attention of the Commission to stunt flying on the part of an Army plane in the direct line of Inter-Island planes to the other Islands. A letter was addressed to the Commanding Air Officer, Fort Shafter, calling this to the attention of the Army and enclosed copies of letters received from Inter-Island Airways and a newspaper clipping on the subject.

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LANAI FIELD:

A letter was read by the Chairman from Inter-Island Airways stating that the field at Lanai is covered over with grass and asked what this Commission could do to have it cut. Inasmuch as this field is owned by the Hawaiian Pineapple Company the Chairman replied that this Commission has no jurisdiction over property not owned by the Territory and suggested to Inter-Island and the Hawaiian Pineapple that as this is a matter of mutual interest to both parties they take it up between themselves.

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

Respectfully submitted,

R. A. Anderson, Chairman