

MINUTES OF THE TERRITORIAL AERONAUTICAL
COMMISSION, held on Wednesday, December 10,
1930, in the Director's Room, Young Hotel
Bldg., at 3:45 P. M., Honolulu, T. H.

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

Mr. Boyer
Mr. Damon

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

STUNT FLYING: ARMY PLANES:

The Chairman read a communication from Major Wash, Air Officer, Fort Shafter, acknowledging receipt of our letter of November 14, inclosing copies of correspondence from Inter-Island Airways, regarding stunt flying on the part of an Army plane in the direct airline route of Inter-Island planes to the Other Islands. Major Wash stated this matter has been taken up with the proper authorities and every effort will be made to prevent a re-occurrence of this form of flying. It was requested all similar instances of dangerous flying brought to the attention of this Commission be reported, giving the time and number of the planes.

PAYMENT OF CORAL, WAIAKEA AIRPORT:

A letter from Mr. J. C. Lane, High Sheriff, Territory of Hawaii, to the Chairman, inclosing copy of letter from Mr. D. K. Richards, Jailor, Waiakea Airport Prison Camp, to the Honorable Samuel M. Spencer, Chairman of the County of Hawaii Board of Supervisors, was read. In the inclosed letter Mr. Richards stated he had hauled from the beach back of the Waiakea Kai school house, 18,787 yards of coral to the Hilo Airport, up to October, 1930. Mr. Lane advised Mr. Spencer has requested that the Territory pay the County of Hawaii 20¢ per yard for the coral, the same coral being sold to others at 50¢ a yard. Mr. Lane further stated that the appropriation for the work at Waiakea does not include the purchase of materials of this nature and therefore asked the Aeronautical Commission to pay this bill.

Apparently Mr. Richards has been hauling this coral to the Airport before the present Commission took office as it has never contracted to pay for such an item. The Chairman agreed to see Colonel Smoot, former Chairman of the Commission, regarding the authorization of the original proposition.

SERVICES OF STENOGRAPHER AT RODGERS AIRPORT:

A communication from Mr. Bigelow, Chairman of the Board of Harbor Commissioners, was read by the Chairman, asking if the services of a stenographer at Rodgers Airport are still necessary due to the fact that the position of Superintendent of Airports is now vacant.

After considerable discussion the following motion was made by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Hinkley and unanimously carried:

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"That the Chairman inform the Harbor Commission that Mr. Peacock is still acting as Superintendent of Airports, without pay, and under the present scheme depends upon Miss Brown to assist him in connection with operations at Rodgers Airport and the Commission find that her services are absolutely necessary".

It was agreed to recommend to the Department of Public Works that as the Rodgers contract is now completed the services of Mr. Clarke are no longer necessary as Mr. Peacock is fully able to supervise the prisoners.

CORAL CRUSHER FOR RODGERS AIRPORT:

Mr. Peacock reported that Mr. Black left a big volume of coral piled at the sides of the runways too large to spread but if crushed could be used. He stated the Honolulu Iron Works have a rock crusher priced at \$1,650 which they will rent to the Commission for \$750.00 for 90 days. Mr. Brown thought this price prohibitive for 90 days time. There is still \$6,000 remaining to spend for the development of Rodgers before the next appropriation but Mr. Brown advised going ahead with prison labor at a very small cost, getting out approximately 20 yards a day. Mr. Peacock reported a rock crusher at the base of Wilhelmina Rise owned by the Territory which is available. The crusher is run by electricity but at present there is no motor in it. Mr. Peacock will endeavor to get the crusher to Rodgers or have a load of coral taken to it to see if it would be satisfactory.

In connection with additional prisoners for Rodgers Airport the Chairman reported he had been unable to get in contact with Acting Governor Brown. Mr. Peacock stated he had talked with him but the possibilities of obtaining more prisoners are very poor. However, if the Chairman will write him a letter Acting Governor Brown will do what he can Mr. Peacock said.

LICENSES TO BE GRANTED INTER-ISLAND AIRWAYS:

The licenses circulated among the members to be granted Inter-Island Airways for the rest-house and shelter at Hilo Airport, the rest-house at Molokai Airport and the Hawaiian Airways hangar at Rodgers Airport were presented and discussed. Mr. Brown recommended that all of these licenses be drawn up to expire at the same time, the same date as the license already granted for the Inter-Island Airways hangar at Rodgers and that the five years free rental should be from the date of signature of the first license. Mr. Peacock also recommended that in connection with the license for the rest house at Hilo Airport a paragraph should be incorporated permitting reassignment of location back of the present location if in the future this Commission should see fit to do so. It was moved by Mr. Wooldridge, seconded by Mr. Brown and unanimously carried: "That the form of these licenses be adopted subject to the suggested changes".

RODGERS ACTIVITY:

Mr. Peacock reported there are now two separate organizations at Rodgers and a good deal of flying activity is going on. Last week Mr. Peacock, with his authority as a Commission member, stopped Mr. Joe Torres from flying the ship formerly owned by Mr. Lewis (The American Eagle) with dual controls. The next day Mr. Torres went out at 7:30 A. M. and with two passengers in the plane took off down wind, landing the ship in a growth of keawes, cracking up the plane but injuring no one.

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Mr. Wooldridge again brought up the question of recommending the appointment of a new Department of Commerce Inspector for Hawaii. Lieutenant Pyle's tour is almost up and the Chairman felt it unwise to recommend the appointment of a new man immediately but appointed Mr. Wooldridge on a committee with himself to see Colonel Brant, U.S.A., about Lieutenant Pyle's successor.

RADIO COMMUNICATION:

Mr. Peacock raised the question of radio communication for Inter-Island Airways ships, which he feels is absolutely imperative. After a short discussion it was moved by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Hinkley and unanimously carried: "That the Chairman write a letter to the Department of Commerce and ask for all available data up to date on radio communication between ships and ships and the ground".

MOLOKAI AIRPORT:

A letter was read by the Chairman from Mr. G. A. Will asking that he be authorized to expend about \$75.00 for the removal of boulders near the rest house which are a hindrance to taxiing and taking off of ships. It was moved by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Hinkley and unanimously carried: "That Mr. Peacock be given the authority to expend this amount providing Mr. Elliott of Inter-Island Airways thinks it is advisable."

KALAUPAPA, MOLOKAI:

Several weeks ago Mr. Elliott, Inter-Island Airways, was to go over the field at Kalaupapa, Molokai, and report back to the Commission, but as no word has been received from Mr. Elliott the Chairman stated he would write to Inter-Island asking that Company if they will use the field should the Commission go ahead with developments.

LIHUE, KAUAI:

As no word has been received in answer to Dr. Hagood's letter of October 14th to Mr. E. H. W. Broadbent re the acquisition of Grove Farm property the Chairman agreed to write a follow up letter.

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

Respectfully submitted,

R. A. Anderson, Chairman