

MINUTES OF THE TERRITORIAL AERONAUTICAL
COMMISSION, held on Wednesday, January 7,
1931, 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 last meeting,
they were approved as circulated.

Mr. Clarke, Inspector, John Rodgers Airport:

The Chairman read a communication dated December 11, 1930, to
Mr. Bigelow, Superintendent of Public Works, recommending the dis-
continuance of Mr. Clarke's services at John Rodgers Airport. No
answer has been received.

Airport in Lihue District, Kauai:

Following up communications between Dr. Hagood and the Grove
Farm in connection with the location of an airport in the Lihue Dis-
trict, Kauai, the Chairman read a letter, dated December 11, to Mr.
Broadbent, manager Grove Farm Company, asking for any new develop-
ments or new ideas on the subject. An answer to this letter was
read by the Chairman wherein Mr. Broadbent stated that Grove Farm
knew of no new developments. It was brought out that there is still
a \$25,000 appropriation left for Kauai, which runs to June 30, 1931.
The Chairman agreed to write to Mr. Charles Rice asking when he
would next be in Honolulu to discuss the matter of an airport in
the Lihue District.

Additional Prison Labor, John Rodgers Airport:

At Mr. Peacock's request the Chairman wrote to Honorable
Raymond C. Brown, Acting Governor of Hawaii, asking for an addi-
tional 10 or 12 prisoners for John Rodgers Airport. This letter
was referred to High Sheriff Lane. In reply to this request Mr.
Lane stated that at the present time it would be impossible to in-
crease the number of men at the airport due to the fact that the
demand of other public institutions is so great that all available
men have been assigned to jobs, but that the number on the Rodgers'
project would be increased as soon as men are available.

Kalaupapa, Molokai:

The Chairman read a communication from the Governor, in-
closing a copy of a report from Mr. R. L. Cooke, Superintendent
Kalaupapa Leprosarium, dated October 21, 1930, asking the views
of the Aeronautical Commission as to the adequacy of the field at
Kalaupapa and if found adequate, to submit an estimate of the cost
to develop.

Sometime ago a letter was written to Inter-Island Airways
requesting one of their pilots to fly over this field to determine
the safety of landing on the field and also asking if they would
make regular use of the field should the Commission spend any money
on it. No answer has been received to this letter.

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A letter from Mr. Stanley C. Kennedy, Vice-President and General Manager, Inter-Island Airways, was read by the Chairman, re necessary work on the Molokai Field. The following requests were made: That all small shrubs growing on the northwest section of the crosswind runway be dug up and the grass mowed; that all rocks imbedded in the southwest end of the crosswind runway be cleared away as soon as possible; and that the wind sock located at present on the northeast corner of the fence surrounding the Terminal station be placed back on the original fence built around the airport. Mr. Kennedy stated that recently in taxiing to the Terminal Station one of the Inter-Island planes struck a rock and damaged its hull. The Chairman felt the Aeronautical Commission should do the work as outlined by Mr. Kennedy. The following motion was made by Mr. Damon, seconded by Mr. Hinkley and unanimously carried: "that the matter be left in the hands of Mr. Peacock to inform Mr. G. A. Will, Commission Representative for the Island of Molokai, to employ men or have Libby McNeill Libby do the work, not to exceed \$500.00."

The Chairman reported he had recently had a talk with Mr. George P. Cooke of Molokai who has offered to designate an area at the west end of Molokai to be used as an emergency landing field, the Commission to erect a wind sock and landing tee, such area to be designated as an emergency landing field until needed for some other purpose.

Conference with Research Bureau:

The Chairman reported on a recent conference of the Government Research Bureau to which he and Mr. Kennedy, Inter-Island Airways, were invited regarding the Aviation program for the next ten years. The Commission's budget for the next two years was discussed. The Research Bureau would like to have the Commission establish a set of figures regarded as a minimum on all airport sights and will endeavor to see that these amounts are actually appropriated.

Student Planes Landing at Rodgers Airport:

A letter from Inter-Island Airways was read by the Chairman calling to the attention of the Commission the question of student planes landing and taking off immediately following arrivals and departures of Inter-Island planes, pointing out a particular incident which occurred on Saturday, January 3, of a Travelair plane, piloted by a woman, made a landing just as the Inter-Island Sikorsky turned around and was taxiing towards the crosswind runway on to which it would turn and proceed to the hangar. The Commission felt that a word of caution is all that is necessary to avoid similar complaints. The following motion was made by Mr. Damon, seconded by Mr. Hinkley and unanimously carried: "That Mr. Peacock be appointed as a committee of one to pass on our feelings in the matter to the people concerned." The Chairman will acknowledge Mr. Kennedy's letter, stating that students and all others using Rodgers Airport will be warned to give Inter-Island planes plenty of time to taxi off the main runway before making landings.

Coral used on Waiakea Airport, Hilo:

With further regard to the coral hauled from the beach to the Hilo Airport used as filling material the Chairman read a letter from Colonel Smoot, former Chairman of the Commission, wherein he replied that no arrangements were ever made by the former Aeronautical Commission or himself whereby the Superintendent or Tailor of the Hilo Airport was authorized to secure coral from the City of Hilo. Colonel Smoot stated that during the administration of the Former Commission, the U. S. Engineer caused to be placed at the disposal of the Territorial Government many thousands of yards of coral from Hilo Harbor,

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the distribution of which was placed under the Chairman of the Board of Harbor Commissioners who in turn gave as much as deemed necessary to the Commission, to be hauled from the beach to the airport by prison labor. At the same time the Commission was obtaining coral, a large quantity was placed at the disposal of the County Board of Supervisors but was dumped closer to the Airport. From a recent investigation by Colonel Smoot it would seem that Mr. Richards used the County coral as it was closer to the Airport.

It was decided a letter would be addressed to Mr. Lane, High Sheriff, inclosing a copy of Colonel Smoot's letter.

Program for John Rodgers Airport:

Inasmuch as there is still \$5,000 or \$6,000 available for John Rodgers Mr. Peacock stated he thought this should be used for several vital projects. He estimated between \$1,500 and \$2,000 to resurface the macadam strip with a coat of bitumuls, suggesting that the Commission buy the bitumuls and labor to apply it and use prison labor to spread the gravel. He recommended that we let a contract to haul coral from Ala Moana for filling small holes and depressions and do as much work as possible with available funds. A steam roller is available from the City & County and the Chairman agreed to write the Board of Supervisors asking for this. A fence is also imperative, to run from the Inter-Island hangar, in front of the Administration Building to the Hawaiian Airways hangar. Lewers & Cooke quote \$685.00 for 800' of fence, 4' high; T. H. Davies \$643.00. Prices from the Wickwire Spencer Steel Company in New York will be obtained before ordering fence. The matter of hauling coral and additional labor to spread it, the question of buying bitumuls for the macadam strip and the fence material should first be taken up with Mr. Bigelow. This the Chairman agreed to do. It was moved by Mr. Damon, seconded by Mr. Hinkley and unanimously carried: "That we adopt the above program for John Rodgers Airport".

At present the prisoners are working on the main runway, breaking rocks which have been dumped about the port.

Removal of Trees at Upolu Point, Hawaii:

A letter from Inter-Island Airways was read by the Chairman requesting that a small portion in the southwest corner of Upolu Point field formerly planted in cane and bordered with pine trees be smoothed over, the trees removed, so as to permit landings in that section of the field. It was decided to write Mr. George Watt, Manager Kohala Sugar Company, asking his cooperation in undertaking this work, with plantation labor, and at what cost.

Commission on Inspection Trip:

It was brought out that Mr. Brown is returning from the mainland on January 14th, Mr. Boyer on the 17th, and deemed wise that during the latter part of the month the entire Commission make an inspection trip of the various territorial airports. The trip would extend over two days, going first to Molokai to go over the west end of the Island with Mr. George Cooke for the purpose of locating an emergency landing field. Next to Maui for the inspection of Maalaea Airport. Proceed to Hilo, inspect the field and spend the night on Hawaii. The next day go over Upolu Point field with Mr. George Watt and on the return home possibly stop at Lanai.

Mr. Kennedy, Inter-Island Airways, will be invited to make the trip. The Chairman agreed to write Mr. Kennedy to find out what rate he would charge the Commission to charter a plane.

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

Respectfully submitted,