

MINUTES OF THE TERRITORIAL AERONAUTICAL
COMMISSION, held on Wednesday, February 4,
1931, in the Director's Room, Young Bldg.,
Honolulu, T. H., at 3:45 P.M.

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

Mr. Boyer
Mr. Wooldridge

The reading of the minutes of the last meeting was deferred, to be circulated with the minutes of this meeting.

Landing Field at Kona, Hawaii:

The Chairman read a letter from the Kona Civic Club stating that as the Legislature is to meet very shortly that body wishes to know what steps the Aeronautical Commission are to take in regard to the establishment of a landing field at Kailua.

It was moved by Mr. Damon, seconded by Mr. Brown and unanimously carried: "That a letter be addressed to the Kona Civic Club stating that due to the economical conditions, the probable amounts to be appropriated by the Legislature and the more urgent requirements for the airports already established, the establishment of a landing field at Kailua does not seem possible at the present time but that the Commission will endeavor in the future to see that steps are taken toward securing a landing field in this location."

John Rodgers Airport:

The arrival of 800' of fence together with all posts and necessary fittings from the Wickwire Spender Steel Company, at a cost of \$576.00, is expected at an early date.

Mr. Peacock reported that fine progress is being made at Rodgers, the entire triangular area in front of the Administration Building having been surfaced with coral and rolled. The prisoners are now placing coral, a strip 60' in width, on the area between the Hawaiian Airways hangar and the Administration Building on the mauka side of the coral roadway running to the hangar. Recently 9 prisoners were taken from Rodgers and sent to Maui but were replaced immediately and an average of 25 men are working daily on the field.

The Chairman reported that Mr. Bigelow, Superintendent of Public Works, had not as yet awarded the contract for the loading and hauling of coral from Ala Moana to Rodgers, due to a delay in the Public Works office. The Hawaiian Contracting Company submitted a bid of 75¢ per yard for coral and T. N. Iboshi 70¢ per yard for hauling. The Chairman stated he would follow up the matter a day or two and if no action were taken he would see the Governor.

Kalaupapa, Molokai:

It was brought out by the Chairman that he had reported to the Governor in a letter the results of the recent inspection trip over Kalaupapa, pointing out that due to the limited size and character of the land it would be an almost impossible proposition to develop a field here; also, in a telephone conversation the Chairman told the Governor it was his opinion that if the sand dunes were removed the

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field would be safe for the landing of transport planes but take-offs would be hazardous.

Airport in Lihue, Kauai:

The Chairman reported on a talk had during the past week with Mr. Charles Rice regarding the development of an airport in the Lihue district. Mr. Rice advised taking steps to acquire the land owned by the Lihue Plantation Company inasmuch as this land is not as valuable as the Grove Farm property. The Chairman suggested going ahead and develop a prevailing wind runway on the Lihue Plantation land and acquire the Wilcox property at a later date. Before doing this it was moved by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Damon and unanimously carried: "That a letter be addressed to Inter-Island Airways informing them that the rumor has come to the Commission that some of their pilots consider the Dairy Site suitable for a landing field and ask whether this field would be suitable were it developed." If a negative reply is received to this letter Mr. Damon advised going ahead with the Lihue Plantation property.

Army Fokker:

Mr. Hinkley raised the question of what action the Aeronautical Commission should take relative to the acquisition of the historical Army Fokker flown by Lieutenants Maitland and Hagenberger to Hawaii soon to be condemned.

The following motion was made by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Hinkley and unanimously carried; "That we suggest to the Governor we are in favor of keeping this plane in Hawaii and further suggesting that the matter of storage room be taken care of by suspending the plane from the ceiling of the National Guard Armory.

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

Respectfully submitted,

R. A. Anderson, Chairman