

MINUTES OF THE TERRITORIAL AERONAUTICAL
COMMISSION, held on Wednesday, February 18,
1931, in the Director's Room, Young Bldg.,
at 3:45 P. M., Honolulu, T. H.

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

None

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

LIHUE, KAUAI:

The Chairman read a letter from Inter-Island Airways reporting on a recent survey made of the Territorial property known as Wailua Park site on Kauai from the standpoint of approving it as an airport for the Lihue District. Inter-Island Airways expressed themselves as being very much pleased with the general location of the field and feel that with certain improvements it can be made into a very good airport. Among the improvements necessary are the relocation of the Ahukini Terminal & Railway tracks to the south and west boundary of the field; cutting down a portion of the sand dunes on the north east corner of the property along the beach; moving the drainage ditch to the south and west boundary and filling the present ditch with sand taken from the dunes; and cutting out Hau brush and tall trees on the south side of the boundary so as to give planes a better approach into the prevailing winds. Mr. Kennedy stated that the necessary work could be done at a reasonable cost and that Mr. Garlinghouse, County Engineer of Kauai, will have an estimate soon of the yardage of sand dunes that Mr. Elliott recommended be removed, together with the estimated cost.

It was moved by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Damon, and unanimously carried: "That the Chairman address a letter to the Commissioner of Public Lands and to the Governor stating that providing it is feasible to relocate the railway and drainage ditch it is our recommendation to obtain the Wailua Park site for an airport for the Lihue District of Kauai".

PORT ALLEN, KAUAI:

A letter from Inter-Island Airways was read by the Chairman asking the Commission to consider the installation of a loading strip of asphalt macadam for passengers at Port Allen, Kauai, as during the winter months the area surrounding the loading platform is bare of grass and when planes have to taxi down to the take-off the dust is almost unbearable. Inter-Island Airways also feel that a fence similar to that on Molokai Airport should be erected so as to keep people away from the loading platform.

The following motion was made by Mr. Wooldridge, seconded by Mr. Hinkley and unanimously carried: "That the Chairman inform Inter-Island Airways that the Commission is willing to spend money on the installation of a macadam runway and a fence providing that Company is going to use this field as a permanent airport."

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GLIDER CRASH, JOHN RODGERS AIRPORT:

The Chairman read a letter from Mr. Peacock reporting on a crash of the glider at John Rodgers Airport on Sunday, February 4th, at 4:30 P. M., flown by Mr. A. Clarke, Jr. Mr. Richard Wescott, who had been given permission to fly the glider, was present at the time of the crash and hastened to Mr. Peacock who was then at the Inter-Island Airways hangar. Mr. Peacock rushed Mr. Clarke to Tripler General Hospital where immediate medical attention was given. Mr. Clarke suffered a fractured skull and the glider was almost completely demolished.

The following motion was made by Mr. Damon, seconded by Mr. Brown and unanimously carried: "That the Chairman address a letter to the President of the Honolulu Glider Club, reprimanding that organization for allowing the glider to be used without a qualified instructor being present."

KALAUPAPA, MOLOKAI:

A letter from the Governor was read by the Chairman stating that he has asked the Board of Health whether they would approve of leveling 500' of sand dunes at Kalaupapa, Molokai. The Governor will inform the Commission later of the cost when he obtains a report on same.

MOLOKAI AIRPORT:

Mr. Wooldridge, who was recently on Molokai, reported the wind sock at this field has not been moved nor any work done toward the clearing of the field of brush and boulders. The Chairman agreed to write a letter checking up on the matter.

UPOLU POINT, HAWAII:

No word has been received from Mr. George Watt, Manager Kohala Sugar Company, Hawaii, relative to the grading necessary at Upolu Point Landing Field. The Chairman will address a letter to Mr. Watt asking for a rough estimate of the work to be done.

JOHN RODGERS AIRPORT:

Mr. Peacock reported that work at John Rodgers Airport is progressing rapidly. To date some 6,000 cubic yards of coral have been delivered to the field and a little less than 2,500 cubic yards spread. No work has been done on the laying of the concrete conduit as the prisoners are all working on the coral. Arrival of the fence ordered for John Rodgers is expected within the next 30 days.

RADIO COMMUNICATION FOR INTER-ISLAND SHIPS:

No action has been taken relative to the installation of radio sets in the Inter-Island Airways planes, awaiting full particulars from Mr. Marion Lord, General Passenger Agent, Western Air Express, Los Angeles, on types of equipment.

EXECUTIVE ORDER, UPOLU POINT:

Executive Order No. 5528, dated January 7, 1931, restoring a portion of Upolu Point Landing Field to the territory, was received and placed on file.

MECHANICS PILOTING INTER-ISLAND PLANES:

It was reported by Mr. Wooldridge that on his return trip from Molokai the co-pilot took the controls of the plane, apparently ignoring all letters from the Commission on this subject. He also stated Mr. Elliott, Chief Pilot, took a movie camera away from a man before reaching Oahu.

There being no further business, the meeting on motion adjourned.
Respectfully submitted, R. A. Anderson, Chairman