

MINUTES OF THE TERRITORIAL AERONAUTICAL
COMMISSION, held on Wednesday, March 25,
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

There being no changes or corrections to the minutes of the last meeting they were approved as circulated.

MOLOKAI AIRPORT:

A letter from Mr. George A. Will, Commission Representative for Molokai, was read by the Chairman stating that all rocks had been removed from the field and low spots on the airport had been filled. Mr. Will submitted an estimate of \$25.00 for marking the emergency field on the West End of Molokai; also an estimate of \$775.00 for a loading strip 50 feet by 200 feet, four inches thick, the work to be done by the County of Maui Road Department. Mr. Will further asked that he be authorized to spend about \$300.00 for grubbing shrubs and mowing the runways on this field.

It was decided to wait for a new appropriation before installing a loading strip on the Molokai field. The following motion was made by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Hinkley and unanimously carried: "That Mr. Peacock check up on the funds available for development work on Molokai and then authorize Mr. Will to spend as much money as we have for that purpose."

REMOVAL OF KRUETZER PLANE FROM HAWAIIAN AIRWAYS HANGAR:

A communication from Inter-Island Airways was read by the Chairman requesting permission to remove one tri-motored Kruetzer aircoach, formerly owned by the Hawaiian Airways Company, who have refused to pay rent for storage in Inter-Island hangar No. 2 since October 8, to a location to the rear of the hangar where the plane might be stored without interfering with operations at John Rodgers Airport. The request was made in order to clean up the hangar and to give additional space for other plane owners who desire to rent space.

The following motion was made by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Damon and unanimously carried: "That a letter be addressed to Inter-Island Airways stating that the Commission cannot grant permission allowing the storage of any plane at John Rodgers Airport outside of any hangar."

GLIDER CRASH, JOHN RODGERS AIRPORT:

A letter from Mr. J. P. Cooke, President Honolulu Glider Club, regarding the recent glider crash at John Rodgers Airport, was read by the Chairman in which the club expressed their regrets of the accident. However, the club did not agree, in answer to the Chairman's letter to Mr. Cooke, that the club was to blame for the accident inasmuch as the members using the glider at the time were qualified to do so, without supervision, but were not qualified nor authorized to instruct Mr. Clarke; nor was it their privilege to allow an inexperienced, non-member of the club to make use of the machine.

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It was moved by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Peacock and unanimously carried: "That the letter be placed on file and consider the matter a closed incident."

KALAUPAPA LANDING FIELD:

A letter from Inter-Island Airways acknowledging our inquiry as to whether or not they would consider Kalaupapa field suitable for regular commercial work should approximately 500' of sand dunes be levelled off was read by the Chairman. Inter-Island Airways state that the leveling of the sand dunes will greatly increase the safety of landing planes at Kalaupapa but before definitely committing themselves prefer to wait until Mr. Elliott is able to make a personal survey of this area. A letter was also addressed to the Governor quoting \$31,000.00 estimated by Mr. R. L. Cooke to move the graves and level the sand dunes and informing him that the Commission had gone on record as not favoring the expenditure of such a sum from the regular funds available; if, however, it was thought of sufficient importance to warrant a special appropriation and Inter-Island Airways will use the field the Chairman stated the Commission would favor carrying out the program of development that has been considered. No reply has been received from the Governor.

HILO AIRPORT, HAWAII:

Mr. Peacock stated he had written to Mr. David Richards, Jailor, Hilo Airport, giving him authority to proceed with the removing of the shacks at the end of the cross-wind take-off on the Hilo Airport. Mr. Brown, who was recently on Hawaii, reported he had gone over the Hilo field with Mr. Richards and was very much pleased with the amount of work Mr. Richards has accomplished.

PORT ALLEN, KAUAI:

A letter from Inter-Island Airways was read by the Chairman relative to the installation of an asphalt macadam loading strip and fence at Port Allen Airport. Inter-Island Airways state that even though a field at Lihue would increase their Kauai business, they expect to continue to operate to Port Allen although this would be contingent on the number of passengers carried. In view of this the Commission decided to not take any action at the present time.

WAILUA PARK SITE, KAUAI:

A letter from American Factors was read by the Chairman in which was quoted an estimate submitted by the Lihue Plantation Company of the cost of moving railroad tracks and ditch for the Wailua Park field in the Lihue District, Kauai. Lihue Plantation Company estimate as follows:

Moving 2600' of railroad at 25¢ per foot	\$ 650.00
200' of new railroad at \$2.00 a foot	400.00
4,000 yards of fill at 50¢	2000.00
10,000 yards of ditch excavation at 40¢	4000.00
Total ...	\$7050.00

However, another letter was received from American Factors, dated March 18, in which was quoted an extract from a letter received from the Lihue Plantation Company to American Factors stating that the Plantation will not be able to undertake this work at this time of the year but felt sure that the Kauai Construction Company would be glad to bid on the work for immediate construction. That Company has written assuring the Commission of a bid when the work is advertised.

Funds to undertake the whole project as estimated by Mr. Garlinghouse of \$35,000 will not be available until after July 1st, and Mr. Peacock suggested that bids be called for on a unit price basis which will allow us to go ahead with as much work now as we have funds available for. Mr. Brown brought up the question of whether or not this field

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should be developed if it will be used only temporarily but Mr. Peacock and the Chairman stated we have no alternative.

It was moved by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Damon and unanimously carried: "That the Chairman talk the matter over with Senator Rice stating that we have \$14,000 available to spend and ask what he would suggest in the way of spending our money and starting work on the field right away."

Providing Senator Rice advises along the lines discussed by the Commission Mr. Brown moved: "That the Chairman address a letter to the Superintendent of Public Works stating that we have \$14,000 available at this time for Kauai and asking that he proceed with the advertising for bids on the Wailua Park site." Seconded by Mr. Damon and unanimously carried.

KOHOLALELE LANDING, HAWAII:

A letter from Mr. C. T. Bailey, Commissioner of Public Lands, was read by the Chairman, relative to the exchanging of Old Koholalele Landing now owned by the Hamakua Mill Company for other territorially owned land. Mr. Bailey considers the exchange feasible and has requested the Territorial Surveyor to make a survey of the area and will bring the matter before the Land Board at its meeting next month.

A letter was received from Inter-Island Airways wherein they stated that a piece of property under lease to Paauhua Sugar Company and owned by the Cooper Estate of California would be their first choice for an emergency field on the Hamakua Coast. Their next choice would then be the Old Koholalele Landing.

CO-PILOTS FLYING INTER-ISLAND AIRWAYS PLANES:

Mr. Brown reported that on March 19, when he was returning from Hilo by plane that after leaving Upolu Point the co-pilot took the controls of the ship and flew almost to Maalaea Airport. The following motion was made by Mr. Damon, seconded by Mr. Peacock and unanimously carried: "That the Chairman write a letter to Inter-Island Airways stating that on March 19th, one of the Commission members was on the plane returning from Hilo and after leaving Upolu Point the plane was flown by the assistant pilot, calling to their attention that this is against the Rules & Regulations of the Department of Commerce.

Mr. Peacock reported that two Inter-Island co-pilots are now taking flying instructions at John Rodgers Airport.

UPOLU POINT LANDING FIELD, HAWAII:

A communication from Mr. George C. Watt, Manager Kohala Sugar Company, with two blue-prints inclosed showing the amount of work to be done in grading the Upolu Point Landing Field and letter from Mr. Koelling, Civil Engineer, giving the estimated cost of the work, were brought before the Commission. One project to uniformly grade the entire field, calling for the movement of some 40,000 cubic yards of material Mr. Koelling estimated would cost \$30,000. A second project calling for the excavating of some 20,300 cubic yards of material and the filling of 18,000 yards, making a runway 400' wide and 2,300' long, would cost \$20,000. The cost of the survey amounted to \$75.00. No action can be taken towards the development of the Upolu Point field until further appropriations are made.

It was moved by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Hinkley and unanimously carried: "That we pay the \$75.00, the cost of the survey to procure the information furnished by Mr. Koelling." The Chairman has already written Mr. Watt asking him to have a bill rendered to the Aeronautical Commission.

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EXPENDITURES, LOAN FUNDS, GENERAL FUNDS, ETC.:

No answer to our letter has been received from the Superintendent of Public Works relative to the balance of funds available for development work on the various territorial airports from Loan Funds and General Funds. In answer to our request for a statement of the expenditures from the fund for Personal Services up to December 31, 1930, the Superintendent of Public Works furnished the following information:

Personal Services	\$2,436.00
Current Expenses	2,326.27
Equipment	362.74
	<u>\$5,125.01</u>

On the first of March there was available for work on Rodgers Airport \$2,791.73. Confirming a telephone conversation the Chairman wrote to Mr. Bigelow to ascertain whether it would be possible to pay Francis Judd and David Pereria, now at work on Rodgers Airport, out of the Expense Fund under control of the Harbor Board in order to provide sufficient funds for operating the steam roller and continuing with prison labor at the field. No reply has been received to this letter.

It was moved by Mr. Damon, seconded by Mr. Hinkley and unanimously carried: "That a committee of two, consisting of the Chairman and Mr. Brown, see the Governor to discuss the Commission's relations with the Superintendent of Public Works, with a view to securing his cooperation."

DR. HAGOOD AS COMMISSION MEMBER:

As Mr. Boyer, Commission member, left today for a four month's trip to New Zealand and Australia, Mr. Brown moved "That the Chairman address a letter to the Governor recommending that we would like to have Dr. Hagood appointed in Mr. Boyer's place as a member of the Aeronautical Commission if he sees fit to make the appointment." Seconded by Mr. Peacock and unanimously carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,

R. A. Anderson, Chairman