

MINUTES OF THE TERRITORIAL AERONAUTICAL
COMMISSION, held on Wednesday, April 22,
1931, in Room 51, Young Hotel Building,
Honolulu, T. H., at 3:45 P.M.

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

Mr. Wooldridge

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

FUNDS FOR NEXT BIENNIUM:

The Chairman reported on a recent conversation had with Senator Rice re appropriations for the next biennium. Senator Rice stated \$15,000 for Personal Services and Expense Money had been considered by the Senate Ways and Means committee but agreed to recommend an increase to \$24,000; and that arrangements be made so that the Commission would have full control of its own appropriations. Out of \$380,000 Loan Fund appropriations Senator Rice informed the Chairman \$70,000 would be allotted to the Commission for airport improvements. \$35,000 for improvements at Lihue, Kauai, is contained in the Book-keeping Bill; \$13,445.00 remains to be expended on Kauai. The Chairman reported no contracts could be let on Hilo Airport but that an appropriation of \$10,000 for upkeep of prison labor would be made and that a \$10,000 balance in Commission funds would be reappropriated, making altogether a total of \$149,000 for the next biennium.

Mr. Bigelow has been requested to prepare specifications on the work to the extent of \$13,445.00 at Lihue, Kauai, and the Chairman reported the Superintendent of Public Works is going ahead on this; also, that Mr. Bailey, Commissioner of Public Lands, has been requested to get a survey on the Cooper Estate property, Hawaii, as a possible emergency landing field on the Hamakua Coast.

At the request of Senator Chas. Rice Mr. Kennedy, Inter-Island Airways, submitted an estimate of approximately \$165,000 to take care of airport and emergency landing field requirements for the next two years, which report was reviewed by the Commission.

EXPENDITURES OF COMMISSION UP TO MARCH 31, 1931:

In compliance with former requests the Chairman read a letter dated April 20, 1931, from the Board of Harbor Commissioners, enclosing a list of expenditures for current expenses from January 1, 1931, to March 31, 1931. Personal Services amount to \$1,084.00, Other Current Expenses \$1,357.38, making a total for the quarter of \$2,441.38.

FORCED LANDINGS, INTER-ISLAND AIRWAYS:

Due to numerous rumors coming to the Commission of a forced landing on Molokai recently of an Inter-Island Sikorsky the Chairman had a talk with Mr. Kennedy to ascertain the details of the matter. The Chairman reported because of bad weather conditions, lack of radio communications between ship and shore, or telephone connections on Molokai, the plane was delayed on Molokai and unable to get word back to Honolulu. Mr. Damon stated this was a fine example to illustrate the necessity of radio equipment on Inter-Island ships. The

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Chairman said that Inter-Island Airways had ordered an experimental radio set and would make tests in conjunction with the Mutual Telephone Company.

The Chairman agreed to request a report from Inter-Island Airways of the recent forced landing of a Sikorsky Ewa of Pearl Harbor on April 18th.

TRANSFER OF PORTION OF MOLOKAI AIRPORT PROPERTY TO ARMY:

With further reference to the request of the Army for the transfer of a small portion of the Molokai Airport the Chairman read a letter from the Governor stating that the Molokai Airport was set aside for Landing Field purposes, under the control of the Aeronautical Commission, and is Hawaiian Homes land. The Governor is desirous of cooperating with the War Department but suggested that the Army be permitted to occupy the designated area under a Revocable License, the terms and conditions of which would be similar to the provisions of the four Revocable Licenses issued to the Territory by the War Department on November 13, 1930.

Lt. Colonel Brant, U. S. A., has been informed of the above and should he be agreeable to the method of handling the matter the Commission will recommend that such a license be granted.

In response to a request from Colonel Brant the Chairman furnished him with construction costs of runways at John Rodgers Airport.

JOHN RODGERS AIRPORT:

The Chairman reported he had written to the Superintendent of Public Works asking that bids be called for on hauling a quantity of coral available at the Pearl Harbor Navy Station to John Rodgers Airport, the total amount of the hauling to be to the value of \$2,000, with a unit price which would make it possible to increase the amount if so desired within the limits of funds available. Mr. Peacock stated the Commission may obtain as much coral from Pearl Harbor as desired, and Mr. Brown suggested filling in the old coral pit at the Airport for a reserve supply.

The Chairman brought up the matter of plans for beautifying John Rodgers Airport and discussed the subject with Commission members. A good many small cocconut trees have recently been planted along the mauka side of the Inter-Island Airways hangar. It was decided that the Chairman, Mr. Brown and Mr. Peacock go to the field soon and lay out a program for beautifying the port.

PERMISSION TO TAKE AERIAL PICTURES:

A letter was read by the Chairman written to Mr. H. R. Slocum, Hawaiian Electric Company, granting him permission to take pictures from the air within the next thirty days in accordance with all rules of the Commission.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE AERONAUTICAL COMMISSION:

In answer to a letter from the Governor dated April 10th, the Chairman stated he had forwarded a brief summary of the outstanding accomplishments of the Aeronautical Commission since July 5, 1929.

SUPERINTENDENT OF AIRPORTS:

In considering funds available for Personal Services the Chairman brought out that Mr. George Cerveny, former pilot for Inter-Island Airways, had made application for the position of Superintendent of Airports. Mr. Cerveny is well posted on aviation problems

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and flying but the Chairman stated he was dubious about his being able to handle the construction work and supervision of labor. The question of salary and present needs of such a man were discussed. The Chairman stated he would send Mr. Cerveny to interview the various members of the Commission before taking any action on the matter.

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

Respectfully submitted,

R. A. Anderson, Chairman