

MINUTES OF THE TERRITORIAL AERONAUTICAL
COMMISSION, held on Wednesday, August 5,
1931, in the Gold Room, Young Hotel Build-
ing, at 12:00 Noon, Honolulu, T. H.

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

Mr. Brown
Mr. Boyer

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

Army Planes Flying Low in Kailua Beach Vicinity:

A letter from Colonel Brant, U.S.A., in reply to our letter reporting complaints of Army Planes flying low over houses and beach areas at Kailua was read by the Chairman. Colonel Brant stated the matter had been investigated and asked reports on future instances. The low flying in this vicinity Colonel Brant said is partly due to the proximity of the adjoining aerial target range at Waimanalo and that some time ago a proposition was submitted to the Governor of the territory offering to exchange the Waimanalo reservation for an equal acreage on Mokapu Point, but apparently no action has been taken. The removal of the range from Waimanalo would obviate many unfavorable conditions existing there and would doubtless stop complaints of low flying at Kailua and Lanikai.

Molokai Airport:

Letters were written during the past week to Libby McNeill & Libby and Mr. A. H. Wong, County Engineer, Wailuku, Maui, investigating the possibility of installing a macadam landing strip in front of the Inter-Island Airways rest house. No answers have been received as yet.

Wailua, Kauai:

No official communication has been received from the Department of Public Works relative to the bids on the development of Wailua Airport but the Chairman reported the Kauai Construction Company was low bidder with a tender of \$34,813.90, approximately \$200 less than the \$35,000.00 appropriated by the 1931 Legislature. Other bids were E. E. Black, \$37,811.60; Kalihi Contracting Co., Ltd., \$40,837.00 and Hawaiian Contracting Company, \$42,868.70. The Kauai Construction Company bid includes the entire project of excavating a new drainage ditch and filling the old ditch, relocating the railroad tracks, constructing road to port from main road, construct 2 culverts for railroad and roadway and one cattleguard where the railroad passes through the boundary fence.

It was moved by Mr. Damon, seconded by Mr. Wooldridge and un-
animously carried: "That the Chairman be authorized to accept the lowest
bid, when submitted, to confirm such action at the next meeting."

The Chairman reported he had received a communication from Mr. Bigelow stating it is believed that the sand, when graded, will not be a satisfactory surface for landings or take-offs, that the wind might have a tendency to drift the loose sand. Mr. Peacock suggested that before contractors start work we investigate the possibility of having

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some of the turf saved and replaced. The Chairman agreed to write to Mr. Charles Fern, Commission Representative on Kauai, and to Mr. R. L. Garlinghouse, County Engineer, asking suggestions on how to best obtain a growth of grass on the newly graded area, about the amount of rainfall and the expense of saving some of the turf before proceeding with grading operations.

Special Fund:

Mr. Wooldridge reported of two or three Boards which had received money from a special contingency fund of the Governor's and suggested the Chairman see the Governor regarding the possibility of obtaining money for the installation of an apron on Molokai, for an apron at Maalaea and a small amount for surface coral at Rodgers Airport. The Chairman agreed to do this.

Request from Navy to Use Hilo Airport:

A letter from Commander E. W. Tod, U.S.N., was read by the Chairman in which it was stated that it is planned to operate the Aircraft Squadrons based on the Fleet Air Base at Pearl Harbor from Hilo for the period September 8 to 18 inclusive. Six of these planes will be on wheels and permission was asked to use the Hilo Airport during this period.

It was moved by Mr. Damon, seconded by Mr. Hinkley and unanimously carried: "That such permission be granted."

The Chairman acknowledged Commander Tod's letter to the effect that we would be glad to have the Navy use the airport and asked that they cooperate with Inter-Island Airways during scheduled flights. Also, that comments on the condition of the port would be appreciated.

Request from Inter-Island re Garbage Dump at Hilo:

The Chairman read a letter from Inter-Island Airways asking that the Commission request the Board of Supervisors of Hawaii to discontinue the use of the garbage dump in the rear of the terminal station at Hilo Airport as this is very objectionable. A communication has been addressed to the Board of Supervisors of Hawaii but no acknowledgment has been received.

Report on Rodgers Airport:

Mr. Peacock reported on the recent development work at Rodgers Airport. The prisoners have finished the full width of the main take-off with base fill, which completes the entire main take-off except a small amount of grading at the extreme end. A steam roller has been in operation and by the end of the week Mr. Peacock stated the end of the take-off would be ready to surface. By the end of the month the main take-off would be ready to surface. By the end of the month the main take-off will be completed.

Work has been started on filling the triangular area on the Ewa side of the cross-wing take-off. Starting at the upper makai end where it is approximately 250' wide it is planned to increase the width gradually until it intersects the main take-off, allowing straight landings into the trade winds.

A small amount of excavating has been done in the coral pit.

Annual Report of the Chairman:

The Chairman reported his Annual Report, covering the fiscal year July 1, 1930, to June 30, 1931, has been prepared and is ready to be submitted to the Governor.

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Moved by Mr. Wooldridge, seconded by Mr. Damon and unanimously carried: "That same be submitted to the Governor as prepared by the Chairman.

Landing Field at Mokapu:

The possibility of designating property owned by Mr. H. Castle at Mokapu as a landing field for that side of Oahu was discussed. It was suggested permission be asked of Mr. Castle to quarry rocks out of a certain area of his property and mark it with a tee as there is no government property in that vicinity.

Mr. Peacock stated this is the logical place for a landing field on that side of the Island providing it were possible to develop such an area but at present the field is used as pasture land for cattle. He further stated there is a certain area in the bay towards Kanohe which is very smooth and planes could always land there. No action was taken.

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

Respectfully submitted,

R. A. Anderson, Chairman