

MINUTES OF THE TERRITORIAL AERONAUTICAL
COMMISSION, held on Monday, March 3, 1930,
in the Director's Room, Young Bldg.
Honolulu, T. H., at 8:00 P. M.

PRESENT:

Mr. Anderson, Chairman
Mr. Brown
Mr. Damon
Dr. Hagood
Mr. Peacock
Mr. Wooldridge

ABSENT:

Mr. Boyer

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

Maalaea Airport:

In connection with Maalaea Airport the Chairman reported Mr. C. T. Bailey, Commissioner of Public Lands, is ready to go ahead with the purchase of that field as soon as the final cost of the runway can be ascertained. It will probably be the end of the month before the runway is completed. Alexander & Baldwin have agreed to a two weeks extension from February 28 on their thirty day offer and are also agreeable to the Territory paying them for the land and improvements, they to settle with Inter-Island Airways. It is the desire of the Commission to have the thirty day offer extended until such time as the Maalaea improvement figures are available; the Chairman will ask Mr. Bailey to secure this concession.

Rodgers Airport:

The Chairman reported on a talk had with Mr. Lyman H. Bigelow, Superintendent of Public Works, presenting several plans suggested by Mr. Bigelow for securing coral to surface the field in as much as the previously proposed dredging operations are beyond our means. The first improvements to be made are lengthening and widening the cross-wind take-off; the second step to be the filling in of the triangular area between this runway and the taxi strip to the right of the Inter-Island Airways hangar.

Mr. Peacock has recently started the blasting of a test ^{pit} on the Ewa side of the airport. With a small shovel, two or three trucks, and prison labor much work could be accomplished towards securing sufficient coral to surface the field and at a reasonable cost. It is estimated that coral from this quarry can be laid on the field at approximately 30¢ a yard. The Chairman delegated Mr. Peacock to investigate further the proposition of quarrying coral.

Hilo Airport:

The Chairman reported on several talks had with Mr. Rush, Department of Public Works, on the estimated figures for fill to improve the Hilo runway. Mr. Rush is trying to work out the most economical plans before calling for bids.

The Chairman read a letter from the Inter-Island Airways relative to the location for a terminal station at the Hilo Airport. A blue print of the terminal was presented.

After considerable discussion it was moved by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Damon that Inter-Island Airways be granted permission to build their hangar on the location decided upon by Dr.

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Hagood, Lt. Cover, Mr. C. I. Elliott, and Mr. Stanley Kennedy, subject to the execution of a form of license such as is being prepared in connection with their hangar at John Rodgers Airport. Carried.

While Dr. Hagood was on Hawaii the Aeronautical Committee of the Chamber of Commerce asked that some local authority be placed in charge of the Hilo field as conditions are constantly arising for someone to control airport activities and regulate traffic. Mr. David Richards, Jailor, Hilo Airport Prison Camp, has no authority. The airport is being used for a dump ground by many people; this trash Mr. Richards is using to fill in holes about the field. ✓

Moved by Dr. Hagood and seconded by Mr. Brown that the Chairman address letters to the aviation committees of the Chambers of Commerce on Hawaii, Maui, and Kauai to recommend a local man to represent this Commission in carrying out its policies. Carried.

Moved by Dr. Hagood that the Chairman take up with the Attorney General the advisability of building gates across the two roads from Puuwaile Home and from Kamehameha Highway, and make the people stay off the road as directed by traffic. Seconded by Mr. Peacock and carried.

Kona district, Hawaii:

The lava strip at Kona which was thought would be a possible location for an airport site Dr. Hagood stated after going over this area was full of holes, very irregular and impossible for consideration as a landing field. To reach the lava strip one must cross an area of sand approximately 150' x 1200' which Dr. Hagood told the Commission might be developed into a suitable landing field at little cost. The field is about $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles from Kona Inn and is between 10 and 12 feet above high tide. The wind blows directly parallel to the field. On one portion of the field is a cocoanut grove which might easily be cut out and with finger coral and a growth of manini grass over the ground Dr. Hagood thought the land would make a very satisfactory airport. Half of the property belongs to an estate and the other half is owned by Frank Greenwell who is willing to do all he can in donating the land or deeding it to the territory. As a purchase Dr. Hagood considered the land not advisable but as a donation it would be wise to develop the field. Water could be piped to the field from the Kona Inn for irrigation purposes. Colonel Pratt, U. S. A., will send a plane to Hawaii if it is deemed advisable for several Commission members to make an inspection trip of the field in the near future. ✓

Letter from Colonel Pratt re Hanapepe, Kauai:

The Chairman read a letter from Colonel Pratt, U. S. A., suggesting that this Commission do what it properly can to have the bids brought down for development work of the Hanapepe Flying Field. Members of the Board agreed to do whatever possible to bring the bids down to the lowest possible point. ✓

Lieutenant R. C. Moffat, Lieutenant Carl Pyle, U. S. A.:

Lieutenant R. C. Moffat who has served as Department of Commerce Inspector in aeronautics in Hawaii for the past year and Lieutenant Carl Pyle who succeeds Lieutenant Moffat were present at this meeting. Letter from Lieutenant Moffat inclosing a copy of a letter to the Department of Commerce at Washington setting forth the present status of the two Kreutzer monoplanes belonging to the Hawaiian Airways, and a report on Mr. E. H. Lewis' Swallow plane crash on March 2, 1930, was placed on file. Lieutenant Moffat discussed the Lewis crash and the Lewis situation in regard

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to flying activities with the members, stating that for the safety of aviation in the territory it would be wise for Mr. Lewis to go out of business entirely. Mr. Lewis fails to answer warning letters from the Commission and Lieutenant Moffat recommended that if he failed to obey regulations and flying requirements we should impose definite restrictions. At present Mr. Lewis has no planes in operation so it was decided to let the matter take care of itself until such time as Mr. Lewis resumes flying activities.

Superintendent of Airports:

The Chairman read a letter from Mr. Lyman H. Bigelow asking him to be present at the meeting of the Board of Harbor Commissioners on March 5th to discuss the appointment of a Superintendent of Airports as no action was taken on this matter at the last meeting of the Harbor Board.

Flying activities report:

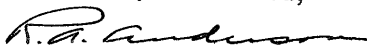
A letter was read by the Chairman from the Hawaiian Airways Company re flying activities by their Company during the month of January, stating no flights were made for this month. Verbal reports have come to this Commission of flights to Maui and Kauai which the Chairman agreed to write regarding this matter.

Hoolehua Airport, Molokai:

The Chairman read a letter from the Inter-Island Airways requesting a small roof structure to be put up at the Hoolehua Airport, Molokai. Plans from the Department of Public Works will be asked on the basis of the building at John Rodgers for Maui, Hilo and Molokai. ✓

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

Respectfully submitted,


R. A. Anderson, Chairman.