

MINUTES OF THE TERRITORIAL AERONAUTICAL
COMMISSION, held on Monday, March 10, 1930,
in the Director's Room, Young Building,
Honolulu, T. H. at 3:45 P. M.

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

None

It was moved and seconded by Mr. Brown that the reading of the minutes of the last meeting be deferred and circulated with the minutes of this meeting. Carried.

Superintendent of Airports:

Reporting on the meeting of the Harbor Board attended last Wednesday the Chairman stated that all members of the Board except Mr. Friel seemed satisfied of the necessity for employing a Superintendent of Airports to carry out the policies of the Commission regarding flying activities and construction programs. The matter will be held in abeyance another week awaiting an opinion from Mr. Lowrey, absent at the last meeting. Mr. Bigelow said that the employment of a man by the Commission would have to be justified from the aviation side of the question as he has a construction department to take care of construction jobs. Titles of "Superintendent of Airports" and "Executive Secretary" were discussed and it was agreed the former should be used.

Hilo Airport:

The Chairman reported on a talk had with Mr. Rush, Department of Public Works, regarding plans for development of the Hilo Airport. Mr. Rush estimated \$30,000.00 to include 3" or coral and top dressing, cutting and filling an area 250' wide, 1200' long with a 600' radius. For the present it is considered feasible to level the lava and simply grade and roll the runway. To keep within the Hilo appropriation plans for a smaller radius and a narrower width of the runway would lessen the expenses approximately 35%. Alternate bids will be called for.

Report, John Rodgers Airport:

A report from Mr. Peacock was read by the Chairman estimating the excavating and laying on of coral on John Rodgers Airport at 25¢ a cubic yard with prison labor and 35¢ with paid labor. Mr. Peacock reported on progress on the runway. Work has been delayed due to the illness of 6 prisoners. If this Commission goes ahead with small improvement jobs at the airport equipment in the way of an air compressor, tractor, shovel, and possibly a truck must be purchased. Either Thursday or Friday of this week Mr. Bigelow will be invited to go to the airport with Mr. Peacock and Mr. Anderson on an inspection trip. In the meantime ideas regarding equipment needed and the possibility of acquiring the land where the coral quarry is being blasted will be obtained.

Maalaea Airport:

In connection with the Maalaea purchase the chairman reported having written Mr. Bailey asking him to arrange for an extension of time until the runway is completed. It was agreed no chances should be taken of a cancellation of the Hawaiian Commercial & Sugar Company's offer.

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Hawaiian Airways Hangar:

To provide storage room for planes owned by individuals who cannot build hangars, Mr. Peacock urged the Commission to consider the purchase of the Hawaiian Airways hangar which is to be sold at auction on April 7th. Their Kreutzer planes, motors, and equipment will also be sold. Mr. Damon does not want to buy as yet. Inter-Island Airways, Mr. Brown thought, will buy the Hawaiian Airways hangar for a work shop. General discussion ensued, no action being taken.

Hoolehua Airport, Molokai:

On a recommendation from the Inter-Island Airways that a permanent pole for a windsock be put up at Hoolehua Airport, Dr. Hagood is going to Molokai on the 20th of this month and will attend to the matter of erecting a pole and windsock.

Lihue, Kauai:

Inter-Island Airways statistics show that 52% of the people traveling by air on Kauai are from or to the Lihue district as compared to 20% from or to Port Allen. Mr. Fern in making a report to the Kauai Chamber of Commerce expressed the preference of residents for an airport site at Lihue rather than Port Allen. The Chairman has asked for a copy of the report as soon as it is submitted to the Chamber of Commerce making recommendations upon which this Commission can base its program for Kauai. Sixty-five acres of the 100 acres available near Lihue already belong to the territory. The remaining 35 acres are owned by the Lihue plantation company who are willing to make an even exchange for any territorial land on the island. Mr. Damon would like to see an airport developed both at Hanapepe and Lihue. No action was taken pending receipt of recommendations in writing.

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

Respectfully submitted,

R. A. Anderson

R. A. Anderson, Chairman.