

MINUTES OF THE TERRITORIAL AERONAUTICAL
COMMISSION, held on Wednesday, April 8, 1931,
in the Blue Room, Young Hotel, at 3:45 P. M.
Honolulu, T. H.

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

Mr. Boyer

There being no changes in the minutes of the previous meeting, they were approved as circulated.

RESERVE STORES AND RADIO STATIONS ON MOLOKAI AIRPORT:

A letter from Lt. Colonel Gerald C. Brant, Air Officer, Fort Shafter, was read by the Chairman stating that the Air Defense Project of the Hawaiian Department, U. S. Army, contemplates the establishment of reserve stores of gas and oil, radio stations and servicing equipment at outlying air bases on Hawaii and Kauai. Colonel Brant reported \$8,000.00 has been allotted for such a purpose at South Cape, Hawaii, but that probable air operations over the Islands indicate the interests of National Defense would be better served if the gas and oil for South Cape were stored on Molokai or Lanai. A photograph of the Molokai Airport was presented and the Army requested information as to the ways and means whereby a small tract of land 250' x 75' along the boundary of the airport might be transferred to the Federal Government for the above purpose.

After considerable discussion the following motion was made by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Wooldridge and unanimously carried: "That the Chairman be authorized to take the matter up with Colonel Brant and recommend to the Governor the allotment of the land the Army has asked for, with the understanding that in the event the Army abandons the land for the purposes intended it shall revert to the Territory."

HAULING OF CORAL FROM NAVY YARD TO JOHN RODGERS AIRPORT:

In connection with the dredging operations now going on at the Pearl Harbor Navy Station the Chairman stated after conversations Mr. Peacock and himself had had with Captain Gaylor in charge of the Public Works, Pearl Harbor, there is a vast quantity of excellent coral available. The coral is fine, will bind well and make a very good surface material for John Rodgers Airport. This coral is to be had for the hauling.

The following motion was made by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Damon and unanimously carried: "That the Chairman address a letter to the Superintendent of Public Works instructing him to call for bids for the hauling of coral from the Navy Yard to John Rodgers Airport, not to exceed \$2,000.00, with a unit price, which will make it possible to increase the amount if so desired within the limits of funds available."

REPORT ON BALANCE OF FUNDS:

At Mr. Brown's suggestion the Chairman obtained a report of the balance of funds available for airport development from Honorable Thomas Treadway, Auditor, Territory of Hawaii, and read it to the

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Commission. From an appropriation of \$15,000, Act 257, Session Laws 1929, for Kauai, there is a balance as of April 1, 1931, \$13,445.33. From an appropriation of \$100,000.00, Act 247, S. L. 1929, there has been expended on John Rodgers Airport \$42,629.31, for Maui \$34,122.55, for Hawaii \$19,776.41, making a total of \$96,528.27 spent, leaving a balance as of April 1, 1931, of \$3,471.73. There is a balance in the General Expense funds as of March 31, 1931, of \$11,594.53.

The following motion was made by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Hinkley, and unanimously carried: "That Mr. Peacock address a letter to Mr. George A. Will, Commission representative on Molokai, authorizing him to spend up to \$200.00 for clearing shrubs and necessary grading on the Molokai Airport and get an estimate from Mr. Will on what work he proposes to do with the \$200.00."

Mr. Peacock suggested that action be taken soon towards developing the Wailua Park site near Lihue, Kauai, with the \$13,445.00 available. The Chairman stated he would see Senator Rice on April 9.

FORCED LANDING ON MOLOKAI:

Rumors have come to the Commission of a recent forced landing of one of the Inter-Island Airways ships on Molokai and it was proposed that the Chairman obtain a report.

EMERGENCY FIELD IN KOKO HEAD DISTRICT:

Mr. Peacock brought before the Commission the need for an emergency landing field in the Koko Head district as there is no possible field to land in between John Rodgers Airport and Molokai. No action was taken but Mr. Peacock will investigate the possibilities further.

HAMAKUA COAST EMERGENCY LANDING FIELD, HAWAII:

With further regard to the acquisition of an emergency landing field on the Hamakua Coast the Chairman reported that from an aviation standpoint an area owned by the Cooper Estate, near Paahau, Hawaii, is more preferable as a landing field than Old Koholalele Landing.

It was moved by Mr. Damon, seconded by Mr. Brown and unanimously carried: "That the Chairman see if it is possible to make an exchange or buy the Cooper Estate land for an emergency field on the Hamakua Coast; if not, then go ahead with the acquisition of Koholalele Landing."

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

Respectfully submitted,

R. A. Anderson, Chairman