

MINUTES OF THE TERRITORIAL AERONAUTICAL
COMMISSION, held on Wednesday, May 6, 1931,
in Room 51, Young Hotel Building, at
3:45 P. M., Honolulu, T. H.

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

Mr. Damon

~~Mr. Brown~~
There being no changes in the minutes of the last meeting,
they were approved as circulated.

REPORT ON PLANE FLYING OVER RESTRICTED AREA:

The Chairman read a letter from Major General Wm. Lassiter, Commanding Hawaiian Department, Fort Shafter, reporting on a commercial plane No. NC-6968 flying over Fort Kamehameha Military Reservation at 5:20 P. M. on April 16th. This is in violation of Section 3, Restricted Areas, of the Territory of Hawaii Airport Rules & Regulations. At the Chairman's request Mr. Peacock investigated the matter and a letter was read by the Chairman from Mr. Peacock reporting that this plane is owned by a group of men at John Rodgers Airport, the manager of said group being Mr. Joe Torres, but stated that according to Mr. Torres records show this plane was being overhauled on April 16. A report has been requested of Mr. Torres and Mr. Brown suggested as soon as this report is received a copy of same be forwarded to General Lassiter.

NEW AIRPORT RULE:

Due to the fact that flying activities at John Rodgers Airport have increased to such an extent as to cause hazardous air conditions at certain hours of the day, especially Saturdays and Sundays, it has become necessary that circular letters be distributed among the various persons flying at the field, calling their strict attention to the Territorial Airport Rules and Department of Commerce Regulations.

An airport rule was proposed to provide for safer transport operation as follows: Excepting that it be an emergency landing, it will be unlawful for any aircraft to land on or take off from a Territorial airport after a warning signal has been sounded or shown to indicate the approach of a transport plane flying a scheduled flight, or within five minutes prior to the landing of said transport plane; or after the landing of a transport plane until it is free and clear of the landing area.

It was decided to take the matter up with Mr. Hewitt, Attorney General, for approval as to form. The Commission will then act on the rule and forward it to the Governor for his signature. The Chairman designated Mr. Peacock as a committee of one to ascertain prices on a siren, to be used as a warning signal.

FORCED LANDING, INTER-ISLAND AIRWAYS:

Replying to the Commission's request the Chairman read a letter from Mr. A. H. Armitage, President Inter-Island Airways, reporting on the forced landing of a Sikorsky on Saturday, April 18th. The plane was coming from Kauai, bound for Rodgers Airport, with 9 passengers

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and 2 crew aboard. About mid-channel one engine cut out but the pilot proceeded under the power supplied by the other engine. At this time the plane was up about 1000' and on account of there being a full load the plane began to lose elevation. To lighten the load the pilot emptied the contents of the inner gas tank. Not having sufficient gas in the tank to fly to the field the pilot landed in the water some 500 yards to the westward entrance of Pearl Harbor, awaiting help, rather than attempt to reach the airport.

CORAL FOR JOHN RODGERS AIRPORT:

A letter from Mr. Bigelow, Superintendent of Public Works, was read by the Chairman submitting a tabulation of bids received on the hauling of coral from Pearl Harbor to John Rodgers Airport. Mr. M. Okozaki was the lowest bidder, submitting a bid of \$2,400 to haul 5000 yards of coral in 12 days.

Mr. Peacock reported that Captain Gaylor, in charge of the Public Works at Pearl Harbor, had stated that \$500 must be deposited to draw against for the cost of shovel operations. This sum had been added to the bids of all contractors. The cost for operating the shovel will amount to about \$6.00 per day. Mr. Brown inquired whether the Commission would get the benefit of the balance of the \$500 whereupon Mr. Peacock phoned Mr. Bigelow and was informed the balance would be refunded to the Territory. Mr. Peacock stated he would go to Pearl Harbor, see Captain Gaylor and find out what the cost of operations will actually cost the Commission.

The following motion was made by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Wooldridge and unanimously carried: "That the lowest bid be accepted on the basis that the Commission get the refund of the balance of the \$500 deposit put up by the contractor.

IMPROVEMENT ON DAMON ESTATE PROPERTY, JOHN RODGERS AIRPORT:

Mr. Peacock reported that at the Ewa end of the main take off is a strip of property, owned by the Damon Estate, about 60' x 500', which is very misleading to pilots landing on the runway inasmuch as it appears to have a hard surface but is very soft ground. He inquired whether it would be possible for the territory to improve private property, providing the Damon Estate were agreeable, by grading the area, surfacing it with coral about the port, using prison labor. There would be no cost to the territory for the work. Mr. Brown suggested the matter be taken up with the Attorney General and if found feasible then go to the Damon Estate.

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

Respectfully submitted,

R. A. Anderson, Chairman