

MINUTES OF THE TERRITORIAL AERONAUTICAL  
COMMISSION, held on Wednesday, June 10,  
1931, in Room 51, Young Hotel Building,  
Honolulu, T. H., at 3:45 P. M.

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

Mr. Boyer  
Mr. Wooldridge

There being no changes or corrections to the minutes of the last meeting they were approved as circulated.

Superintendent of Airports:

It was reported by the Chairman that Mr. Geo. Cervený, recent applicant for the position of Superintendent of Airports, had left the territory on the last Malolo. Mr. Peacock stated it would be possible for him to take over the work on a part time basis; this would, however, necessitate his withdrawal from the Board.

It was suggested by Mr. Brown that the Chairman discuss the matter with the Governor before definitely appointing Mr. Peacock as Superintendent of Airports. The following motion was made by Mr. Damon, seconded by Mr. Brown and unanimously carried: "That subject to no objections on the part of the Governor Mr. Peacock be appointed as Superintendent of Airports on a part time basis at \$100.00 per month beginning July 1st, 1931, along the lines he has been following."

Extension of Runway, John Rodgers Airport:

In answer to our letter to the Attorney General re the possibility of extending the main runway at John Rodgers onto Damon Estate property the Chairman read a reply advising that there is no legal objection to such procedure, provided the Commission obtains a written license from the Damon Estate to grade and extend the take-off. Mr. McGhee suggested conferring with the Damon Estate owners with a view to obtaining such a license and stated he would be glad to prepare same after the terms have been agreed upon. The Chairman agreed to address a letter to the Trustees of the Damon Estate, on Mr. Damon's suggestion, asking permission to fill in a strip 50' by the width of the runway, the fill to be made with coral from the port. Mr. Peacock will obtain a blue-print of John Rodgers Airport outlining the area and fill to be made.

Lihue, Kauai:

A blue print of the field in the Lihue District, Kauai, was presented and plans for development of the field were discussed. Mr. Peacock reported that the work in moving the railroad tracks and re-locating the ditch could not be completed this month and inasmuch as the funds available for Kauai do not lapse June 30 but carry over it would be advantageous to the Commission to wait and have specifications prepared for the entire amount of work to be done at the field, awarding only one contract instead of two. It was decided to wait for Mr. Rush's specifications on the total amount of work which he is now preparing and will have ready by the end of this month. X

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Status of Funds:

A letter from Honorable Thomas Treadway, Auditor, was read by the Chairman showing the status of funds available for airport development.

Act 238, S.L. 1927 - Balance to date	⌘	343.34
Act 257, S.L. 1927 - " " "		11,046.92
(Molokai Airport Balance.. ⌘	326.55)	
(Kauai Airport Balance....	10,720.37)	
Act 243, S.L. 1929 - Balance to date		2,736.32
(Set up for contract..... ⌘	2,400.00)	
(Free balance.....	336.32)	
Act 255, S.L. 1929 - Balance to date		8,519.92

The balances, if any, of Acts 238 and 255 will be lapsed on June 30, 1931, unless totally expended before then or encumbered by contracts. Acts 257 and 243 will continue until the projects, if any, under them are completed or the funds expended. In case there is a balance remaining under Act 257 and not required it will be transferred to the Permanent Improvement fund of the City & County upon prior notice by the Superintendent of Public Works of the completion of the items therein enumerated.

Report On Inter-Island Airways Sikorsky Accident:

A letter from Mr. A. H. Armitage, President Inter-Island Airways, was read by the Chairman reporting on an accident to one of their Sikorskys while landing on Lanai Airport on May 25. The plane, piloted by Chief Pilot Elliott, ran into a rain shower on approaching the field and in landing found the field very slippery. Mr. Elliott applied his brakes but the plane continued rolling a few feet over the end of the landing area and ran into a road scraper. The lower right wing and pontoon were damaged; also the bracers supporting the right upper wing were damaged rendering that wing somewhat unsafe. The plane will be brought to Honolulu for repairs.

Forced Landing of American Eagle:

Inasmuch as a written report has not been received from Mr. Joe Torres on a recent forced landing of the "American Eagle" Mr. Peacock made a verbal report on same. On the morning of May 28th, with only one student in the plane, the "American Eagle" was forced down in the fish pond at the Ewa end of the main take-off, John Rodgers Airport. The pilot suffered no injuries and little damage was done to the ship.

Kalaupapa, Molokai:

The Chairman reported that Dr. Pinkerton and Mr. Kleugel of the Board of Hospitals & Settlement are anxious to have a landing field developed at Kalaupapa. With so little money available for Molokai and no appropriation in the new budget for Molokai the Commission was dubious about spending any money on Kalaupapa. The Board, the Chairman stated, felt sure they could get part of a certain wharf appropriation to use in developing a landing field and suggested cutting down the width of 500' of sand dunes which it would be necessary to level to 300'; also asked if the Commission would spend as much as \$5000.00 on this field.

Mr. Brown stated he was in favor of developing Kalaupapa providing the Board can obtain sufficient funds, otherwise it would be foolish to go ahead with the project. The Chairman also was in favor of Kalaupapa provided funds can be made available and we do not have to borrow money from other projects. It was brought out that Inter-Island Airways may not use the field should it be put in condition; also that the next Legislature might close Kalaupapa.

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Mr. Brown suggested asking Dr. Pinkerton and Mr. Kleugel for an estimate of the cost of conditioning the field; further, that if the Board is able to supply the necessary funds for a good safe landing field at Kalaupapa then ask them to request the Commission to supervise the construction of that field.

Salaries of Commission Employees:

The salaries of the Commission employees were discussed. It was decided the services of Mr. Clarke and day laborers would be dispensed with. The services of Mr. W. L. Laningham, truck driver at John Rodgers Airport, will be required as a good deal of responsibility about the field is placed upon him.

The following motion was made by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Damon and unanimously carried: "That beginning July 1st, Mr. Peacock received \$100.00 per month, to act as Superintendent of Airports on part time. It is understood he will devote afternoons after 4:00 P.M. and Saturday afternoons and Sundays. That Miss Brown, steno-clerk at Rodgers Airport, receive \$150.00 per month, and that the Commission wait 3 months before increasing the pay of Mr. Laningham."

Permission to Stage Parachute Jump, John Rodgers:

The Chairman read a letter from Mr. E. L. Peacock requesting permission to stage a parachute exhibition at John Rodgers Airport sometime during July. The exhibition would be sponsored by the American Legion and would consist of one or two jumps from a plane in an endeavor to land on the port, the jumps to be made by licensed parachute operators. Mr. Peacock stated the American Legion would pass a hat to collect whatever donations might be given. He brought out that he felt this an excellent opportunity for the public to see the development that has taken place at the airport.

It was moved by Mr. Damon: "That the Commission vote its approval of the exhibition subject to the approval of the Attorney General as to the passing of the hat". Seconded by Mr. Hinkley and unanimeualy carried.

Storage Space For Coral:

The question of storage place for coral from Pearl Harbor to be used in the future for developing John Rodgers Airport was brought up for discussion. It was estimated that between 30000 and 50,000 cubic yards would complete the work at the airport. The underwater area at John Rodgers and the old coral pit at the Ewa side of the port were considered. It was decided that we investigate the possibility of having coral that is being dredged from Pearl Harbor pumped to the airport.

Gasoline Supply for Next Year:

Over 7,000 gallons of gasoline were consumed at John Rodgers Airport since May 1930 and Mr. Peacock asked permission to place a 5000 gallon order with the Standard Oil Company, to draw on in 250 gallon lots, to make use of the money available in the expense fund. Permission was granted.

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

Respectfully submitted,

R. A. Anderson, Chairman