

MINUTES OF THE TERRITORIAL AERONAUTICAL  
COMMISSION, held on Wednesday, July 22,  
1931, in the Gold Room, Young Hotel Build-  
ing, at 12:00 Noon, Honolulu, T. H.

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

Mr. Brown  
Mr. Boyer  
Mr. Wooldridge

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

Army Planes Flying at Low Altitude:

Mr. Damon and Mr. Peacock reported of several complaints which have come to them from residents in Lanikai, Kailua and Kahala districts of Army planes flying low over the houses and beach areas. The members present agreed with Mr. Damon that the Commission should go on record at this time as having taken action on the matter. It was moved by Mr. Damon, seconded by Mr. Hinkley and unanimously carried: "That the Chairman address a letter to the Army stating that several reports have come to the Commission of residents in Lanikai, Kailua and Kahala districts complaining of Army planes flying low over the houses and beach areas."

Molokai Airport - Lighthouse Site:

The Chairman made a brief report of the inspection trip to Molokai on July 13th. Members of the Commission who made the flight in an Army Sikorsky were Mr. Wooldridge, the Chairman, Mr. Peacock and Mr. Elliott of Inter-Island Airways. The plane left John Rodgers Airport at 8:00 A.M., July 13th, flew to Molokai and over Kalaupapa, landed at Hoolehua and returned the same morning. As a result of the trip the Chairman wrote a report to the Board of Leper Hospitals and Settlement offering comments and recommendations on the Lighthouse site, which letter was read by the Chairman. Selection of the Lighthouse site, was recommended rather than the grave yard site. The Lighthouse site could be developed into a two-way field with zero approaches at either end; the field has sufficient length and with clearing and a certain amount of grading would provide sufficient width. An outcropping of rock, part of which would be necessary to remove, would entail considerable expense. The Chairman suggested to the Board that that body obtain an estimate for the work. It was further stated in the report that the Aeronautical Commission passes its approval on the site from the standpoint of a potential landing field but as no money could be spent on this field the Commission would not be willing to have the field turned over for our upkeep until it is in satisfactory condition to an airplane operator for regular use.

It was moved by Mr. Damon, seconded by Mr. Peacock and unanimously carried: "That we ratify and approve the report of the Chairman."

Hoolehua Airport, Molokai:

The question of the need for installing an asphalt macadam strip approximately 200' x 50' in front of the rest house on Hoolehua was discussed. The dust condition is very disagreeable to people using the port and Inter-Island Airways are very anxious to see action taken toward the installation of an apron. With regards to the money Mr. Will,

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Commission Representative, was previously authorized to spend for development work on the port Mr. Peacock reported he had written him to discontinue all work until he received further instructions.

The possibility of breaking the mud surface in front of the rest house and mixing it with bitumuls was considered in place of the asphalt macadam strip; also a cinder surface. On suggestion of the Chairman Mr. Peacock agreed to investigate the possibility of having City & County road labor on Molokai undertake the building of such a strip. Mr. Peacock suggested spending money from the Current Expense fund for purchasing about 50 barrels of bitumuls and \$100.00 for labor to put the bitumuls on the runway and agreed to look into the matter, to report at the next meeting.

The Chairman, upon Mr. Damon's suggestion, agreed to address a letter to Libby, McNeill & Libby, asking whether that Company would be willing to undertake the laying of an asphalt macadam strip and, if so, at what cost.

John Rodgers Airport - Coral Supply:

Mr. Peacock reported he had seen Captain Gaylor, Pearl Harbor, relative to our obtaining coral from the Navy Yard for John Rodgers but stated it would be impossible to do any hauling until we see what action is taken by the City & County. If they haul coral we can load and haul at the same time. However, he estimated at the most all we could haul from Pearl Harbor daily in our own trucks would be 40 yards and felt by blasting at Rodgers more work could be accomplished. There is a stock of powder and blasting caps on hand at the port, purchased from the last Current Expense appropriation. Practically all of the loose coral about the port has been used and work must be supplied for the prisoners to do. Several possible sources about the field from which to take coral were mentioned but it was moved by Mr. Damon, seconded by Mr. Hinkley and unanimously carried: "That coral be taken only from the pit until such time as definite information is known about the hauling operations of the City & County at Pearl Harbor."

Request from Hawaiian Pineapple Company:

It was reported by the Chairman that recently a request was made by the Hawaiian Pineapple Company for permission to dump pineapple skins in the coral pit at John Rodgers Airport, with the idea to let the skins dry and then burn them. The Chairman stated he was not in favor of such action. Apparently the problem has been solved due to the fact that no further request has been made. It was thought possible, however, to use the skins as a fill for the pit by covering them over with a top layer of dirt. Moved by Mr. Damon, seconded by Mr. Hinkley, and unanimously carried: "That we leave the matter in abeyance and if a second request is made we look into it further."

Kauai Airport:

Mr. Peacock reported he had received word from Mr. Rush, Department of Public Works, that bids for the Wailua Airport development project will be opened August 1st.

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

Respectfully submitted,

R. A. Anderson, Chairman