

MINUTES OF THE TERRITORIAL AERONAUTICAL
COMMISSION, held on Wednesday, August 18,
1931, in the Gold Room, Young Building,
at 12:00 Noon, Honolulu, T. H.

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 two meetings, they were approved as circulated.

Wailua Airport, Kauai:

It was reported by Mr. Peacock that the Kauai Construction Company had been awarded the contract for Wailua Airport developments, submitting a bid of \$34,813.90, to complete the project in 150 days. Although the contract has been awarded, the matter was not referred to the Commission and a tabulation of the bids has not been received from the Department of Public Works. X

It was moved by Mr. Damon, seconded by Mr. Brown and unanimously carried: "That the Chairman address a letter to Mr. Bigelow, Sup't. of Public Works, stating we know the bids have been received by that Department but the Commission is waiting to receive them to pass its approval on same."

Letters from Mr. C. J. Fern, Commission Representative, and Mr. R. L. Garlinghouse, County Engineer, Kauai, offering suggestions in connection with the planting of grass on the newly graded areas of this field were read by the Chairman. Mr. Garlinghouse stated it would be impractical to try to save any of the turf but suggested that maninia grass be planted after the grading is done. He also advised it might be well to lay temporary pipes on the runway to start the grass growing. Mr. Fern also suggested planting maninia grass and felt the winter rains would be sufficient water supply to obtain a growth of grass. It was decided that when the grading is completed maninia grass should be planted and if the rainfall proves insufficient, then put in the water pipes.

Hoolehua, Molokai:

The Chairman reported he had written a letter to Mr. Lloyd Arnold, Sup't., Libby McNeill, Liby, Molokai, relative to the possibility of that Company undertaking the laying of an asphalt macadam landing strip in front of the rest house on the Molokai Airport. A reply from Mr. Arnold was read stating that that Company is not in a position to undertake such a project due to the lack of necessary equipment, but suggested that the Commission get in touch with the County of Maui Board of Supervisors who have this equipment on Molokai. A communication has been forwarded on to the Maui Board of Supervisors but no reply to same has been received.

John Rodgers Airport:

Mr. Peacock reported that all of the sub-fill is completed on the main take-off, the prisoners are now covering it with surface coral and will be finished in three weeks time. In the meantime they are also working on the widening of the cross-wind take-off, using

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material from outcroppings blasted off. Much of the coral blasted is suitable for sub-grading. Mr. Peacock stated a good deal of coral, taken from the Ala Moana, is piled about the port, for future use.

Mr. Peacock stated there is a large quantity of loose coral near the port lying at the sides of the road running parallel to the railroad tracks at the Ewa end of the airport, on Honolulu Plantation Company property. This coral could be used to good advantage on Rodgers. The Chairman agreed to take the matter up with Mr. Austin of the Honolulu Plantation Company regarding the possibility of obtaining this coral for our use.

With further regard to a raise in the salary of Mr. Laningham, truck driver and watchman, Rodgers Airport, it was moved by Mr. Damon, seconded by Mr. Brown and unanimously carried: "That Mr. Laningham's salary be raised from \$100.00 to \$125.00 per month, beginning September 1st."

Mr. Brown reported an incident of a student plane taking off at two minutes of 5:00 P.M., one minute before the landing of an Inter-Island Sikorsky on which he was returning from Hawaii on August 5th. Mr. Peacock also reported of similar incidents of planes taking off just prior to the landing of transport ships and of pilots, other than transport pilots, giving instruction at the port. He asked permission to install a bell system, running from the Inter-Island Airways hangar to the Administration Building, so that Inter-Island might signal the time to raise the red flag on the arrival of transport planes. Permission was granted. Mr. Damon stated, however, that Inter-Island could not be held responsible in case the bell did not ring.

It was moved by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Damon: "That Mr. Laningham be instructed to be on hand to hoist the flag on all scheduled transport landings." However, student training and private flying activities are usually late in the afternoon and it was decided the matter should be left in the hands of the Chairman and Mr. Peacock to make the airport safe. Mr. Peacock will see Mr. Laningham. Mr. Brown recommended that any person starting to fly after a transport plane is sighted off Diamond Head be grounded.

Department of Commerce Regulations state that only transport pilots shall give instruction for hire or reward but do not state who shall give instruction work and Mr. Peacock stated it is difficult to check whether the instructors holding only a private pilot's license receive compensation or not. He reported he was questioned recently as to his authority when checking up on flying activities and said he did not know his limitations. Mr. Brown was of the opinion that if the Commission adopts the rules of the Department of Commerce Mr. Peacock has the authority to enforce them and should be governed by both Department of Commerce Regulations and Territorial Rules.

Captain Burt, inspector for Hawaii, only goes to John Rodgers airport by appointment and does not check closely on infractions of rules and regulations. The Chairman suggested that Mr. Peacock interview Captain Burt and discuss existing conditions at Rodgers with him.

Koholalele Landing Field, Hamakua Coast:

Several months ago acquisition of Koholalele Landing was considered as an emergency landing on the Hamakua Coast and steps taken through the Public Lands office towards this end. It was requested later, however, that action be deferred until investigations had been made into the Cooper Estate property, suggested by Inter-Island Airways. Under present arrangements where no funds are available for purchasing property,

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it was moved by Mr. Damon, seconded by Mr. Brown and unanimously carried: "That the Chairman address a letter to Mr. Bailey, Commissioner of Public Lands, requesting that he follow the original plans and acquire Koholalele Landing Field, to be under the jurisdiction of the Aeronautical Commission".

Emergency Landing Area, Ala Moana:

Mr. Peacock advised it would be wise to ask the City Planning Commission to consider the laying out of a strip of land approximately 100' wide by 1500' long in the general direction of the prevailing winds, along the Ala Moana, to be used as an emergency landing area.

Moved by Mr. Damon, seconded by Mr. Hinkley and unanimously carried: "That the Chairman address a communication to the Parks Board offering our suggestions with regard to an emergency landing area along the Ala Moana".

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

Respectfully submitted,

R. A. Anderson, Chairman