

MINUTES OF THE TERRITORIAL AERONAUTICAL
COMMISSION, held on Wednesday, September 16,
1931, in the Gold Room, Young Hotel Bldg.,
at 12:00 Noon, Honolulu, T. H.

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

Mr. Boyer
Mr. Brown

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

MOLOKAI:

Kalaupapa: The Chairman stated during the past week a letter, together with blueprint, had been received from Mr. Bigelow, Superintendent of Public Works, setting forth a tentative layout for a landing field at Kalaupapa. Mr. Bigelow inquired as to whether a 250' runway would be sufficient for the field as a 300' runway for the entire length would be difficult to lay out. However, an additional 50' of width was indicated on the blueprint along the major portion of the main runway. Mr. Peacock and the Chairman went over the blueprint and believed that the layout had been made in the best possible manner; a letter to this effect was addressed to Mr. Bigelow.

Molokai Airport: As regards the asphalt macadam landing strip on the Molokai Airport, a letter from the Board of Supervisors of Maui was read by the Chairman advising that the state of County finances do not permit that body rendering assistance at the present time. Mr. Peacock thought perhaps the Board of Supervisors were of the opinion we wanted this work accomplished gratuitously whereupon the Chairman wrote a letter stating it was not our intention to have this landing strip installed for nothing but hoped that they would be in a position to do it at a reasonable figure in accordance with our limited funds. No answer has been received.

MAINTENANCE - AIRPORTS: INTER-ISLAND AIRWAYS:

Molokai and Maalaea Airports: A letter from Mr. S. C. Kennedy, Vice-President, Inter-Island Airways, was read by the Chairman, advising that with the heavy rains recently there has been considerable increased growth of algeroba trees on Molokai and Maalaea Airports. Trees at Maalaea have sprung up about the field and are as high as three feet. Mr. Kennedy believed that 3 or 4 laborers working 3 or 4 days could clear the Maalaea Airport. Trees at Molokai in certain localities are hindering Inter-Island operations to quite an extent and might cause an accident to planes. Mr. Kennedy advised the Governor had stated the Hawaiian Homes Commission would be very glad to help in clearing the Molokai Field.

It was further reported by Mr. Kennedy that while visiting Maalaea Airport on September 9th it was very noticeable that the drainage ditch installed a year ago has not proved as beneficial as was believed it would, in fact, is more of a hazard. It is difficult in a heavy rain, due to poor visibility, to make a landing in any one location on the port and Inter-Island pilots are of the opinion the safest

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thing to do would be to fill in the present small drain with cinders so that in case a plane runs off the runway in landing no accident would result.

A letter has been addressed to the Governor quoting from Mr. Kennedy's letter and as no funds are available on Molokai or Maui the Chairman inquired about the possibility of securing 3 or 4 prisoners for a few days on each port to pull shrubs and trees; also, suggested perhaps the Homes Commission could assist in clearing the Molokai port. No answer has been received. The Chairman read a letter written to Mr. Kennedy informing him an attempt is being made to secure prison labor and in case this is not possible other provisions will be made at as early a date as possible. Also, that the Commission will look into the advisability of filling in the drainage ditch.

JOHN RODGERS AIRPORT:

Mr. Peacock reported that operations at Rodgers Airport are going ahead satisfactorily and all are trying to cooperate as far as flying activities are concerned. Inter-Island Airways are at present using the flag pole to attach an aerial to in connection with experimental radio operations. As soon as this aerial is removed Mr. Laningham will continue raising the flag on the arrival of transport planes.

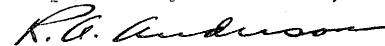
The prisoners have an excellent start on the widening of the cross-wind runway. At present there are about 23 or 24 prisoners working daily. We were originally allotted 28 or 30. Mr. Peacock has seen Mr. Lane, Deputy High Sheriff, relative to obtaining more men but was unable to secure any additional labor. The Chairman stated he had seen Mr. Richards, Hilo Airport Jailer, recently and there are 23 or 24 prisoners working on the Hilo Airport at the present time, making good progress. It was suggested by Mr. Peacock that a letter be forwarded Mr. Hewitt, Attorney General, requesting more men for John Rodgers Airport but the Commission were of the opinion that as long as satisfactory progress is being made we wait a while before making the request.

Spreading of oil contracted for with Standard Oil Company will be started this week. Mr. Peacock estimated it would require about 30 days to spread it but was dubious about our being able to obtain an oil truck that long. He stated he intended to employ a roller and a grader for a few days to remove bumps from the port, which would cost about \$200.00. A balance of approximately \$1300.00 will remain of this quarter's allotment, to be turned back into the balance of the original appropriation.

LICENSES - INTER-ISLAND AIRWAYS:

A communication was received from Mr. Kennedy relative to licenses covering Hangar No. 2 at Rodgers Airport, the rest house and terminal station at Hilo, and the rest house on Molokai. Licenses were presented and the dates of expiration and the wording of the license on the Rodgers hangar were discussed. No definite decision was reached and the matter was left in the hands of Mr. Peacock and the Chairman to take up with the Attorney General.

Respectfully submitted,



R. A. Anderson, Chairman