

**STATE OF HAWAII
OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
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**Minutes of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs Committee on Resource Management
May 30, 2018
10:04 a.m.**

ATTENDANCE:

Trustee Dan Ahuna
Trustee Rowena Akana
Trustee Keli'i Akina
Trustee Colette Machado
Trustee Peter Apo

Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey
Trustee Robert K. Lindsey, Jr.
Trustee John Waihe'e, IV
Trustee Leina'ala Ahu Isa

STAFF PRESENT:

Kamana'opono Crabbe, CEO
Albert Tiberi
Alvin Akee
Claudine Calpito
Davis Price
Gloria Li
Kauikeaolani Wailehua
Lady Garrett
Liana Pang
Lisa Victor
Lehua Itokazu
Lōpaka Baptiste
Maria Calderon
Mehana Hind
Melissa Wennihan
Phyllis Ono-Evangelista
Raina Gushiken

Guest and Community:

Sam Chung

I. CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Hulu Lindsey calls the Committee on Resource Management to order at 10:04 a.m., noting for the record that the following Trustees are present:

	Present	Excused	Comments
TRUSTEE LEI AHU ISA	X		
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA	X		
TRUSTEE ROWENA AKANA	X		
TRUSTEE KELI'I AKINA	X		
TRUSTEE PETER APO	X		
TRUSTEE ROBERT LINDSEY	X		
TRUSTEE COLETTE MACHADO	X		
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E			Arrives at 10:11 a.m.
CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY	X		
TOTAL	8		
At the Call to Order, there are eight (8) Trustees present.			

Committee Chair Hulu Lindsey asks for a motion to approve a 72-hour waiver for materials under agenda item IV. A. Action Item RM #18-06.

Trustee Robert Lindsey moves to approve the 72-hour waiver, for materials under agenda item IV. A. Trustee Dan Ahuna seconds the motion.						
	1	2	'AE (YES)	'A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE LEI AHU ISA			X			
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA		X	X			
TRUSTEE ROWENA AKANA			X			
TRUSTEE KELI'I AKINA			X			
TRUSTEE PETER APO			X			
TRUSTEE ROBERT LINDSEY	X		X			
TRUSTEE COLETTE MACHADO			X			
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E						Arrives at 10:11 a.m.
CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY			X			
TOTAL VOTE COUNT			8			
MOTION: <input type="checkbox"/> UNANIMOUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PASSED <input type="checkbox"/> DEFERRED <input type="checkbox"/> FAILED						
Motion passes with eight (8) YES votes and one (1) EXCUSED.						

II. PUBLIC TESTIMONY

No public testimony.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Committee Chair Hulu Lindsey asks for a motion to approve the January 31, 2018 and February 21, 2018 minutes.

Trustee Robert Lindsey moves to approve the January 31, 2018 and February 21, 2018 minutes.

Trustee Colette Machado seconds the motion.

Trustee Robert Lindsey moves to approve the January 31, 2018 and February 21, 2018 minutes.

Trustee Colette Machado seconds the motion.

	1	2	'AE/ (YES)	'A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE LEI AHU ISA			X			
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA			X			
TRUSTEE ROWENA AKANA			X			
TRUSTEE KELI'I AKINA			X			
TRUSTEE PETER APO			X			
TRUSTEE ROBERT LINDSEY	X		X			
TRUSTEE COLETTE MACHADO		X	X			
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E						Arrives at 10:11 a.m.
CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY			X			
TOTAL VOTE COUNT			8			

MOTION: UNANIMOUS PASSED DEFERRED FAILED

Motion passes with eight (8) YES votes and one (1) EXCUSED.

Committee Chair Hulu Lindsey call for a recess at 10:06 a.m.

Meeting reconvenes at 10:14 a.m.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. RM#18-06: Emergency Disaster Relief

Trustee Peter Apo states that he brought up the damage that O'ahu suffered from the floods. He wants to know if administration looked into it.

Kamana'opono Crabbe replies yes. Some preliminary work has taken place. Yet, no one has been collecting proper data. Through community contacts, affected Hawaiian families receive help. He anticipates working with other agencies and nonprofits to create a list and decide who will be responsible for clearing roads, relief money, housing, and so forth.

Trustee Peter Apo: *Will the efforts be on-hold until more information becomes available?*

Kamana'opono Crabbe replies that, as much as they can, they are collecting data. Everyday there is new information.

Trustee Peter Apo states that he realizes the level of seriousness is far different.

Committee Chair Hulu Lindsey states the flooding is over for now. *Why was O'ahu and Kaua'i not assessed at the same time?*

Kamana'opono Crabbe states that he can have community outreach. He can send a memo on an update and of the information gathered. Moving forward, he proposes to collect more information. On O'ahu, many of the families from Niu Valley to Hawaii Kai have homeowner's insurance; compared to Kaua'i. This was the information given to his office.

Trustee Rowena Akana shares that she lives in the Hawaii Kai area and she is on the highway. From Hawaii Kai to 'Aina Haina, many of the families do not have flood insurance because they are not next to the ocean.

Inaudible

She suggests that OHA contact the neighborhood boards to collect information about the area. Many people's homes were flooded out. She points out if homes were flooded out then homeowner's insurance will not cover it.

Trustee Keli'i Akina: *On page 3, what is the dollar amount attached to the third-party vendors to provide social services?* He would like to know from where the budget will come from.

Kamana'opono Crabbe states it is \$200k from the \$250k total and the other \$50k would be the for the kalo restoration.

Trustee Keli'i Akina asks - *OHA will provide \$200k to a particular service provider; Catholic Charities, who was mentioned earlier?*

Kamana'opono Crabbe states that is correct and negotiations are on-going regarding the services.

Trustee Keli'i Akina thinks that it is a good way to leverage the funds. For clarification, he states he is looking at page three, item two – third-party vendor. He would like to know what island they are speaking on.

Kamana'opono Crabbe replies Kaua'i.

Trustee Keli'i Akina refers to a chart on page 4 and asks where the funding is coming from. He sees community grants leveraging initiatives. He would like Kamana'o to explain what does that mean.

Kamana'opono Crabbe explains it is a leveraging program. Every opportunity for OHA to leverage its money is taken whether it is a federal grant, state grant, a county grant, or other nonprofit grant. The leveraging program was truly implemented this year after losing an employee who did not fulfill the program. This past biennium more innovative ways were looked at to expand beyond the grants program.

Trustee Keli'i Akina states that he is not sure if he understands what portion allots itself to grants and what portion will leverage itself beyond that. He asks if it could be explained.

Kamana'opono Crabbe replies that there are hundreds of thousands of dollars in the grant. His example of money can be matched with a state grant and provide a program.

Trustee Keli'i Akina clarifies by asking - *OHA will put money forward and another entity will then match the OHA money? He also inquires: how much of the \$220k does OHA put in?*

Kamana'opono Crabbe replies "all of it."

Trustee Keli'i Akina states that OHA will put the entire amount to leverage an ever higher total. He wants to know if OHA is looking for others to match the \$220K.

Kamana'opono Crabbe replies "no." He explains because of the Governor's proclamation they can suspend the procurement process. The goal is to provide immediate funding through: actual financial assistance, equipment, use of resources, and human laborers. With the proclamation, OHA plans to use the money for emergency relief for Kaua'i.

Trustee Keli'i Akina seeks clarification and reiterates the following "we had a budgeted amount for leveraging, \$220k and we are now taking the \$220k to use for the emergency relief on Kauai."

He wants to know - *when was the budgeted amount set aside?*

Kamana'opono Crabbe replies that is correct. He also states the budgeted amount was set aside during the biennium budget; the total was \$250k.

Trustee Keli'i Akina asks - *is \$220k from the total of \$250k set aside for leveraging?*

Kamana'opono Crabbe explains that \$30k was used for another program and all there is left is \$220k.

Trustee Rowena Akana asks if the leveraging would be through in-kind services from other agencies. *How is the match going to work?*

Kamana'opono Crabbe explains the program criteria of leveraging opportunities. Other pots of money from various partners would have matched OHA's money. Due to the proclamation and not being bound to procurement, this will allow us to free up the money to use for the disaster relief fund. The \$220k will provide immediate relief by the community's request.

Trustee Rowena Akana follows up by clarifying that there is no real leveraging with other money.

Kamana'opono Crabbe replies no.

Committee Chair Hulu Lindsey states the \$220k comes from the budget.

Trustee Rowena Akana asks if Catholic Charities will be the agency on the Big Island.

Kamana'opono Crabbe states that at the moment he does not know. There are a number of social agencies locally based in Hilo.

Trustee Keli'i Akina asks - *if the \$220k was not taken away from the budgeted category of community grants leveraging, what would it be used for?*

Kamana'opono Crabbe replies some kind of project.

Trustee Keli'i Akina thanks Kamana'o and explains that the concept was new to him.

Trustee Colette Machado asks - *if this includes FY18-19 also? Inaudible.*

Kamana'opono Crabbe replies FY18.

Committee Chair Hulu Lindsey states that if we do not use it by June 30th, then we would lose it. Otherwise, she asks - *why did we not take the left over from DHHL?*

She requests to read a portion of the action item for beneficiaries watching the live stream. On the Kaua'i island assessment: \$250k in relief aid for \$200k to be disbursed to affected households which shall include approximately 150 Native Hawaiian (NH) households based on survey data and community feedback consulting. The procurement manager and community engagement manager have worked collaboratively to develop OHA's intake forms specific to Kaua'i. This is for the demographic data collected. \$50k will go to kalo farmers who meet the criteria for "high, moderate, low priority" regarding extent of damage to lo'i property, remedial prep to restore lo'i for planting and the timeline necessary to complete the process. Feedback from farmers and community representatives will identify and assess the farms ability to restore the kalo cultivation through the recovery process to produce the level of kalo production prior to the flood disaster.

Trustee Aide, Davis Price has been working with community leaders and representatives to continue gathering information and to refine the intake form. There is an application for cultural-based 'ohana style farmers. She states OHA plans to contract with a third-party vendor to provide social services: 1. Case management and emergency financial assistance, as determined. 2. OHA will provide an Emergency Crisis Intake Form to assess benefits to: Community, meet program requirements, and follow up on data collection. Before continuing on, she asks who will be disbursing the 50k dollars.

Kamanaopono Crabbe replies that they expect it would be Waipa.

Committee Chair Hulu Lindsey shares the Hawai'i Island Assesment: \$250k relief aid for: Emergency financial assistance to NH households who meet the criteria developed by administrative staff. No preliminary data is available as of yet, but once community outreach staff has compiled a report of NHs and NH households affected, the scope of delivery services can be crafted with specific terms and conditions for the disbursement of funds.

First priority will be given to those residents of Puna who were under mandatory evacuation. Second priority will be given to those in the Puna district who voluntarily evacuated. Third priority given to those outside of the Puna district who are negatively affected by the volcanic eruptions, air quality, and earthquakes.

Trustee Rowena Aakna asks *where do the people go to sign up for this help?* On Kaua'i will they go to Catholic Charities. *Where do they go on the Big Island?*

Kamanaopono Crabbe states they have met with a representative with Catholic Charities. Two community outreach staff have been on island as well as Trustee Aide, Davis Price. The team has been actively talking to community representatives to coordinate with the community. The coordination will be key: to decide on what location to use, to create flyers, and to drive social media news. At 9:00 a.m. at Wainiha Center,

bring documents and information. This will be the announcement. They want the word to reach many Native Hawaiians. The goal is to help as many Native Hawaiians as possible

Trustee Dan Ahuna reminds everyone that the community took control, collected the information, and coordinated. This was a community effort. Information is coming in on: who is giving donations, agencies who are receiving money, and on how many families are receiving help. He is glad that the farmers and people who need immediate help will be getting assistance.

Trustee Robert Lindsey is grateful that everyone is talking about a definitive number to assist the people back home and the immediate need. He thanks administration for talking on the points of long-term housing with the University of Hawai'i at Hilo. There is a big need for a quick construction of an emergency road as well.

Trustee Lei Ahu Isa makes a suggestion. Regarding attachment 3 for Kilauea, application for help. *Can the same form be used to help East O'ahu people that are Native Hawaiian?*

Kamanaopono Crabbe states yes, that can be done.

Trustee Keli'i Akina would like to know and clarify that other parties other than OHA will be determining which individuals qualify for assistance.

Kamanaopono Crabbe states yes. OHA will not make the decisions. OHA provided only the guidelines and the terms and conditions.

Committee Chair Hulu Lindsey believes it is important to all the Trustees that the money appropriations go to the people who really need the money. She anticipates Hawai'i Island to be a bigger problem than what they expect.

Trustee Rowena Aakna would like to know - *is there something that OHA can do immediately?* She suggests providing gas masks.

Committee Chair Hulu Lindsey states that that is what the assessment will be for; some people do not have a roof over their head.

Kamanaopono Crabbe shares the dynamics of Kaua'i and Puna are very different. There is the Red Cross, Salvation Army, and Emergency Response teams. They are primarily there for safety. The issue of gas masks has come up and volumes of masks have been arriving. The next big issue is the displaced household members and members who have been evacuated out of the area due to Sulfur (SO₂). He explains that UH Hilo is using the dormitory space for emergency responders. The biggest problem at the moment is housing. Our intake for Hawai'i Island will tailor itself to the needs of the Puna community.

A very similar approach will happen where a team will form. They will meet with the Hilo office and the affected communities. He has met with Kimo Alameda, who is taking the lead on the ongoing crisis. Ongoing talks for potential use of Wao Kele o Puna has happened in regards to an evacuation route. He has also spoke to Bob Matsuda, Deputy Director for DLNR to help some of the taro farmers on East Kaua'i.

Trustee Rowena Akana would like to know - *can OHA write to the Department of Agriculture or USDA for assistance to help with the taro farmers, maybe getting them a federal grant?*

Kamanaopono Crabbe states that is a good suggestion.

His last point is Thomas Atou, who is currently operating the Native Hawaiian Revolving Loan fund. Thomas has made the request to the Administration of Native Americans to lift a certain amount of money. This is to make available five million dollars for home renovations and education at a low interest rate. The same will occur with the Consumer Micro-Loan fund, up to \$500k at a low interest rate.

Committee Chair Hulu Lindsey requests administration to report back every two weeks at the board table with any updates on progress with either community or if there is new information on assessments.

Kamanaopono Crabbe agrees and states that Mehana and her group are the boots-on-the-ground and will be being giving the update.

Trustee Colette Machado would like to know what is recommended if there is an additional request that comes in. Her example is if Red Cross looks to OHA to cost share in the distribution of the masks. *How do we handle and entertain this as a consideration? Would this table be open to additional allocations?*

Kamanaopono Crabbe states that the Red Cross works closely with the County and the State when there is an emergency disaster for; safety, health issues, rescue, and getting victims to medical services. This is different from other nonprofits who are requesting funds to support Kaua'i and Puna. Distribution of money varies, Mehana can speak more on this topic.

Committee Chair Hulu Lindsey states this is what she was speaking of earlier. She knows that OHA's money went into Hawaiian hands.

Mehana Hind states as far as the mask issue, discussion took place among staff and contacts on the ground. Currently, the County is passing out masks. She explains the N95 is used for ash. The recommendation is to move and leave the areas and not use the masks and stay in the areas. Many organizations and businesses are passing out masks.

The next steps for Kaua'i are to setup normalcy. For Hawai'i Island, there is a constant and evolving process; every two-three days it changes. The effort will be to provide transition and medical assistance. We may see Hawaiians become refugees in their own homeland, going to Maui, Kaua'i, and O'ahu. They will move for air quality, it is serious. Agencies on Hawai'i island are active and on the ground, like Catholic Charities. Hilo has a greater capacity for nonprofits locally on the ground than Kaua'i and both communities are resilient. She explains that at the beginning of the eruption, the community needed masks prior to the service providers being present. Now OHA is looking at the schools for long-term effort in support. She speaks about a school, Kua O Ka Lā. The school will probably not be able to return and will most likely have to relocate permanently. The funding will need to be flexible and we know the number of Hawaiian families in need for housing will grow.

Kamanaopono Crabbe asks Phyllis if she can speak on the social service agencies.

Phyllis Ono-Evangelista states there many social agencies; Catholic Charities, HCF, Salvation Army to name a few. OHA is in talks with them to see who on the ground can best meet the demands and needs. The space of air quality is getting less so the talk of transition is on the top of the list. Things that will be addressed on the intake form will be deposit costs, airplane tickets, and rent. This will take a coordinating effort with agencies from the Big Island, as well as housing on O'ahu and other islands.

Trustee Rowena Akana asks how the students are doing at Nāwahi. She wants to know if they need masks and if they are o.k.

Mehana Hind states they just ended school yesterday and they are in talks for the next school year. The school is year-round and they are looking at ordering masks for the students. They are also exploring the option to enclose parts of the campus.

Trustee Rowena Akana states that she would like to make sure OHA can help them.

Mehana Hind states that they are in constant contact with the school.

Trustee Lei Ahu Isa states that Kua O Ka Lā had a graduation and the school is using New Hope Hilo for classes besides the Boys and Girls Club.

Kamanaopono Crabbe comments that he agrees with Mehana and Phyllis that the need will grow. The amount of people who lost their homes or displaced are well over a thousand. He is sure that Kaua'i has equal numbers. He mentions that he spoke to Corbett Kalama, a Trustee at Kamehameha Schools and who heads the Weinberg Foundation. He is looking at something creative to provide stabilization to the community by identifying land and making it available for a land swap. This could provide an option for residents to stay on island.

Trustee Robert Lindsey speaks on the issue of housing for the Big Island and states the immediate challenge being faced is there very few rentals. The few that do exist are very costly. Whatever can be contributed will grow over time. There is a family in Waimea that lives on the homestead and is allowing families from Puna to put up tents. Waimea is wet and cold and for long-term living. It will be difficult. This is a sad and difficult situation, but they are grateful for any kōkua that will come their way. The situation is very fluid, last week people needed blankets, cots, tarps and now the immediate need is ice. Peoples' ice box now is a cooler. He suggests another nonprofit to speak to is the Neighborhood Place of Puna, they are located right in the community.

Trustee John Waihe'e moves to approve Administration to utilize \$500k for Emergency Disaster Relief to Kaua'i and Hawai'i Island

Trustee Rowena Akana seconds the motion.

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		1	2	'AE/ (YES)	'A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE LEI	AHU ISA			X			
TRUSTEE DAN	AHUNA			X			
TRUSTEE ROWENA	AKANA		X	X			
TRUSTEE KELI'I	AKINA			X			
TRUSTEE PETER	APO			X			
TRUSTEE ROBERT	LINDSEY			X			
TRUSTEE COLETTE	MACHADO			X			
TRUSTEE JOHN	WAIHE'E	X		X			
CHAIRPERSON HULU	LINDSEY			X			
TOTAL VOTE COUNT				9			
MOTION: [X] UNANIMOUS [] PASSED [] DEFERRED [] FAILED							
Motion passes with nine (9) YES votes.							

V. COMMUNITY CONCERNS

None

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Committee Chair Hulu Lindsey announces there is a BOT meeting at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee John Waihe'e moves to adjourn the RM meeting. Trustee Rowena Akana seconds the motion.							
		1	2	'AE (YES)	'A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE LEI	AHU ISA			X			
TRUSTEE DAN	AHUNA			X			
TRUSTEE ROWENA	AKANA		X	X			
TRUSTEE KELI'I	AKINA			X			
TRUSTEE PETER	APO			X			
TRUSTEE ROBERT	LINDSEY			X			
TRUSTEE COLETTE	MACHADO			X			
TRUSTEE JOHN	WAIHE'E	X		X			
CHAIRPERSON HULU	LINDSEY			X			
TOTAL VOTE COUNT				9			
MOTION: [X] UNANIMOUS [] PASSED [] DEFERRED [] FAILED							
Motion passes with nine (9) YES votes.							

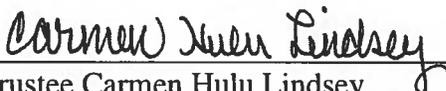
The RM meeting adjourns at 11:03 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Lehua Itokazu
Trustee Aide
Committee on Resource Management

As approved by the Committee on Resource Management on September 26, 2018.



Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey
Committee Chair
Committee on Resource Management

ATTACHMENTS: