STATE OF HAWAI’I
OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
Salt Pond Beach Park
Lokokai Road, Highway 50
Hanapēpē, Kau‘i

Minutes of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs Board of Trustees Site Visit
July 11, 2019
12:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE:
TRUSTEE COLETTE Y. MACHADO
TRUSTEE BRENDON KALEI‘ĀINA LEE
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA
TRUSTEE KAILEI AKAKA
TRUSTEE CARMEN HULU LINDSEY

BOT STAFF:
CLAUDINE CALPITO
LÒPAKA BAPTISTE
LEHUA ITOKAZU
DAYNA PA
KAMA HOPKINS
RON PORTER

EXCUSED:
TRUSTEE LEINA‘ALA AHU ISA
TRUSTEE KELI‘I AKINA
TRUSTEE ROBERT LINDSEY
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE‘E IV

GUESTS:
KUULEI SANTOS
TRUSTEE LEINA‘ALA AHU ISA
TRUSTEE KELI‘I AKINA
TRUSTEE ROBERT LINDSEY
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE‘E IV

MEMBERS OF HUI HANĀ PA‘AKAI O HANAPĒPĒ

ADMINISTRATION STAFF:
MEHANA HIND, CE
DAVIS PRICE, CO
JOCELYN DOANE, PP
JASON LEES, DPM
KAWENA CARVALHO-MATTOS, DPM
KEOLA LINDSEY, ADV

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Colette Machado Calls the Board of Trustees site visit to order at 12:07 p.m. Trustees present are Trustees Lee, Ahuna, Akaka, Carmen Hulu Lindsey, and Machado. Excuse memos were received from Trustee Leina‘ala Ahu Isa, Trustee Keli‘i Akina, Trustee Robert Lindsey and Trustee John Waihe‘e IV.

II. INTRODUCTIONS

Kuulei Santos and Malia Nobrega-Olivera – Introduce themselves to the Trustee and welcome them to the salt ponds of Hanapēpē. They indicate the body of water that is before the Trustees today is where the salt beds should be but they are currently flooded. They say that this should be the prime salt making months but currently they are flooded.
III. SITE VISIT

A. Hui Hana Pa‘akai o Hanapēpē

Both Kuulei and Malia share with the Trustees all of the concerns they are having. They visually point out to the Trustees the area where concrete was dumped by the County, they indicate the helicopter company as we drove to the area, and they also show the Trustees the road that they hope to have closed off. They also indicate the area which the sovereignty group took over and where the homeless encampment is.

They also share the process to which they follow to prepare the bed for salt making. The different processes that each family have. How they gather the clay that is used for the salt beds and what type of clay is used. They also indicate that if sand were to mix with the clay then the clay would not be usable. They share that these traditions have been passed down from each generation to the next.

The Salt Ponds of Hanapepe form a rich cultural hub for production of pa‘akai. The Salt Ponds of Hanapēpē are one of the very few remaining areas in the island where Native Hawaiian families continue to exercise their constitutionally protected traditional and customary salt making practices. The salts produced at the Hanapēpē Salt Ponds are not sold. Pa‘akai is used both ceremonially and medicinally. It is critical to the preservation and perpetuation of many other Native Hawaiian traditions and customary practices.

They also share that Maverick Helicopter, Smokey Mountain, is going before County of Kaua‘i Planning Commission to apply for after the fact permits and permits that would expand operations. They point out the proximity to the cesspool and also the proximity of the County restrooms. Smokey Mountain are one of the biggest helicopter companies and expanding their facilities will have impacts on their salt production. They also share all the concerns of having the company in the area and how they fly over the patches and create dust for those that are working in the area.

IV. PUBLIC TESTIMONY/COMMUNITY CONCERNS

NONE

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

NONE

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The site visit adjourns at 12:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

Dayna ( ), Board Secretary
As approved by the Board of Trustees on August 22, 2019.

Colette Y. Macllado, Chairperson
Board of Trustees

Attachments:
1. Trustee Leinaʻala Ahu Isa Excuse Memo
2. Trustee Keliʻi Akina
3. Trustee Robert Lindsey, Jr. Excuse Memo
4. Trustee John Waiheʻe IV
DATE:        July 10, 2019

TO:          Trustee Colette Machado, Chairperson
             Trustee Brendon Kalei‘aina Lee, Vice Chairperson

FROM:        Trustee Leina‘ala Ahu Isa

RE:          Excused Absence for Board of Trustees (Kauai) Site Visit to the Salt Ponds

Aloha,

Please excuse my absence for the upcoming Board of Trustees site visit to the Salt Ponds, scheduled for Thursday, July 11, 2019. Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact my office staff.

Mahalo.
Aloha e Chair Machado,

Please excuse my absence as I was unable to attend the site visit to the Hanapepe Salt Ponds on Kaua‘i, which was scheduled for Thursday, July 11, 2019.

Mahalo for your understanding.

Sincerely,

Trustee Akina
June 28, 2019

TO: Trustee Colette Machado
    Chairperson, Board of Trustees

FROM: Trustee Robert K. Lindsey, Jr.

SUBJECT: Excused Absence

Aloha Chair Machado:

I regret to inform you that I am unable to attend the Board of Trustees meeting on Kaua‘i, Thursday, July 11, 2019. Please extend my apologies to the board members.

With sincere aloha,

[Signature]

Trustee Robert K. Lindsey, Jr., Hawai‘i Island
MEMORANDUM

TO: Trustee Colette Y. Machado, Chair
   Board of Trustees (BOT)

FROM: Trustee John Waihe‘e, IV, Member / At-Large

DATE: July 09, 2019

SUBJECT: ATTENDANCE FOR 07/11 BOT SITE VISIT ON KAUA‘I

I am unable to attend the 07/11 BOT Site Visit to Hui Hana Pa‘akai o Hanapēpē at noon. My flight from LIH, to HNL departs at 11:50 a.m that morning.

Please EXCUSE my absence and extend my apologies to the rest of the Board of Trustees.

Mahalo.