Minutes of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs Board of Trustees Maui Community Meeting
Wednesday, June 14, 2017
6:30 pm

ATTENDANCE:
TRUSTEE COLETTE MACHADO
TRUSTEE LEINA‘ALA AHU ISA
TRUSTEE DAN TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA
TRUSTEE W. KELI‘I AKINA
TRUSTEE CARMEN HULU LINDSEY
TRUSTEE ROBERT LINDSEY
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE‘E IV

EXCUSED:
TRUSTEE PETER APO
TRUSTEE ROWENA AKANA
TRUSTEE ROBERT LINDSEY

ADMINISTRATION STAFF:
LISA VICTOR, COO
JOCELYN DOANE, PP
ALICE SILBANUZ, DPM
DAVID LAEHA, CFO
KAIPO KIAHA, DPM
ROY NEWTON, CO
THELMA SHIMAOKA, CO
KANOE TJORVATJOGLOU, OUTR

BOT STAFF:
CAROL HO‘OMANAWANUI
LADY GARRETT
LOPAKA BAPTISTE
DAYNA PA
MELISSA WENNIHAN
MAKANA CHAI
PAUL HARLEMANN
CLAUDINE CALPITO
LEHUA ITOKAZU
NATHAN TAKEUCHI

GUESTS:
RICK RUTIZ
KAUWILA HANCHETT
LIPOA KAHALEUAHI
OHUA MORANDO
KAWIKA MATTOS
LEIMOMI HOLI
SAM HOLI
REYNOLD IKAIFA FRUEN
KARL NOA
NANI FAY PAGLINAWAN
ALYSON BARROWS
WALTER KANAMU
CLARE APANA
JOYCLYNN COSTA

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Colette Machado Calls the Community Meeting to order at 6:30pm. Roll call is taken; Trustees Ahu Isa, Ahuna, Akina, Carmen Hulu Lindsey, Waihe’e and Machado are present; constituting a quorum of six (6) trustees.

II. INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Colette Machado Calls on Lisa Victor Ka Pou Nui.

Lisa Victor Introduces the Maui Office staff as well as staff that have traveled from Oahu for the meeting. She thanks the Maui Office staff for their hard work in setting up the meetings on Maui.

Chair Colette Machado Calls on Carol Ho‘omanawanui Chief of Staff.
Carol Ho‘omanawanui introduces BOT staff Nathan Takeuchi Trustee Aide to Trustee Rowena Akana and Makana Chai Trustee Aide to Trustee Peter Apo as both trustees were not present. She also introduces Board Counsel Robert Klein.

All Trustees present introduces themself and their staff. She then turns the mic over to Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey conduct the meeting this evening.

Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey introduces Hālau Nā Lei Kaumaka o Uka under the direction of her daughter Napua Greig.

Hālau Nā Lei Kaumaka o Uka performs a hula noho for the Board and the Community.

Chair Colette Machado calls Jocelyn Doane to update the community on Na Wai ‘Eha.

Jocelyn Doane updates the community on Na Wai ‘Eha and the East Maui litigations since the attorneys in that case are NHLC, which is funded primarily through the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. OHA has been involved in the Na Wai ‘Eha litigation for well over 10 years. This past February OHA and the other parties, which were represented by Earth Justice, submitted a draft decision in order of finding some facts and conclusion of law. There has been an agreement on the interim inflow standard updates for the four streams at Na Wai ‘Eha. The new litigation related to the more than 200 water use permit applications. We are waiting on a draft decision and order from the hearings officer. After that, it will be voted on by the full commission so that it will be a final decision and order. All we can do is wait; there is no timeline, or a time when the hearings officer needs to make a decision.

The contested case for East Maui’s 27 streams is to update the interim inflow standards there. It is not a water use permit situation because East Maui is not a designated water management area. It is a surface management area so it is a different process but the hearings officer has finished and concluded the contested case in February. There were conversations with the Department of Health related to possible issues of bacteria and or other issues in the diversions because there is less water. The deadline for their draft was suspended we are waiting for an update on that. It seems that the Department of Health issues were resolved and a deadline should be coming soon. Other issues have also been discussed with NHLC and those individuals from West Maui.

III. COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS

Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey thanks Chair. She mentions that she has asked a few individuals to come and give a report on how they are kuleana are doing. She calls on Rick Rutiz from Hana, Ma Ka Hana Ka ‘Ike.

A. Ma Ka Hana Ka ‘Ike – Rick Rutiz

Ms. Kauwila Hanchett thanks the board for this time they have to do their presentation and for their support. Their Mālama Hāloa program was able to partner with one of the kupuna from the area, Ed Wendt and Mahealani Wendt, and this year they were able to open and restore 6 lo‘i in the area. They are hoping by the end of this month and next month they will be able to harvest from those 6 lo‘i and freeze that kalo for their Ku‘i program for the rest of the year and provide that for their community.

Ms. Lipoa Kahaleuahi thanks the board for allowing them to have the resources to grow their own food and to know that their life is not a life of scarcity, but a land of momona.

Mr. Rick Rutiz informs the board that the guys they have working in the lo‘i and on the farm, most of them barely graduated from high school. Now they are bringing kalo back and bringing pa‘i back. They stand tall in the community. They would have been looked at as unemployable in the western ways. Now working at the farm and lo‘i, they are standing tall and taking charge. Being part of the building aspect of the program, they build for their community and teach kids skills. They have a three-year waiting list to have projects built but if
kupuna come home with a broken hip or whatever reason they can't get in their home and they need a ramp or grab bars in the house their building needs become a priority and we need to assist these kupuna. This year alone they have helped four people who have lost limbs. He emphasizes the importance that the children need to be educated that things you buy in COSTCO and Safeway are not food. Things you grow hunt, fish these are what will cure you and the answer to good health. He is very humble to be a part of this and thanks the board for their support and with OHA's help; they are making a difference in the community.

He updates the board on their efforts of dealing with Rat Lung Worm situation on Maui. They are educating the community and have had a number of experts come in and share knowledge. They routinely remove the slugs and have been able to keep their gardens open.

Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey Thank them for all that they do for the community of Hana. She calls Ohua Morando.

B. E Ho'okama'a'ina – Ohua Morando

Ohua Morando Greet the Trustees, and thanks them for the opportunity to be here with the Trustees and for the funding throughout the years. She shares with the Trustees about their program that was a recipient of the 'Ahahui Grant. The program targeted senior and junior High School students on Maui. They hoped to reach 250 native Hawaiian students. The program brought these students to Maui College to share with them what Maui College has to offer. Students were given the opportunity to learn more about various degrees offered and they selected workshops that they wanted to learn more about. Enrolment and retention of students at Maui College have been dropping. A positive outcome of the program was that the students got to meet the faculty and also become familiar with the college prior to attending in the Fall if they decided to.

(PowerPoint presentation is attached)

Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey Thanks Ohua and call on Kawika Mattos.

C. Maui Family Support Services – Kawika Mattos

Mr. Kawika Mattos Greets the board and thanks OHA for their funding. They were a recipient of the Aahui Grant. The funding supported their 11th Annual Celebration of Father event. Maui Family Support Service promotes healthy family functioning by providing supportive services, which build on family strengths. They achieve this through both home based services as well as center based services. Their event grew this year from being on the stage at the mall to an event held at the Maui War Memorial Special Events Field. They event was open and free to the public. They had various activities for the whole family as well as entertainment and vendors at the event.

(PowerPoint presentation attached)

Mr. Mattos Introduces Sam and Leimomi Holi who have been participating in various programs at Maui Family Support Services for the last couple of years.

Mrs. Leimomi Holi Introduces herself and her husband Sam. She states that she is originally from Ke'anae and now lives on Hawaiian Homes Paukukalo. They have four children and six grandchildren. She shares that they enjoy going to the parenting classes as they have learned a lot on how to work with their kids and not spank them. The program has helped her and her family.

Mr. Sam Holi Greets the board. He states that he started attending the Hui Kane group when he got out of treatment. With the help of the group and for the sake of his family, he has overcome his challenges. Attending Hui Kane has helped him learn about nurturing, helping alone and not being a person who bursts out in anger and treat his children with physical abuse. Through the program and with the other fathers that attended the group he has learned how to handle the issues in the community. He states that he is like the poster child for Maui Support Services. Through the program, he obtained a certificate and has been there to
mentor the new men and youth who attend the group. He has learned the right way to treat his kids, skillfully communicating with them instead of physical abuse. Being out in the community has brought his family out into the community and they can see the experiences they share and have bonded over.

**Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey** Thanks Kawika and calls on Trustee Leina‘ala Ahu Isa.

**Trustee Leina‘ala Ahu Isa** Thanks Sam for sharing his experience and expresses how important it is to have programs like this for the men in our community.

**Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey** Calls on Reynold Ikaika Fruean.

**D. Makahiki Athletic Association (MA‘A) – Reynold Ikaika Fruean**

Mr. Reynold Ikaika Fruean Greets the board and introduces himself. He states he is from Wai‘anae but moved to Maui two years ago.

Karl Noa Introduces himself he also is from Wai‘anae but his family is from Hana. He thanks the board for this opportunity to share what MA‘A is about.

Mr. Fruean States that before moving to Maui he worked at Nānākuli High and Intermediate High School for 9 years. Karl was working on the Big Island at the same time. For both of them sports was a way out of Wai‘anae. It gave them opportunities to play at UH and Japan. He states that sports can be used as an avenue as a way out. MA'A is a non-profit corporation founded in 2016 by a group of culturally rooted community members seeking to bridge the educational and social gaps facing our youth and communities through cultural sports development and friendly competition.

(PowerPoint presentation attached)

Mr. Noa Shares his experience of working with Kanu O Ka Aina. They were fortunate as a school to participate at Ka Moloka‘i Makahiki. They want to produce an opportunity for the kids to have an actual platform here that can bring back our cultural games and sports in an organized way.

Trustee Dan Ahuna States that he really loves sports too. He states that on Kaua‘i they have a sports arena a heiau Kaneiolouma. He shares that the winners of the Makahiki were all from Kaua‘i.

Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey Thanks them for their presentation. She calls on Lisa for administration updates.

**IV. STATUS OF OHA ACTIVITIES**

**A. Ka Pouhana/CEO’s 15-Minutes Update on Ho‘oulu Lāhui Aloha and OHA Activities**

Lisa Victor States that she has two updates. OHA is required by law to maintain an inventory of Federal, State, County and Private programs and services for Hawaiians and native Hawaiians to act as a clearinghouse and referral agency. I wanted to share that we have revamped that website and soon there will be a bigger and better online list, which is user friendly. It will list 300 businesses and organizations and will be continuously updates. Secondly, she asks Jocelyn to give a short update on the Build Act that happened in the Indian hearings.

Jocelyn Doane Shares that the Chair of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs introduced for reauthorization the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act. In the past native Hawaiian housing programs have been a beneficiary and specifically named in the Act for as much as $10 million and that has helped with DHHL programming, infrastructure and getting people off the waiting list. Yesterday there was a hearing in the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs. They did not take public testimony but OHA did submit
testimony. Senator Hirono was really passionate about making sure that the Hawaiian Funds gets put back in the bill. They didn’t have the vote yesterday it was their first hearing.

V. COMMUNITY CONCERNS

Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey Calls on Nani Fay Paglinawan.

Ms. Nani Fay Paglinawan States that she works for Women helping Women. They are an agency that works with domestic violence, sheltering women and children. She came to get information, she called Thelma to see if she could get come stats regarding domestic violence and teen suicide within the Hawaiian Community. She called six other agencies, so she is asking the community here today also. She states that domestic violence is a subject that not everyone wants to talk about. She wants to break that cycle, the cultural and generational abuse. She shares that she was born in the Hilo, raised on Oahu in Kuli’ou’ou and has lived on Maui for 40 years. She is just asking for help, just for stats, data or what kind of agencies should she contact.

Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey Thanks Ms. Paglinawan and calls on Alyson Barrows.

Ms. Alyson Barrows Greets the board. She represents Waihe'e Limu Restoration. She shares her concerns regarding the native limu. They are not that many native limu out there but they are trying to raise the awareness of them. In planting the limu, you really learn about the environment out there on the reef and also learn about our own people. It wasn’t until she started planting it and growing it and getting to know what the area is like that, she saw all the different impacts on the marine life but also the impacts throughout the whole environment from the land to the atmosphere. Her concern today is that they are trying to build fish houses out on the reef. Unfortunately, she has had problems with the process with obtaining permits and also the laws. She states that we need to not forget about our resources and the communities that are trying to take care of these resources. The process that they have to go through to continue to do their cultural practices and be able to deal with these other things that are blocking them from doing this is why she is here today. To bring awareness of these matters to the Trustees.

Her second issues is regarding kuleana land. They have developers that have come in and have questioned their ownership of their land. They would like more support to help keep these kuleana lands in the family. She supports OHA’s Kipuka database as it has helped her trace her property boundary.

Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey Thanks Alyson and mentions that a couple years ago Trustees did visit that area. She calls on Walter Kanamu.

Mr. Walter Kanamu Thanks the board for being here. This is his first time talking in front of the OHA Board. He is here to share his concern regarding the sand dunes of Waikapū, Waiehu, Waihe'e, Wailuku to Mā'alaea. The sand dunes were made by the winds that blew the sands from the coast. There were thousands of warriors who lost their lives on those sand dunes. Because of the environment, there is very little evidence of these warriors though their bodies have become part of the sand dunes. He states that they have been fighting this issue for 10 years and they are protesting the removal of these iwi that are in the sand dunes. Sand from these dunes have been removed and sent to Oahu to be used in the cement pillars of the current rail project.

He shares his documentary on the sand dunes with the Community and Trustees. He mentions that Gina Mangieri did a story for the local news station regarding this matter. He states that he is not here to ask for money. He is here to ask the Trustees for their mind, their heart, their spirit because that is important. Because together something can be done to help to them.

Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey Thanks Mr. Kanamu and calls on Clare Apana.

Trustee Dan Ahuna Asks if the sands are sold as MDS?
Ms. Clare Apana Clarifies that no one on Maui is selling these sands. It could very well be that they are selling off island, it’s sold by Ameron. She shares that she has been doing this for many years. Because of the recent events, she thinks they might have a chance to stop them. She asks the Trustees to join them and the kupuna to do something, to take charge of our history and make this place a historic place. How can these companies be sand mining away the historic sand dunes where a significant battle happened. These foreign corporations are taking our iwi kupuna. It is only through the good work of the iwi protectors that found the permit that is illegal and posted it on social media. How can we be angry with the mining company when we are not willing as kanaka maoli to stand for our iwi. She shares that 1977 was the first time that they had the notion, when A&B split their 2,000 plus acres in the sand dunes and they came forward for a project district. In this project district they noted they had sand and sand was the resource. They also noted that there were burials that were found on other properties in this sand dune area. They also noted that there was a battle, which they reported as the battle of sand hill. In the years that ensued the developer has gone farther and farther from the real truth that the battle of Kakanilua happened in these sand dunes.

There is a bill at the County Council to put a moratorium on the sand mining. It is not enough it’s to stop and take a look on how they are doing this permit. How can we take 213,000 cubic yards of material with a grading permit. The County is finally admitting it. The developer has sued the County for the loss of their constitutional rights. If we do not stand up against these corporations we will lose all the sand dunes to the corporate interest because we never stood for our kupuna. She asks the Trustees to support the moratorium. Support and insist that the entire sand dunes be recognized as a historic place and be protected and recognized this area as a burial ground.

(attached is a letter from Iwi Protectors)

Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey Thanks Clare and calls on Joyclyn Costa.

Ms. Joyclynn Costa Report that they are still going strong with the Kūʻe Petition. She states that to be able to unite a people we must first find a common thread that binds us. We find that in that petition it is our kupuna. Even though they did not get the support of the board they continued and I know it touched people. She moves on to talk about the sand mining. She asks the Trustees to do due diligence and to keep the State within their boundaries and not to have them trespass upon us. She states that the projects have never done the process of reinternment. She asks OHA to do your due diligence and take care of that. Whether they do it through the legislature and tell them you do not define our iwi it has already been done. OHA needs to implement the laws, call them out and hold them accountable. The developer is not to blame they got the permit. They are only doing what they were allowed to do. She asks the Trustees to do their job.

Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey Thanks the community and that the Trustees have heard their concerns and this is something that we will discuss with our administration as well as among the Trustees. We will see what we can do. She asks Walter if they have stopped moving sand.

Mr. Kanamu Clarifies that they have stopped bull dozing but the loader is still there He states that if they have stopped why is the equipment still there. The permit is still active.

Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey States that she is very interested to see what happens on the 22nd. She asks if it will be heard in the Council Chambers.

Ms. Apana Clarifies that it will be at 9 am.

Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey States that she will be there.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS/FYI

Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey Announces that the Board of Trustees Meeting will be tomorrow at the University of Hawaii Maui Campus in the cafeteria and starts at 9:30 in the morning.
IX. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey Asks for a motion to adjourn.

Trustee Dan Ahuna Moves to adjourn the meeting.

Chair Colette Machado Seconds the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

Dayna P., Board Secretary

As approved by the Board of Trustees on August 1, 2017.

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Colette Y. Machado, Chairperson
Board of Trustees

Attachment:
1. Excuse Memo from Trustee Peter Apo
2. Excuse Memo from Trustee Robert Lindsey
3. Na Pua Noeau Powerpoint
4. Maui Family Support Services Powerpoint
5. MA’A Powerpoint
6. Letter from Iwi Protectors