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MEETING MINUTES

Friday, June 12, 2013

9:30 AM

Kalana O Maui Building
Mayor’s Conference Room, 9th Floor
200 South High St
Wailuku, Maui

COMMISSION MEMBERS

PRESENT: Michele McLean, Chairperson; A. Nāmaka Whitehead, Vice Chair; N. Emmett Aluli, MD.; C. Kaliko Baker; Colette Y. Machado

EXCUSED: William J. Aila, Jr.

KIRC STAFF: Michael Nāho‘opi‘i, Executive Director (ED); Ka‘ōnohi Lee, Administrative Officer (AO); Rowena Somerville, Deputy Attorney General (DAG); James Bruch, Natural Resources Specialist (NRS); David DeMark, Administrative Assistant; Kuiokalani Gapero, Cultural Resource Project Coordinator (CRPC); Paul Higashino, Natural Resources Program Manager (NRPM); Tina Keko‘olani, Access Specialist; Charles Lindsey, Vessel Operator (VO); Bart Maybee, UXO Safety Officer; Dean Tokishi, Ocean Resources Program Manager; Jennifer Vander Veur, Ocean Resources Specialist; Lopaka White; Natural Resources Specialist; Terri Gavagan, Commission Coordinator (CC)

GUESTS: Brian Perry (Maui News); Eric Brundage (Zapata); C J Elizares (PKO); Davianna McGregor (PKO); Laakea Alapai; Kalei Guth; Emily Cadiz; Stanton Enomoto; Toby McLeod (Sacred Lands); Leslie Kuloloio (Aha Moku)

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:34 am. Quorum was established with five Commissioners.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The approval of the minutes for both the Regular Commission Meeting and Executive Session on May 3, 2013 were deferred because they were not ready for review.

III. COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

None were made.

IV. ACTION ITEMS

A. Discuss and Approve Proposed FY 2014 Budget

Staff presented a revised FY2014 budget which is a flat budget of \$2,899,398. The revenue projections include only awarded grants and those which will be awarded very soon such as DOH III, HCF-NOAA and NOAA marine debris removal. Staff also projected a very conservative interest rate of .01% for the Trust Fund. There will be a balance of approximately one million dollars left by FY16 to start the shut-down if there is no future funding.

Commissioner Machado asked what would be anticipated for FY2015 if this budget is approved. ED Nāho‘opi‘i responded a budget of \$2.5 million is projected for FY15. She also asked if the three vacant positions will be filled or frozen. Staff responded they will be filled; interviews for the Public Information Specialist position will start tomorrow. Commissioner Machado asked if recruitment is being done locally and what skills are being recruited for. ED Nāho‘opi‘i responded grant writing and publication skills. She asked what the ramifications are regarding the negotiated 4% salary increase for staff. Staff responded it is already included in the proposed budget. Commissioner Aluli asked for the dollar amount of the salary increases. Staff responded they did not have the specific amount.

Commissioner Machado asked where the cost savings of \$400,000 would come from for FY15. ED Nāho‘opi‘i responded he had not gotten to the full details yet. The \$2.5 million figure was a place holder so this year's budget could be established. This is the amount that is usually spent. This year approximately \$2.56 million will be spent. Commissioner Machado commented the hidden costs sometimes lie in the contract services. Staff responded these services are included such as Base Camp operations, radios, and the office space which are all annual contracts. All these will be maintained in 2015.

Commissioner Aluli asked if the budget included staff furloughs. Staff responded furloughs have ended.

Commissioner Aluli asked if there was money budgeted for the burials program in the Culture Program. CRPC Gapero responded that this program is included in the site stabilization line item. ED Nāho‘opi‘i added there are no other costs but labor and materials. Commissioner Aluli commented the Culture Working Group should determine how much money it wants to put into burials and site stabilization. ED Nāho‘opi‘i responded regular inspections of the sites and most of the stabilization work is done by volunteers. Commissioner Baker asked Commissioner Aluli if he was thinking about anything in particular such as flights. Commissioner Aluli responded there have always been regular checks on the burials. Staff explained there had been helicopter services for these inspections but these were among the items eliminated to reduce the budget. ED Nāho‘opi‘i explained on-island inspections are done by going to island via Ohua and Culture Program personnel will drive to the upland sites. Coastal sites will be inspected by hiking to them. Vice Chair Whitehead commented a number of those sites are inaccessible by vehicle, meaning one would need to walk a great distance. Commissioner Baker asked how many sites were inspected during the March access. CRPC Gapero responded all upland burials and

some coastal sites except those accessible only by ocean were inspected. Commissioner Baker asked if support was included within this line item. Staff noted 3 helicopter flights were included in this line item. Commissioner Baker asked if more was needed. CRPC Gapero responded no.

Commissioner Aluli asked for estimates for fishpond building and restoration given the fiscal situation. CRPC Gapero responded fisheries as stated in the Culture Plan should be maintained because they are resources which should be maintained. Historically they are very important. They would help ocean studies as far as documenting spawning seasons. Commissioner Aluli stated he was in total agreement but in preparation of 2015 the Commission would be unable to come up with the resources for that year to maintain them so perhaps this year's money could be better spent elsewhere.

Commissioner Baker asked about funding for Pōkāneloa. CRPC Gapero responded it is also included under site stabilization. Vice Chair Whitehead commented there does not seem to be much money there. It seems to include just staff labor and travel expenses. The Commission had asked for a site stabilization plan and evaluation of stabilization and potential future relocation. Staff explained stabilization will be done mostly by volunteers through the Restoration Program. Erosion control is one of the restoration efforts. Vice Chair Whitehead asked about the planning. Staff responded a plan is already being written.

Vice Chair Whitehead commented at the last meeting there was a request for a larger budget for Strategic Planning. Staff responded the budgeted amount was the same as in the prior budget. A total of \$14,000 is budgeted for five meetings outside of Honolulu. The meetings in Honolulu will be incorporated into Commission meetings. There is only \$4,000 budgeted for the facilitator and there has been no proposal submitted for strategic planning. Most of the work will be done in house. Vice Chair Whitehead commented that she was concerned that all the changes the Commission requested (the overall budget decreased, more funding for site stabilization, and more funding for strategic planning) were not made. Staff explained it does not know what the cost of the facilitator will be. All the other expenses are covered. They are resistant to lock in an amount which is not utilized. Vice Chair Whitehead pointed out it seems like every year numbers are locked in which are not utilized. ED Nāho‘opi‘i responded a lot of contingencies which would normally be included were eliminated. Chair McLean asked Vice Chair Whitehead if she thought that amount was appropriate for a facilitator. She responded she was unsure as she was not at the last working group meeting.

Chair McLean asked why there is an increase from \$83,000 to \$100,000 in the fuel budget for Honokanai‘a when the fuel cost for Hakilo and Ohua are actually decreasing. Staff explained there was more consumption in April and May at Honokanai‘a. The expense report for April and May shows the expenditure to date for fuel for trucks and equipment is at \$100,000. Chair McLean asked for the expenditure on fuel for Hakilo and Ohua through May. Staff responded \$28,000.

Staff clarified the expenditures number under the impact to trust fund section on page 4 is incorrect. The correct number is \$2.8 million. A more accurate balance of the

trust fund at the beginning of FY14 is reflected on the statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances (\$3.285 million) with the current budget.

Vice Chair Whitehead asked if staff has been notified of the budget situation. ED Nāho‘opi‘i responded yes. ED Nāho‘opi‘i explained the budget is at bare minimum without eliminating a major activity such as island accesses. Commissioner Aluli asked to hear from staff. NRPC Higashino stated staff knows what is coming down the line; ED Nāho‘opi‘i has been keeping staff informed at monthly staff meetings.

Chair McLean agreed with ED Nāho‘opi‘i; the budget should be kept at the same level and was hopeful that a funding source could be found. Vice Chair Whitehead added the Commission needs to look at the worst case scenario and have a plan for that but it also needs to be hopeful that a source of state funding will be found as the trust fund dwindles down.

Commissioner Baker asked how sustainable this budget is. ED Nāho‘opi‘i responded a better budget would be \$3.5 million.

Commissioner Machado noted planned expenditures in the Ocean Program under Marine Debris Cleanup. She wanted to know the marine debris grant amount request. Staff responded \$100,000 which will cover the planned expenditures. Commissioner Machado wanted to know if the proposed \$20,000 expenditure on equipment for the Ocean Program was for new equipment or to replace equipment. Staff explained the zodiac maybe be replaced by a jet ski. Staff is getting feedback from other divisions that a jet ski is safer for KIRC operations in the bay for safety reasons in the surf as well as boon deployment during fueling operations.

Commissioner Machado asked if these crafts are allowed in the zone areas. Staff confirmed they are. She asked for the price of one. Staff responded it would cost approximately \$17,000 with the trailer. Commissioner Aluli asked if a trailer is needed. Staff explained the jet ski would need to be towed. Commissioner Machado asked how it would be used. ED Nāho‘opi‘i responded he resisted this purchase for 2-3 years until DOCARE and life guards recommended it. Commissioner Machado asked that the record show her observation that the item identified as new equipment for \$20,000 as described as watercraft appears to be a toy. Commissioner Aluli asked staff if they have used one before. ORPM Tokishi commented staff had recently worked on one from DOCARE and it provided great assistance for buoy deployment at Kā‘anapali.

Commissioner Aluli stated the budget would have been better with cuts with regard to the Legislature. The Commission is in a difficult position when discussing finances. He was grateful for staffs feedback on what is needed for the Island.

NRPM Higashino commented when staff attends scientific conferences at least 30%-40% of conference attendees have been to Kaho‘olawe either through the YCC programs or other natural resource programs. He thought that the KIRC's impact on the larger community is tremendous based on the letters of appreciation received from different groups.

Commissioner Aluli commented in the early days of the volunteer program people would come from Kaho‘olawe with a great experience and would be there for the KIRC in the legislature. There was a list of people who would help out. It would not be just KIRC on the ‘Ohana na; there would be a large amount of people from all the islands. The KIRC has been unable to let them know they are needed.

MOTION: Commissioner Machado moved to approve Fiscal Year 2014 Proposed Budget totaling \$2,899,398 effective July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014. Vice Chair Whitehead seconded the motion.

ACTION: Motion was approved by all Commissioners present.

There was a recess from 10:25 am to 10:35 am.

V. WORKSHOP ON STRATEGIC PLANNING WITH DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

Commissioner Aluli explained the Commission established the Strategic Planning Working Group six months ago. There was input from the Edith Kanaka‘ole Foundation (EKF) in the previous strategic plan. It has been difficult. The plan needs to be for the island. It is an opportunity to be the first land for a sovereign Hawaiian nation. He introduced Mr. Stanton Enomoto who has a lot of experience in planning for Barbers Point, Kaka‘ako, and OHA. He also introduced Dr. Davianna McGregor who has had experience with planning for Moloka‘i and is currently participating in the strategic planning for the Protect Kaho‘olawe ‘Ohana (PKO) for the last two years.

Commissioner Machado asked how the plan is being integrated and for whom is it being prepared. Mr. Enomoto responded the plan is for the island and provided a status update report on Kanaloa- Kaho‘olawe Planning:

The purpose of planning is to create a plan for Kanaloa- Kaho‘olawe. It should be an integrative document unifying initiatives for organizations which have some interest in the island such as OHA, PKO, KIRC, DLNR, Aha Moku, etc. It should also result in: 1) leveraging and sharing of resources, 2) the managing of external interests, 3) the aligning of on-island activities (more collaborative), 4) the beginning of a new "chapter" for the island.

The planning process is a 12-18 month program led by a self-directed planning group. It is consensus driven and its members agree that the interests of their organization will be secondary to their shared vision and are committed to participation in the process with honesty and respect. It is a two-step approach based on the Commission's input at the KIRC meeting on 5/3/13. Phase 1 will need to be completed by Fall 2013. It includes vision and strategic priorities and will need to meet short-term needs such as the 2014 Legislative session. Phase 2 will need to be completed by Summer 2014. It consists of program planning such as projects and kuleana as well as milestone and performance measures.

The Phase 1 approach consists of:

- 1) Preplanning/Design by building from existing plans and documents and establishing a foundational context

- 2) Information Gathering/Analysis by conducting focus groups and talk-story sessions as well as synthesis and priority setting
- 3) Drafting and Review which includes document drafting and distribution as well as meetings and gathering feedback
- 4) Finalization which includes document revisions and distribution

The Strategic Planning Working Group (SPWG) is currently in Phase 1 and in the preplanning/design stage. The membership of the Working Group has been expanded to include Mr. Joshua Kaakua (PKO) and Dr. McGregor (PKO); Mr. Jonathan Ching (PKO) and Ms. Kahale Saito (PKO) are the alternates if either Mr. Kaakua or Dr. McGregor cannot make a meeting. It has been decided that there is no need for brand new use plans. PKO may need to share their visioning process with the KIRC staff. KIRC's vision statement needs to be deconstructed to determine why it is important and distill mana'ō from it. How will the vision be realized? What can be accomplished in the next ten years?

The next steps for Phase 1 are to:

- 1) Complete preplanning/design
- 2) Begin information gathering and analysis by end of August; this will consist of:
 - a) forming interview content and structure
 - b) developing a schedule and a budget
 - c) assigning Kuleana among WG
 - d) targeting 8/31 as the completion date

There is an opportunity to do some of these things beginning next week at the PKO blessing at Hakioawa Hale. The feedback will not only be from PKO; a list of key stakeholders with some history with Kaho'olawe such as former Commissioners, key legislators, cultural practitioners, etc. has been compiled by the Working Group. There are 50-80 on the list so far.

The Working Group could begin drafting the document by September 1 and sending it out for input. It could be finalized by Thanksgiving.

Chair McLean asked what the document would be called. Mr. Enomoto was unsure what the title would be; he wanted the group to answer that question as the process proceeds. Chair McLean stated that at least through the May meeting she was under what she thought were clear impressions that this [phase of Strategic Planning] would have finished by that time, not just the first phase. She stated she understood these things take time and she appreciated the fact that the Working Group wants to be thorough. However, it is important that it be completed in the discussed timeframe and the Commission needs to know what it is going to be as well as its purpose. She also stated she was dismayed at the group makeup. She was under the impression at the last meeting Mr. Enomoto, ED Nāho'opi'i and AO Lee were the planning core members with Commissioner Aluli and Vice Chair Whitehead as the Working Group members. It has now been expanded to include a narrow section of people. This did not sit well with her. She stated it is not hard to find a shared vision if it only comes from one general place. She did not want to exclude anyone but more inclusive. Vice Chair Whitehead asked her who else should be included. Vice Chair Whitehead stated there were a number of reasons for the expansion. Not a lot was being accomplished with the original group; it needed more people to get the work done. The 'Ohana and KIRC are the two major

organizations that have a stake in the island; it seemed like a natural place to go. Chair McLean suggested some possibilities might be representatives from OHA, DLNR, etc. Commissioner Machado invited Uncle Les Kuloloio to speak.

Uncle Les commented the Aha Moku has been attached to DLNR. First Deputy Director Kiaaina will assist the Aha Moku to figure at how it will fit in with DLNR. Leimana Demate has been appointed Executive Director of the Aha Moku. He described the Aha Moku's limited meeting access on Kaho'olawe. All protocols were followed. Kaho'olawe is setting the standard for everyone; now there is a need to hui. He added he likes the push. He is the po'o for Kanaloa. Both supportive and opposing legislators were taken to Kaho'olawe to see the accomplishments on island. The Ohua was the right boat because Ohua during the akanaka process; it is about transparency. There is a need to work together. He liked the time frame.

Vice Chair Whitehead noted all other organizations would be part of data gathering. Commissioner Aluli wanted Mr. Ching and Ms. Saito to be part of the group but they are not. They are the support for the 'Ohana participants in the Working Group. She asked if that is acceptable that they are a part of data-gathering or are there people from OHA and DLNR that the KIRC would want to use to work on data-gathering. This group is the one which will be doing the work, not the one which will be coming up with the manao and vision. Chair McLean commented she has just learned about this and she is not clear who is doing what, or what the opportunities for input from other groups are, and she would like to think about it. She thought someone from DLNR might be available and she deferred to AO Lee and ED Nāho'opi'i if there is someone from KIRC staff that could help with the data-gathering. She did not have specific people in mind.

Commissioner Aluli added that a month ago he thought the 'Ohana and the KIRC were not working well together and Vice Chair Whitehead called a special meeting to try to work it out. He thought there needs to be a united front or there will be no help from DLNR. There will not be anyone who will want to participate. ED Nāho'opi'i has been included in some of the sessions looking at alternatives for the island. Commissioner Aluli also still thought the County Planning Department should be involved since the County did the Kaho'olawe Community Plan.

Mr. Enomoto explained there are a set of shared understandings and commitments by each of the members. Each member has the responsibility to keep their respective network updated. This is an experiment. It is a different way of approaching everyone's relationship to each other and to the island. It may not be possible. The Working Group has been on the verge of breaking up many times.

DAG Somerville asked if Mr. Ching will be replacing Commissioner Machado on the Commission. She pointed out that there would be three Commissioners on the Working Group. Vice Chair Whitehead stated at that point one of the Commissioners would step aside. Mr. Ching is an alternate for the 'Ohana; he does get copied on the information.

Uncle Les Kuloloio stated the Aha Moku does not want to interrupt any planning by KIRC or the PKO or their combined efforts. Kaho'olawe would be the first place to train the po'o in how they will handle their respective islands. He will be assigning Ms.

Demonte to be part of that process so she can feed everyone including himself as po‘o of Kaho‘olawe.

Commissioner Machado stated Uncle Les Kuloloio has presented a new perspective of Kaho‘olawe, KIRC and the ‘Ohana, and that they have a strong record of protection of the resources which should go out directly to the Legislature. The ‘Ohana and KIRC need to gain their rightful position in the DLNR. Right now the KIRC is like a beaten down step child. The climate needs to be changed. The ‘Ohana was exposed as being careless regarding the accident that occurred at Makena Landing. That had a tremendous impact on everybody. She asked ED Nāho‘opi‘i what was his ‘ike about the Aha Moku access.

ED Nāho‘opi‘i responded it was very positive. The legislators wanted to contribute and staff received positive feedback on funding. Some of the issues are administrative.

Uncle Les stated he was disappointed that neither Commissioner Aila nor Deputy Director Kiaaina attended their access. He shared what the legislators said to him during their aukai in Honokanai‘a, that the spirit of the Protect Kaho‘olawe ‘Ohana is missing today from government. He urged them to keep the spirit moving for the aina. He also stated the Aha Moku will be in the front lines. He will do his best as po‘o for Kaho‘olawe.

At Commissioner Aluli's request Dr. McGregor shared information about PKO's strategic planning which started in October 2011 and is looking at 25 years in the future. PKO would still remain steward of the island. The vision is the island as a cultural center, a piko for networking. They are looking at more sustainable infrastructure to reduce the cost of operations such as residential management as well as residential culture managers. They are also looking at potential revenue generators such as raising honey bees, big wind and solar. They are looking at working with watershed partnerships, the Native Hawaiian Roll Commission as well as other vehicles they could work with to achieve the vision. They have also used the Use Plan as a planning parameter. They suggested having the State invest in solar power and get the island off diesel. Dr. McGregor had her class examine different revenue generation projects and she asked ED Nāho‘opi‘i to explain current operations on the island, the costs and to examine the benefits and drawbacks of each project. A matrix was created to evaluate the different revenue generating projects.

The next step is to begin to merge with the KIRC's process. The Working Group has discussed the possibility of focus groups. The focus group stage where there are meetings on every island is not meant to limit any thoughts or begin to prioritize. It is to gather a lot of ideas. PKO will meet in Hakioawa June 21-22, 2013 to affirm the ‘Ohana's and KIRC's visioning. The group will test initial discussion questions:

- 1) What are the most important 3-5 things to do for the island to become a self-sustaining piko of Hawaiian cultural learning in the next 12 years?
- 2) What kind of programs and activities will be offered?
- 3) What groups, agencies and organizations can contribute to the overall cost of the development of the infrastructure and its ongoing operations?
- 4) How can the operations become sustainable?
- 5) What can be unique about the learning center on Kanaloa as opposed to any other moku?
- 6) Who would be the educators? What would be their needs?

7) How will the island be managed?

8) As a piko of Hawaiian cultural learning how can technology be used to expand the learning experience beyond the island?

The Working Group wants to be sure everyone has had input into this process before focus groups are conducted on each island.

Commissioner Aluli announced the premiere of the film "Standing on Sacred Ground" which was partially filmed on Kaho'olawe and looks at sacred lands. This ties in with the Culture and Use Plans. It will be shown tonight as part of the Maui Film Festival. He also introduced Mr. Toby McLeod who produced the film.

Uncle Les Kuloloio commented it will not be an easy process and the Aha Moku will be asking the hard questions.

KIRC VO Lindsey noted at a higher level Senator Schatz yesterday advocated for Hawaiian sovereignty equal to that of Native Americans within the United States. If that could be achieved that could help with this process. Commissioner Aluli noted there is a tight timeline for Kanaiovalu. They are going to establish an entity next year with a convention. Kaho'olawe is first land for the Nation.

The Commission decided to move **Item VII. Program Status Updates** before **Item VI. Administrative Business** so staff could return to work.

VI. PROGRAM STATUS UPDATES

A. Status Update on current and planned Restoration Program Projects: Hawaii Community Foundation grant work at Honokanai'a; Department of Health grant at Upper Hakioawa Watershed; Ka palupalu o Kaneloa (Kanaloa kahoolawensis) update

NRPM Higashino introduced intern Laakea Alapai Wallace with the Kipu/AmeriCorps Program and is interning with Restoration for a year until November. He has been very helpful on island. He also introduced Kalei Guth. This is her third year with the KIRC. She is with the Kupu group out of Oahu. He reported there have been four volunteer trips in support of the DOH III grant above the Hakioawa watershed. The groups have been putting out rock mounds. They are filled in with chips and compost. The rock mounds have started healing 150 acres with the goal of 20,000 plants being planted over the next two years. The area only has Tier I clearance so the work has to be careful and slow. Vegetation transects have been put out to show the progress. Restoration staff also has assisted with the Hakioawa Hale construction project.

He also reported there were two waterings of the Kanaloa plant in April and May due to the drought. The next watering will be in September. NRS Bruch has been spearheading the efforts to replot the Kanaloa plant at Maui Nui Botanical Gardens. NRS Bruch reported that a new type of tissue culture propagation technique using leaf cuttings will be conducted by Nellie Sugii of Lyon Arboretum.

Vice Chair Whitehead asked if there is any evidence that the plant in the wild is still alive. NRS Bruch responded Ken Wood reported its branches are still flexible but there were no green leaves. Staff may go out again in July to check on the plant. Staff

has been visiting it once or twice a year. Vice Chair Whitehead stated saving this plant should be a priority as long as there is funding for helicopter services. NRS Bruch pointed out that overwatering also a concern as it could lead to growth of alien plants which surround the Kanaloa plant and impede its growth. NRPM Higashino added three monitoring accesses are scheduled for the next fiscal year.

Uncle Les Kuloloio stated the Aha Moku would like to see the data from the Restoration projects to justify cost. They would like to see aerial photos done consistently of the island. He was unhappy about the phone books and china plates lying on the hard pan. He thought it was a cultural insult. He added the kiawe logs wrapped in sheets looked like dead bodies. He stated Hawaiian traditional practices are not being used. The plastic duck at the wetlands at Kaukaupapa needs to be removed. He does not want a plastic duck sitting as a decoy. There needs to be respect for Hawaiian culture. NRPM Higashino responded it is a kanaka practice to utilize available resources.

B. Status Update on current Ocean Program Projects: Field Surveys; Conservation Action Plan; Outreach and Education; Kaanapali Buoy Installation; Aha Moku Council

ORMP Tokishi introduced Emily Cadiz from UH-Hilo who is interning with the Ocean Program this summer through the PIPES organization. He reported survey pins for the HCF grant were installed in April. These will be used to monitor the reef and hopefully show improvement in the mauka plantings Restoration staff will be doing inland. CRPC Gapero and he attended a Maui County Council meeting on April 25 to testify in support of an environmental restoration grant from the Office of Economic Development. In May staff assisted a monk seal pup (N 09) tagging. He asked if anyone sees her to inform the Ocean Program of her whereabouts. Ocean Program staff also assisted DOBOR and DOCARE with buoy installation at Kā'anapali. DOCARE had their jet skis which helped staff by picking them up with scuba gear and take them to individual work stations. Ocean staff participated in the Aha Moku's access.

C. Status Update on current Cultural Program Projects: Pōkāneloa Stone; 'Ai Pono Project

CRPC Gapero reported he has been able to utilize the interns from the other programs to help on Culture Program projects. He has placed five erosion control wattles upstream in the area around Pōkāneloa. His halau placed three additional wattles last month. There was a big rain a couple of days later. They are already catching sediment. There is also some erosion in the gulch. The site stabilization and relocation plans have already been started.

Planting for the 'Ai Pono Project has been completed. 'Uala has been planted around Base Camp and staff will check on its progress in 4-6 months. Staff and volunteers did harvest large sweet potatoes last month at Luamakika.

VII. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

A. Executive Director's Report

The Commission decided to hear highlights of the report due to time constraints. ED Nāho‘opi‘i reported there are no budget variances. A \$10,000 grant from Ocean Conservancy has been awarded to the KIRC for the clean up of Japanese Tsunami debris at Kanapou. Another grant opportunity is the NFWF Keystone Initiative funding which has to do with faunal restoration. This would focus on predator eradication including mice and rats. The long range schedule was included in the Commission packet for review. Staff is currently interviewing candidates for the Public Information Specialist, Logistics Specialist and Volunteer Coordinator positions.

AO Lee attended the administrative review of the permanent procurement exemption bill for food and fuel. DAG Somerville stated the Governor will sign the KIRC permanent procurement exemption bill.

ED Nāho‘opi‘i reported the Aha Moku access was very positive. The participating legislators asked the KIRC to approach them for CIP alternative energy projects during the next session. This would be to bring solar energy to the island. Commissioner Baker stated he would really like to see that project happen.

The Commission decided to move **Item VIII. Announcements/FYI** before the rest of **Item VI. A. Executive Director's Report** since they were at end of the agenda. .

VII. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

A. Executive Director's Report (continued)

The Commission decided to enter into an executive session so that it could consult with its attorney regarding the legislative audit.

MOTION: At 12:27 pm Vice Chair Whitehead moved to enter into Executive Session pursuant to HRS Chapter 92.5(a)(2) and (4) to consult with the board's attorney on questions and issues pertaining to the board's powers, duties, privileges, immunities and liabilities. Commissioner Baker seconded the motion.

ACTION: Motion was approved by all Commissioners present.

Commissioners McLean, Whitehead, Aluli, Baker and Machado, ED Nāho‘opi‘i, AO Lee, DAG Somerville and CC Gavagan resolved into executive session.

At 12:40 pm. Vice Chair Whitehead rose to report out of Executive Session, seconded by Commissioner Baker.

VII. Administrative Business

A. Executive Directors Report (continued)

AO Lee stated participating in the Strategic Planning Working Group has been difficult but it now clearer to her through Mr. Enomoto's presentation. She thinks there is now a good foundation.

ED Nāho‘opi‘i ho‘opi‘i added the public will have a say in Kaho‘olawe’s future. He thinks one step is missing- why should Hawaiians care about restoring Kaho‘olawe? It needs to be explained again. He also reported that the Ohua has been out of commission because of a computer breakdown. NOAA and DOCARE assisted in getting people off the island last week.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS/FYI

There were no announcements from the Commissioners. The Commissioners decided to review the FYI material on their own.

IX. NEXT MEETING/FOLLOW UPS

The Commission decided to have CC Gavagan poll for the next meeting. There were no follow ups. Chair McLean announced she would be off-island for three weeks in July so the next meeting may be in August. Vice Chair Whitehead noted strategic planning updates might be needed.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There were no objections to adjourning the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm.