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## PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

**Tuesday, January 12, 2016**

10:00 am

Kalanimoku Building, 1151 Punchbowl St, Room 322C  
Honolulu, Hawai‘i

### COMMISSION MEMBERS

**PRESENT:** Michele McLean, Chairperson; A. Nāmaka Whitehead, Vice Chair; C. Kaliko Baker, Ph.D (arrived at 12:30 pm); Suzanne Case; Hōkūlani Holt; Joshua Kaakua, Ed.D; Carmen Hulu Lindsey

**KIRC STAFF:** Michael Nāho‘opi‘i, Executive Director (ED); Ka‘ōnohi Lee, Administrative Officer (AO); Daniel Morris, Deputy Attorney General (DAG); Terri Gavagan, Commission Coordinator (CC)

**GUESTS:** Melissa Tupa, Honolulu Community College (HCC)-NHCTEP; Clayton Wallace, HCC; Tihemu Muller, Leeward Community College (LCC); Aaron Cadiz; Mahina Lealao; Natalie Quiniola; Keoni Fairbanks; Kylee Mar (Protect Kaho‘olawe (PKO); Eric Brundage, Zapata, Inc.

### I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:25 am. Quorum was established with six commissioners.

### II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

#### A. Minutes of October 15, 2015 Regular Commission Meeting

**MOTION:** Commissioner Lindsey moved to approve the minutes of October 15, 2015. Commissioner Holt seconded the motion.

**ACTION:** The motion was approved by all Commissioners present.

### III. COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

Melissa Tupa (Honolulu Community College) explained she worked for the Native Hawaiian Career and Technical Education Program. She went on the island access with the Hui Kāpehe students. She was able to watch the students gain cultural enrichment. She saw much growth in the students. There were no words that could accurately express how amazing the trip was. There were no complaints even though the students came from three different campuses. The coordinator's expectations were exceeded every day. She had great appreciation for what the KIRC had done.

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Clayton Wallace (HCC) testified in favor of providing funding for the Culture Program's Hui Kāpehe Program. He stated that his time spent on Kahoʻolawe helped him to be rooted, achieve pono and feel a connection to his ancestors.

Aaron Cadiz from Waipahu testified in favor of providing funding for the Hui Kāpehe Program although he did not participate in the program. His friend, Tihemu Muller, participated in the program, went to Kahoʻolawe and returned even more inspired to continue propagating native plants for food. Three things stuck out for Mr. Muller while spending time on Kahoʻolawe- the red patches of dirt, the navigator's chair and its cultural significance and the bomb craters. If the funding stops the inspiration stops.

Tihemu Muller (LCC) stated he was there in support of the KIRC. When he initially went to Kahoʻolawe he was sad and disheartened but was happy to go. His group worked hard and was inspired by staff. The emotion he saw in people on their last night on island made him driven to continue the struggle so that his children could see this.

Mahina Lealao had been on two accesses; most recently in December 2015. The accesses blessed each person individually through cultural practices. It gave her an opportunity to be pono with herself. She saw the passion of the staff on island. She offered her help to raise funds for the KIRC. She stated that she and her children thanked the KIRC for its efforts for the island.

Kahiau (last name unknown) was a graduate of LCC. Her internship on Kahoʻolawe through the Hui Kāpehe Program changed her life for the better. She previously had been concerned with material things. Her time on the island reminded her that the world has limited resources. Everything we do today affects future generations. The Hawaiian culture was being lost day by day. She did not want her legacy to be one of selfishness. She wanted to be one of conserving her culture and preparing the way for the future keiki so that they know their roots and the ways of their ancestors. She wanted to be one of the ones who helped restore and protect Kahoʻolawe whether it was with her two hands or by helping the KIRC raise funds.

Ms. Tupa stated a student who could not be here asked her to share her testimony via text with the Commission. This student had come seeking a Hawaiian sense of space. The person's name was Camille Kahoiwai Montero. Ms. Montero stated in her text that without the KIRC and the Hui Kāpehe Program a student like her who was discouraged by parents to find her roots due to the Western haole ways. This was a place to find healing in one's culture and one's self. Without this program, Native Hawaiians would lose themselves into the Western ways. This program practically tied an uncultured native like her to an island and a culture. This program had made a big impact on how she wanted to contribute and pass on the experience. It was important that she dedicate her time to insure that future generations have a place to come back to seek healing and to learn cultural knowledge through sacred places like Kanaloa. Without the current programs we natives would be at a loss of no return to a place that needs its people to perpetuate and restore the sacred healing grounds. Kanaloa has offered people a clear path to move forward in life.

Chair McLean appreciated that the speakers understood the KIRC's financial situation and that the KIRC would be going to the Legislature for additional funding this session and encouraged the interns to provide oral testimony as well as written testimony when KIRC funding bills were heard. It would be a big help.

The Commission also thanked the public for their testimonies. Commissioner Kaakua explained that the Commission and staff understood their passion. He asked what the KIRC can do with the passion that had been expressed.

Commissioner Case was excused from 10:55 am to 12:00 pm.

The Commission decided to hear **Item V. Administrative Business** and **Item VI. Program Status Updates** before **Item IV. Action Items** since Commissioner Case was temporarily excused and Commissioner Baker was delayed.

#### **IV. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS**

##### **A. Executive Director's Report**

ED Nāho‘opi‘i explained that when staff presented the amended budget at the last Commission meeting, the Commission Coordinator's position had only been extended for nine months but staff had since found the funding and has extended the position for the entire fiscal year.

ED Nāho‘opi‘i reported that the KIRC received two new grants. One was from the Hawai‘i Tourism Authority (HTA) for \$45,200 to add oral histories to the KIRC Virtual Museum database and develop a mobile app. The other was from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) Keystone Initiatives which was a sub-award with Island Conservation (IC) . The KIRC's share of the grant was \$150,000 and would be used to the next phase of the faunal restoration project.

Pending grant applications included one to the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) for \$50,000 to support the Virtual Museum mobile app and web interface. Another was to Hawaii Community Foundation (HCF) for \$50,000 to continue the coastal restoration project at Honokanai‘a and to expand into Kealaikahiki as well as eradication of invasive fish.

Staff did receive authorization for a \$200,000 capital improvement fund through DLNR for marine debris cleanup. The KIRC could use the funds to have a contractor conduct beach cleanups.

ED Nāho‘opi‘i reviewed the long range planning schedule. Staff scheduled accesses through June 2016 pending what happens during the legislative session.

ED Nāho‘opi‘i reported that the plan for I Ola Kanaloa was been printed (a copy was provided to each Commissioner) and was also available on-line at [www.iolakanaloa.org](http://www.iolakanaloa.org) . The Strategic Planning Working Group (SPWG) was in the implementation phase of creating the learning center and center for well-being. It was working on a business plan for a Kanaloa learning center. It was meant to establish

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programs for learning, observation and data collection as well as provide a sanctuary for dialogue, well-being and healing. The financial plan being presented at this meeting was the KIRC's business plan for implementing three program areas that are not covered by the Kanaloa learning center--1) restore and conserve the natural environment; 2) preserve the history of Kanaloa Kaho‘olawe and 3) create sustainable shelters, facilities and habitation sites.

ED Nāho‘opi‘i updated the Commission on the status of Commissioners’ terms. Commissioner Kaakua was currently serving as an interim Commissioner pending his confirmation by the Senate. Commissioner Holt's current term would expire on June 30, 2016. Staff would coordinate with the Governor’s Boards and Commissions staff to renew her term. Vice Chair Whitehead's term would also expire on June 30, 2016. It was her second consecutive term so she cannot serve another term. Staff would coordinate with the Protect Kaho‘olawe ‘Ohana (PKO) to submit names of possible replacements.

ED Nāho‘opi‘i reported that the new Volunteer Coordinator (VC) was hired and started on January 4, 2016. Her name is Cassandra Smith. She is a graduate of Kīhei Charter School as well as School of Hawaiian Studies at University of Hawaii at Mānoa. Her duties include processing of access paperwork for volunteers, scheduling as well as a crew member on the ‘Ōhua.

Staff received a site visit from the members of the Senate Ways and Means (WAM) Committee at the Kīhei property in December. Visiting legislators included Senator Jill Tokuda and Senate President Ron Kouchi. Senator Tokuda was interested in the ‘Ōhua and its role as the life line to Kaho‘olawe. Staff provided requested information about the operations, repairs and maintenance cost for the ‘Ōhua and crew.

Staff was scheduled to meet later today with Representative Ryan Yamane, Chairperson of the House Committee on Water and Land. He asked staff to develop a six year financial plan to justify funding from the House Finance Committee (FIN). A draft was sent to Representative Yamane. Staff along with other DLNR staff was also scheduled to meet with a combined WAM and FIN tomorrow.

A supplemental request for KIRC funding was not placed in the administration's proposed supplemental budget proposal.

Senator Suzanne Chun-Oakland requested a briefing on current projects on Kaho‘olawe and the state of KIRC funding. Staff briefed her on these. Her concerns were mostly about energy systems and alternative energy. She suggested that staff work with the University, particularly in regards to wind turbines that look like palm trees. Staff will follow up.

The State Auditor requested an update of the KIRC's actions regarding their 2014 findings. They requested an estimate for the cost of restoring the island. Staff did not have that information yet but did provide a draft of the KIRC financial plan which

would be presented to the Commission at this meeting. The auditor also noted that the KIRC was spending more than it was taking in. Staff estimated that the trust fund balance would actually increase by \$10,000 this year. Staff provided auditors with information about the trust fund balance and staff's projection of the financial status for this fiscal year. Staff did have follow up meetings scheduled with the auditors.

The staff was currently working with DLNR Engineering and Mitsunaga and Associates to finalize the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) solicitation for the Honokanai'a Alternative Energy Project. The review board for the RFQ would consist of ED Nāho'opi'i, Engineering Division Project Manager Clyde Tomihara and Commissioner Kaakua. It was decided to utilize a design/bid process since it would be more cost efficient. The priorities of the project would be installing photovoltaic (PV) and reverse osmosis (RO) systems. The RFQ solicitation would be sent to Department of the Attorney General (AG) for review.

ED Nāho'opi'i reported that approval was received from the Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation (DOBOR) to use \$200,000 of their Marine Debris CIP funding for FY2016. Staff would be writing up the scope of work. The funds must be encumbered by June 30, 2016.

Staff was currently working with the Engineering Division to release the Design and Planning CIP Funding for the Kīhei site. Staff has another year to encumber the funds. Staff would be getting a scope of work out soon.

ED Nāho'opi'i asked DAG Morris to discuss the AG's determination of revenue generation and commercialization with regard to Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS) and Hawai'i Administrative Rules (HAR). DAG Morris explained he and his supervisor looked at whether tuition or cost recovery programs would be allowed under the current statute. They were also asked to consider if some sort of in-kind trade of services as a way to generate some revenue. He stated that commercial activity was prohibited under both HRS and Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR) and more specifically HAR§13-261-2 broadly defines commercial activity to include any fee that is paid for any type of activity. He stated that under the current structure tuition or cost recovery would not be permitted mainly because of the administrative rules. He also stated it was worth noting that the KIRC policy manual reiterates the prohibition on commercial activities. DAG Morris suggested that the statutes could be amended to allow some form of limited commercial activity such as tuition or cost recovery. In cases where the statute is in conflict with the corresponding administrative rules, the statute would usually overrule the administrative rules. However, the statute and administrative rules should not conflict. He stated he thought it best that the Commission amend the statute, administrative rules and policy manual.

Chair McLean asked if it would be adequate to amend just the administrative rules. DAG Morris responded the administrative rules were amended to include a definition of commercial activity that included allowances of tuition and recovery he did not think it would be inconsistent with the statute as it is written. There are precedents in

administrative rules such as commercial activities in the parks. They define commercial activity in their rules and make certain exceptions for things like canoe regattas, etc. He thought if the administrative rules were amended to allow for tuition or cost recovery there would be a strong argument that this was not inconsistent with the statute. The process could take longer but would allow the public to have input.

Staff commented that changing administrative rules is a long process and that it would need to go through the Small Business Bureau. They would then notify the KIRC whether public hearings are necessary due to the proposed changes. The Commission would then need to decide on the language on where the public hearings would be held. It took many years for 13-261 to get approved. Vice Chair Whitehead asked how long the Small Business Bureau process takes. Staff responded that they were unsure. There was a new process in place. It might take 60-90 days.

DAG Morris was to provide the Commission an informal summary regarding his findings and recommendation .

Vice Chair Whitehead and Commissioner Kaakua thought that the PKO would want the statute to remain the same but would be open to having the KIRC look at revenue generation through cost recovery and a way to show others that the KIRC was looking at sustainability through changes in the administrative rules. Vice Chair Whitehead commented she thought there would be a lot of opposition to changing the statute. Commissioner Kaakua thanked DAG Morris for his work and asked what the next steps would be. ED Nāho‘opi‘i responded that once staff received DAG Morris' summary they would start to draft appropriate language. It would also provide an opportunity to fix a number of issues in the administrative rules. The staff would bring the draft before the Commission for approval. It would then be submitted to the Small Business Bureau for their determination of effect. Should public hearings be deemed necessary, staff would notify the commission at a meeting and a public hearing date would be established and held. Upon completion, a final draft would be brought to the Commission for its approval. Once approved by the Commission it would be submitted to the Governor for approval through DLNR. The whole process could take up to a year.

Commissioner Lindsey cautioned that the Commission would need to be very sensitive to the type of revenue generation activities to be allowed on island.

#### **B. Review Current Month's Expenditure Reports**

ED Nāho‘opi‘i reported that the current month's expenditures were in line with the approved budget. There are few contracts still outstanding.

Commissioner Kaakua commented that staff was doing an outstanding job running on bare bones. He cautioned that the KIRC should be careful to insure that the public did not think that the KIRC was doing okay. The KIRC should emphasize what was not getting done.

Staff reported there were problems with refrigeration, the RO system (water had to be hauled from the water catchment during the last access), vehicles (radiator leaks, flat tires) as well as the internet and phone service, due to periodic base camp closures.

**V. PROGRAM STATUS UPDATES**

**A. Status Update on current and planned Restoration Program Projects: Hakioawa Watershed Restoration; Hawai'i Invasive Species Council (HISC) Bio-security Implementation Project**

ED Nāho'opi'i reported that planting continued above Hakioawa in the DOH III planting area. Staff and volunteers have been constructing rock corridors as erosion controls with dirt bags and planting 'uala. There was a lot of rain on island this past year and the island is very green.

Restoration staff was working with HISC to develop a bio-security plan. Current concerns were fireweed, fire ants and fountain grass. The fireweed was most likely brought to island via air-borne seeds. Staff was currently working on how to document the extent of invasive plants.

Staff was also expecting a heavy mouse bloom given all the rain received last year.

Vice Chair Whitehead asked about the status of the kanaloa plant given all the rain. ED Nāho'opi'i responded that staff had not been able to check on it yet as it was difficult to obtain helicopter services to reach the plant. Vice Chair Whitehead stated that staff needed to plan to access the plant. ED Nāho'opi'i responded that staff will go back to the Kanaloa Working Group to see if it has any suggestions and resources for accessing the plant.

Commissioner Lindsey asked if there were any other trees other than kiawe. Staff responded that there was koa planted in Luamakika. There was also wiliwili, milo, kou and hao on the island.

**B. Status Update on current Ocean Program Projects: ADCP Sentinel V Retrieval; In Water Survey of Honokanai'a Reef & Monk Seal Pup Survey; Monk Seal Pup Tagging; HGF Non-Native Fish Removal and Analysis**

ED Nāho'opi'i reported that staff helped retrieve the ADCP Sentinel V which had been collecting data underwater for the last six months. Its data will be available to the KIRC once analysis is completed by UH's School of Ocean & Earth Science students.

A weather station has been placed in the Pōkāneloa area.

The coral bleaching which has affected the waters around the rest of the state has also affected Reserve waters.

Staff also participated in the tagging of a monk seal pup as well as exceeding the HCF grant obligation of removing 500 pounds of non-native fish from Reserve waters.

**C. Status Update on current and planned Cultural Program Projects**

ED Nāho‘opi‘i reported that the KIRC recruited interns throughout the islands and was in talks with Kupu and University of Hawai‘i-Hilo regarding their participation in the Hui Kāpehe Program.

Culture staff was considering using Hescko baskets for erosion control around the Pōkāneloa site with a drystack facing. Hescko baskets are metal framed baskets with a fabric liner. They would be filled with rocks and stacked. It does not require skilled labor and it would be more durable than dry-stack rocks. Staff, volunteers and interns have been building a stockpile of rocks from along the shoreline area, quarry areas and Base Camp. Staff was careful not to pick any rocks from archaeological sites so no rocks have been taken from upland. Staff has asked for support from the military through the state military liaison in the form of donations of Hescko baskets.

Vice Chair Whitehead asked what the new timeframe for the Pōkāneloa site stabilization. Staff responded the liaison reported that none have been seen at any of the military installations in the state. He also has not received a response from the company itself. He recommended that ED Nāho‘opi‘i continue working with the National Guard so staff responded they were not sure about the new timeframe. Pōkāneloa was fine in spite of the heavy rains.

Commissioner Kaakua commented he was at the final presentations regarding Dr. Francis's students' work regarding Pōkāneloa. They may publish an article about it within a year. Commissioner Kaakua wanted to make their work be available to staff sooner by submitting it to ED Nāho‘opi‘i. ED Nāho‘opi‘i confirmed that Dr. Francis gave him links to the students' presentations.

ED Nāho‘opi‘i reported that the series of Mahina ‘Ai nights which were part of the Ho‘ōla iā Kaho‘olawe Event Series was completed. Staff was working on the nursery and had started pohinahina plantings on the Kihei property to stabilize the hillside. Staff, interns and volunteers would also start thatching the hale.

Staff was still coordinating with the PKO regarding work on the Ala Loa.

**VI. ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Review and Approve Proposed CY2016 Access Dates and Activities for the Protect Kaho‘olawe ‘Ohana**

ED Nāho‘opi‘i reviewed the criteria for authorized activities and KIRC approved and authorized activities. The PKO annually submits dates that they would like to go to island and the types of activities they would be doing. These are presented before the Commission for review and approval.

Commissioner Kaakua asked if those participating in authorized activities are not in the same category regarding volunteer status as those participating in KIRC approved

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and authorized activities. ED Nāho‘opi‘i explained that Ka‘apuni participants have their own insurance. The Makahiki participants are not covered by the KIRC.

Chair McLean commented that there were no locations included in either table for some of the activities in the motion memo. She asked if the locations are put in the Stewardship Access Requests (SARs). Ms. Kylee Mar (PKO) responded that the locations would be listed in the SAR for specific accesses and is dependent on the group and the working being done and is also in the post-huaka‘i report.

Ms. Mar explained that the Commission packet did not contain the SARs and post-huaka‘i reports.

Chair McLean asked if "CUP" on page two of the memo referred to the Cultural Use Plan and if so which Cultural Use Plan. Staff responded it referred to Kūkulu Ke Ea Kanaloa.

Chair McLean commented that there were a couple of activities in Table 1 that were not listed in the activities in Table 2. She wanted to know if those activities get calendared in at a later date. Ms. Mar responded yes. An example was the Hakioawa Helicopter Land Pad activity which does not have a date yet. Every activity was put into the table so that there was a record. Chair McLean asked about the Ipu A Kāne ceremonies which were not listed in Table 1. ED Nāho‘opi‘i responded that those ceremonies were conducted by both the KIRC staff and PKO. Chair McLean suggested that it be placed in Table 1 as well so that the activities match.

Ms. Mar noted that the dates of June 18-21 on page two should actually be June 16-19 and on page five in the row which says January 2017 should also include the dates of Jan 12-16.

Commissioner Case asked if there was authorization for the dates to fluctuate because of ocean and weather conditions in the memo. ED Nāho‘opi‘i explained that either in the administrative rules or statutes the Executive Director could approve the details of Commission approved programs, activities and accesses. Vice Chair Whitehead noted that in past years this authorization was actually added to the motion. Commissioner Case suggested that the word "estimated" might be added to the "date" column.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Holt moved to accept the recommended motion as listed in part a) approve, pursuant to HAR §13-261-13 and Section 8 of the Palapala ‘Aelike Kahu‘aina, the proposed access dates and activities for the 2016 calendar year requested by the Protect Kaho‘olawe ‘Ohana as KIRC approved and authorized activities with the exception of the November 11-14, 2016 Opening Makahiki, February 15-20, 2016 Closing Makahiki and the Ka‘apuni portion of the June 30 – July 3, 2016 access request and part b) authorize, pursuant to HAR §13-261-13 and Sections 2 and 6 of the Palapala ‘Aelike Kahu‘aina, the request for access by Protect Kaho‘olawe ‘Ohana for November 11-14 2016, Opening Makahiki; February 15-

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20, 2017, Closing Makahiki; and June 29-July 2, 2016, Ka'apuni with the amended dates. Commissioner Kaakua seconded the motion.

**ACTION:** The motion was approved by all Commissioners present.

**B. Review and Accept Proposed Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission Six-Year Work and Financial Plan, Fiscal Year 2016 to Fiscal Year 2021**

ED Nāho'opi'i explained that the proposed Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission Six-Year Work and Financial Plan, Fiscal Year 2016 to Fiscal Year 2021 was tied to I Ola Kanaloa Plan. The bulk of the work plan consisted of background information including a short history of the island and of the KIRC as well as discussion about the KIRC's implementation of its part of I Ola Kanaloa.

The KIRC's kuleana of I Ola Kanaloa included:

- development of the Kīhei property which will incorporate collection storage, outreach, communications
- growing food in the Luamakika area since it has good soil to increase the self-sufficiency of those staying on the island
- transforming the area around Luamakika to include camp areas for interns to camp while planting in Luamakika
- gather oral history, creation of a digital library

The plan also had a work plan summary table on page 11.

The plan was based on having 13 staff at .95 FTE and 3 at .50 FTE and included adding a full boat crew by un-funding one Natural Resources Specialist position and funding the Maintenance and Vessel Operator position instead. It was estimated that staff would be restored to full time funding by FY18 under this proposed plan. Two positions would remain unfunded until FY20-21.

The staff planned on requesting an increase of \$260,000 from the \$1 million already approved by the legislature for FY17 and an offer to match \$585,000 in FY18.

Commissioner Case asked about the increase of \$260,000 in expenses. ED Nāho'opi'i responded that represented the cost of the operation of the 'Ōhua with a full boat crew as well as the cost of repair and maintenance.

Chair McLean noted that the Commission had previously approved asking the legislature for a quite bit more money. ED Nāho'opi'i stated these numbers were in response to comments from state legislators.

Commissioners Case and Holt stated that staff did a good job on the plan.

Commissioner Lindsey was concerned that there was an underestimation of the needed funding and that the legislators might become complacent with current funding levels since it seemed like the KIRC was still functioning. Commissioner

Case agreed and suggested staff might add a table which would indicate certain things could be accomplished with “x” amount of money. ED Nāho‘opi‘i responded that if the requested amounts are too high the legislators might automatically reject them.

Commissioner Case suggested a line item for reserves.

ED Nāho‘opi‘i anticipated the money would come from the general fund. He also emphasized that the plan was not final and that staff would appreciate any comments from the Commissioners.

Chair McLean and Commissioner Lindsey wanted staff to ask for more funding for FY17; possibly \$400,000-\$500,000. ED Nāho‘opi‘i responded staff would inform Representative Yamane. The Commissioners suggested that staff look more closely at the numbers.

Commissioner Case was excused at 12:50 pm.

Commissioner Baker suggested that staff include details about potential emergencies such as the boat engine going out, or the water catchment delaminating.

Vice Chair Whitehead commented that staff needed to emphasize that it was a bare bones plan. She also suggested that staff should clarify that it was a minimal operations plan, include a discussion and comparison of the KIRC's operations three to four years ago and add a deficiencies role which described what the KIRC still is not getting with this budget which is critical.

Chair McLean added that a brief report from Zapata regarding the poor status of the camp and a comparison between the current base camp management contract and the previous one could be included with the financial plan.

Commissioner Kaakua stated that the budgets needed to be matched with the scope of the KIRC's mission.

Commissioner Baker asked at what point the Kīhei property would begin to earn revenue. ED Nāho‘opi‘i it would begin generating revenue by FY21. Commissioner Baker commented that the Kīhei property should be able to bring in more than \$3 million a year. Staff responded that it would take some time for it to earn that amount. Commissioner Baker stated that the legislature wants the KIRC to be self-sufficient. ED Nāho‘opi‘i responded that this plan brings the KIRC to that point. Commissioner Baker commented that the Commission should not be short-sighted when planning for the Kīhei property. It should become a center that the community will need to use and pay to use; something that is sustainably lucrative.

Chair McLean noted that there are very few places on Maui where you can learn about Hawaiian history and culture. There are none in south Maui except for the whale sanctuary.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Holt moved to accept in concept the proposed KIRC Six-Year Work and Financial Plan for Fiscal Year 2016 to Fiscal Year 2021 incorporating the comments as discussed by the Commission. Vice Chair Whitehead seconded the motion.

**ACTION:** The motion was approved by all Commissioners present.

Commissioner Lindsey was excused at 1:00 pm.

**VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS/FYI**

Commissioner Kaakua suggested staff look at the language in the administrative rules of the Department of the Interior regarding Native Americans which also includes rules regarding Native Hawaiians, and pay attention to it regarding the long term vision for Kaho‘olawe.

**VIII. NEXT MEETING AND FOLLOW UPS**

The Commission decided to tentatively schedule a meeting on Monday, February 8 in the morning. The meeting would be held only if needed based on introduced legislation. The Commission also tentatively scheduled a meeting for either March 21 or March 22, depending on the availability of Commissioners Case and Lindsey.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:25 pm.