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MINUTES OF THE 3rd REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, March 13, 2007

9:00 AM

Office of Hawaiian Affairs

Boardroom, 5th Floor

711 Kapi‘olani Boulevard

Honolulu, Hawaii

COMMISSION MEMBERS

PRESENT: N. Emmett Aluli, Chairperson; Burt Sakata, Vice-chair; Charles PMK Burrows, Ed.D; Milton Arakawa, Robert Lu‘uwai; and John Waihe‘e, IV

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KIRC Staff: Sol Kaho‘ohalahala, Executive Director (ED); Ray Enos, Policy Advisor-Governmental Affairs (PA-GA); Michele McLean, Policy Advisor-Special Projects (PA-SP); Kathy Kaohu, Resource Manager; Steven Fulton, Reserve Manager; Ka‘onohi Lee, Commission Aide (AIDE); Momi Medieros, Commission Assistant (CA)

OTHERS: Rowena Somerville, Deputy Attorney General (DAG); Bill Stohler; Dr. Frank Stanton

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Aluli called the 3rd meeting for the year 2007 to order at 9:50 am followed by *Pule Nā ‘Āumakua*. A quorum was established with six Commissioners.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Aluli called for approval of the agenda.

MOTION: Commissioner Arakawa moved to approve the agenda, Commissioner Sakata seconded the motion.

ACTION: Motion approved by all Commissioners present.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There were no minutes presented for approval.

IV. COMMUNITY and PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Aluli invited Bill Stohler from Parsons to introduce himself.

PA-GA Enos explained that he received a call from Becky Hommon(sp) from the Navy asking if any PKO members or KIRC Commissioners would be interested in riding on the destroyer, the USS Harper, from Pearl Harbor to Nawiliwili on May 18. Chair Aluli asked the purpose of the trip. PA-GA Enos explained that it was goodwill gesture and a reaching out to the community. Commissioner Sakata had taken the trip before and recommended it as informative. PA-GA Enos, DAG Somerville, and Commissioners Lu'uwai, Sakata, and Burrows expressed interest in going. PA-GA Enos will contact the Navy and the names will go on a nomination list.

V. WORKSHOP

A. Base Camp Management Options

ED Kaho'ohalahala explained that the options for Base Camp management brought to the Commission at the last meeting are discussed in the meeting packet in more detail. PA-SP McLean explained that, as the Parsons contract ends in August 2007, it is necessary to decide on an alternative soon in order to have personnel in place.

One option is to extend the Parsons contract. Parsons has a history of a decade of work on the island, and Parsons and the KIRC have recognized a positive working relationship. The encumbrances in the contract allow for overtime for the staff, and the billing has been below what the contract would allow, which provides a cushion. A rough estimate for a twelve-month extension would be approximately \$1.1 million for personnel and \$95,000 for indirect costs such as transportation and berthing. PA-SP McLean stated that \$1.2 million is a reasonable estimate based on current invoicing. The advantages to extending the contract are the 24/7 presence on the island and their knowledge of Reserve. Disadvantages are the added costs of working with a private company and that employees do not work directly for the KIRC.

A second option would be to pursue a new contract. This would mean sending out a new request for proposals. The costs may turn out to be less than Parsons, but it is not considered a viable option right now due to the time involved in the solicitations process.

A third option would be KIRC taking over all personnel functions, but this would not be feasible in the time frame. It would be a good long-term goal.

The recommended option is a hybrid plan that would expand the staff using the position descriptions now in place and contracting positions such as a mechanic, electrician, and cook. The combined cost for personnel would be \$626,000 and \$720,000 including indirect costs. The KIRC staff would be on the island 24/7, but not the contracted positions.

Components to be considered in base camp management include the need to streamline maintenance at base camp. We will be undergoing an inventory and maintenance assessment, noting the need to recondition or replace vehicles and equipment. A lot of time and money is spent keeping up maintenance. We are also planning for a barge operation to take off the unwanted vehicles and equipment. Other components to consider are the new landing craft and the helicopter contract with PacHelo that expires in August 2007 and could be extended.

Indirect costs of base camp management, estimated at \$55,000 per year, include the change in the Parsons contract to just personnel costs and the food ordering and communications now done by KIRC staff.

PA-SP McLean reviewed the spreadsheets for the hybrid positions. Contracted positions include two mechanics, electrician, plumber, and water system operator. Parsons titles are listed next to the new KIRC staff positions that will be created. The spreadsheet lists projected hours and annual costs. The first column is the base salary followed by insurance and taxes. There will be three new KIRC staff positions, including another Logistics Coordinator and a KIR Specialist II

and III. Currently Keone, Lopaka and Alan occupy these positions. A new position to be created is KIR Specialist IV, which is currently the Base Camp Manager. PA-SP McLean explained that the new plan would allow for KIRC staff to be on the island 24/7. Alan and Lopaka operate more in the field and would continue to do so. Also there will be two new positions now in base camp. KIR Specialist IV would coordinate the work schedules for the team and assess the need for the contracted personnel. In total there will be four new KIRC positions created. ED Kaho'ohalahala showed the Commission the organizational chart.

Parsons currently has nine staff that cover the camp 24/7. There is the Base Camp Manager, the Administrative Assistant, and a Cook that work Monday through Thursday. There are also two GMT teams of three people that alternate Monday to Monday shifts. We are proposing to have a total of six KIRC positions and contracting out two and a half positions. The KIRC staff will handle the maintenance work, but the more technical work of the GMTs will be contracted. Chair Aluli asked for position descriptions to see how everyone fits and was concerned about the level of overlap. Position descriptions are in place except for the new KIR Specialist IV/Base Camp Manager. A rough draft has been created for the new position. The current position descriptions are more program support related, since Parsons covered base camp operations.

PA-SP McLean reviewed the formula for figuring indirect costs, including transporting and berthing personnel. Chair Aluli asked if transportation would go by boat. PA-SP McLean replied that the figures were based on current helicopter costs. The only difference in cost is the number of people, amounting to around \$2,000 in cost savings for a year. Manpower hours for a month were also listed and include 475 hours for contracted positions and 1525 hours for KIRC staff. This is about 75 fewer hours per month. PA-SP McLean explained that the Invitation for Bid (IFB) for the contracted positions should be posted by the end of the month. The bids will be reviewed the next month. Services should be ready to go by mid-August. Work will need to begin right way for the creation of the new position, and the other positions will need to be advertised. Paperwork for hiring takes at least a month after the interview process.

The Base Camp Manager position could be put in place after the others, and this could be a test to see if it would be necessary. Chair Aluli asked if two Logistics Specialists are needed. PA-SP McLean said that it is necessary due to the amount of purchasing and inventory for base camp. Commissioner Arakawa and Lu'uwai asked why we would not want to just hire GMTs like Parsons. PA-SP McLean said that that would be a good long-term goal, but could not be accomplished by September due to the union structure. We can start the process of creating those positions. ED Kaho'ohalahala explained that we are operating on a one-year personnel schedule and that operations can be examined and positions changed. The cook would be regular, but the other contracted positions would be on island as needed. Parsons would not likely bid on the hybrid plan.

Reserve Manager Fulton reviewed the existing KIR Specialist position descriptions. KIR Specialist II inspects and maintains KIRC field assets, tools and equipment and generators. KIR Specialist III, the position held by Alan DeCoite, maintains KIRC infrastructure, rainwater storage tanks, irrigations lines and other facilities as required. Chair Aluli was concerned about who would be covering the responsibilities in base camp versus the larger responsibilities on the island. PA-SP McLean replied that work has been centered at base camp, but Parsons has worked on the rainwater catchment system and at Hakioawa. New staff should maintain base camp and be flexible enough to work island wide. Staff would be trained to do routine maintenance. Contractors would be called in for larger problems and be paid hourly. Commissioner Burrows suggested changing the name from base camp to Island Reserve facility to encompass the whole island. Chair Aluli expressed the need for documentation of job duties.

Commissioner Sakata asked if the current KIRC job descriptions could be amended. PA-SP McLean replied that job descriptions involve the union and cannot change because there are people in the positions already. Chair Aluli suggested that time should be taken to create new detailed job descriptions. He would like to see what the chain of command would be and how we would be promoting our current staff as part of the long-term plan. We will soon be working on the new budget and he would like to see where we are going for the next year. PA-SP McLean explained that there are really only two viable options since the Commission asked to see something different in September, and we have to use the current descriptions. We could have another workshop to discuss long-range changes. Chair Aluli asked for clarification on why the Commission chose September. It was because we did not want to carry the Parsons contract a whole year. PA-SP McLean asked what the Commission wants to see, and the staff will figure the number of months it would take to get there. Maintaining the Parsons contract for four more months would cost approximately \$125,000 a month (actual cost closer to \$85-\$87,000).

Commissioner Burrows asked how long the hybrid would be for and how it would evolve. ED Kaho'ohalahala stated that funding would be until June 30, 2008 and again would be reviewed. He said that the hybrid plan would help the KIRC move in the direction of being more self-supporting. A complete reorganization is a good long-term goal and is going to involve much more time. Commissioner Arakawa asked if there was any indication from potential bidders. None have been contacted at this point. Costs for the technical positions were figured from the cost of Parsons, past RFPs, and from the State. PA-GA Enos asked if current staff would consider applying for higher positions. PA-SP McLean felt that they would.

Chair Aluli requested that time be taken to go through the June budget and that we continue to work with Parsons until the end of the year and approach Parsons for a four-month extension. A new plan would be included in the FY08 budget, with the goal of island-wide management. PA-GA Enos asked if Parsons would consider another four months, as he thought they wanted a longer contract. ED Kaho'ohalahala explained that he negotiated with Parsons to reduce the contract to September. He stated that the hybrid is the best plan for this time frame. We are bound by the time constraints of the state processes. PA-SP McLean stated that if this is the direction the Commission wanted to go, then she can come back with a better time line. Chair Aluli stated that he was more comfortable with a longer-range plan. PA-SP McLean asked that in the plan, would the Commission like to see all on-island staff be KIRC employees and nothing contracted. Chair Aluli replied yes.

Chair Aluli said that a contracted hybrid plan could be part of a long-range plan that needs to be developed. ED Kaho'ohalahala explained that the hybrid plan is striving toward that goal and that the staff is trying to implement the goals in the strategic plan. It is a way to manage the shift that is not inconsistent with what the Commission wanted. It will help us to cut cost and have more direct control over island. Chair Aluli asked that the Commission move to Item VII A to vote on the plan. DAG Somerville suggested that the Commission move into Executive Session to discuss the hybrid plan before taking a vote.

MOTION: At 11:30 Commissioner Sakata moved to resolve into Executive Session, pursuant to Chapter 92-4 & 5 (a) (4) to consult with legal counsel and staff on issues pertaining to the board's powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities; and seconded by Commissioner Burrows.

ACTION: Motion approved by all commissioners present.

Commissioner Sakata rose to report out of executive session that the Commission met with the Deputy Attorney General and no decisions were made.

MOTION: Commissioner Sakata moved to defer Items V.B and C to another meeting due to time constraints. Second by Commissioner Lu‘uwai.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of Letter of Support for the nomination of the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands (NWHI) Marine National Monument as a World Heritage Site on the U.S. Tentative List

Chair Aluli asked if there was any discussion on the letter of support. ED Kaho‘ohalahala reported that the staff redrafted the letter since the last meeting to add the new official name, the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument. The letter needs to be signed and submitted tomorrow. Chair Aluli asked for clarification of the name Kane for the NWHI. ED Kaho‘ohalahala will check. Commissioner Sakata also mentioned that he had never heard the reference to Kane. Commissioner Burrows explained that Kane and Kanaloa were the first gods to arrive in Hawaii. Chair Aluli asked how the NWHI were considered the keiki of Kanaloa. The letter was approved and signed by the Commission.

B. Consideration of Request by Dr. Frank Stanton, scientist on the UH-Manoa Marine Option Program – Kaho‘olawe Underwater Baseline Survey, for the collection of coral samples for identification.

Resource Manager Kaohu introduced Dr. Frank Stanton who has recently been surveying with the Ocean Program. Dr. Stanton showed the Commission an example of the coral (*Pavona varians*) that was not collected in the KIR. He explained that there is a form of this coral in the Reserve that is unusual looking and might be variation or morph. He requested to be able to collect samples to show to local coral experts. He would collect a maximum of six samples and already has a permit from DAR. He is hoping to collect the samples this spring. It could be in the normal range of variation for the coral, or could possibly be caused by an algae symbiont. He wants to know if it is indeed the same species to make sure they are identifying it correctly. The samples will be collected in small fragments by him, preserved and taken to Oahu to the University of Hawaii. He wants to bring in some expertise to confirm what they are looking at. The experts will look at the samples under the microscope and may mount a tissue sample on a slide. Commissioner Burrows asked if other examples of this coral have been found. Dr. Stanton said that nobody he has contacted has seen what he has described. It could be more widespread, and he has not had an opportunity to talk to a lot of Maui divers. Commissioner Lu‘uwai asked that, if it turns out to be a new species, would he name it. Dr. Stanton said that he doubted that it would be new. He has only seen it at three locations. Chair Aluli said that, if it is new species, the Commission will name it. Dr. Stanton stated that the specimens will remain KIRC property. Chair Aluli asked how the samples were different from the regular coral. They have a darker, purplish color, which could be explained by algae cells. A correct identification will benefit the KIRC programs and strengthen the dataset. Chair Aluli asked is they should be concerned about coral hunters. Dr. Stanton did not think this coral would interest them. Commissioner Burrows asked about the baseline surveys. Dr. Stanton explained that they look at human impacts on the reef. Five sites and five control areas have been surveyed and variation will be noted over time so that changes can be made to preserve the reef. Surveys include coral, marine organisms, algae, and fish. Commissioner Burrows asked if they have come across

ordnance. He said no, but they are aware of the possibility. The survey sites are at the three and ten meter levels. Resource Manager Kaohu asked that the samples be returned to KIRC. PA-GA Enos asked Dr. Stanton if he thought he would need to do further studies or collecting. He said that he did not think that would be necessary after identification.

Chair Aluli would like to see the results of the surveys laid out for the Commission to see our impact on the environment and to plan for the future.

MOTION: Commissioner Burrows moved that the KIRC, pursuant to HAR § 13-261-14, allow Frank Stanton, a scientist for the Kaho‘olawe Underwater Baseline Survey Marine Option Program, to collect coral samples on March 26 through 30, 2007 and July 30 through August 10, 2007, if necessary, and contingent upon the DAR approval, from Kaho‘olawe Island Reserve for the purpose of species identification, set samples will be returned to the KIRC and will remain property of the KIRC. Seconded by Commissioner Lu‘uwai.

ACTION: Motion approved by all commissioners present.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Approve Base Camp Management Proposal and Authorize Staff to Initiate

Commissioner Arakawa stated that he believes the hybrid plan does provide potential cost savings and more internal staff control, and when combined with decommissioning the equipment, additional efficiency. He presented an amended version of the recommended motion.

MOTION: Commissioner Arakawa moved to approve the “hybrid” Base Camp Management proposal to contract for specialized technical services and hire six new KIRC staff, to take effect by the time the current contract with Parsons expires; to amend the organizational chart and the FY07 budget to reflect the terms and costs of this proposal; and to authorize KIRC staff to initiate the required procurement and personnel processes for this proposal; and to authorize the KIRC staff to enter into a contract extension with Parsons, not to exceed six months, if deemed necessary. Commissioner Burrows seconded the motion.

ACTION: Motion approved by all commissioners present.

Commissioner Arakawa explained that the authorization for a contract extension with Parsons was to provide a cushion if not they are not able to implement the hybrid plan on a timely basis. Chair Aluli added that everyone needs to work on long-range planning and funding, starting with the FY08 budget in June.

Administrative Updates

1. Legislative Update

PA-GA Enos began by stating that bills discussed at the last meeting appropriating money for alternative energy for Kaho‘olawe died in the House and the Senate. After the last meeting Chair Aluli and PA-GA Enos met with Senator English, Senator Baker, and Representative Carroll. The bills had not moved and are considered dead. They suggested we check with other senators and staff to see if they could be brought back or attached to some other bill. It does not appear that anyone will do this. Senator Baker was not ready to look at more funding bills. She asked that we prepare a plan and come back to the legislature early next year. We were referred to Senator Kokubun, and he suggested about the same. He would see what he could do and maybe attach it to another bill, but did not promise anything. He is very much in support of what

we do and our desire to look at alternative energy resources and wanted to talk with us more in the future.

Commissioner Burrows asked if they had a dollar amount in mind for alternative energy. PA-GA Enos said they would work that out when they put together the plan. The KIRC is in the House and the Senate VIP bills. The current Senate bill suggests one million dollars as a start. The House bill asks for fifteen million dollars for alternative energy, the K1 road, base camp, and Kuheia pier. We were on the Senators' wish list last year, but are not a priority. PA-GA Enos thought we should ask for a minimum of one million. Commissioner Burrows asked about looking at other foundations and businesses. PA-GA Enos met with Representative Morita, who had suggested that and had other ideas.

ED Kaho'ohalahala went last week Tuesday to the State Capitol with an exhibit along with other conservation organizations. He met with Senator Espero who asked that the Commission consider looking at Kaho'olawe as a healing center. He would like to bring prisoners who are low security and non-violent to Kaho'olawe as part of a transition program. ED Kaho'olawe told him that they recently had the Girls Court and another group of volunteers. Forty percent of incarcerated women and thirty percent of men are Native Hawaiian. ED Kaho'ohalahala met last week Friday with Senator Espero who drafted a resolution to explore a potential program. He and PA-GA Enos looked at the draft and made suggestions. Today is the deadline to submit resolutions. The resolution calls for a task force to be formed that would be comprised of Department Public Safety, OHA, PKO, KIRC, and the Department of Health and Human Services to study the feasibility of establishing a program for reciprocal healing emphasizing Native Hawaiian practices for Native Hawaiian prisoners. ED Kaho'ohalahala expressed to the Senator that he hoped that any program would be integrated within the KIRC's programs, and also, the need for funding for infrastructure and facilities.

Commissioner Burrrows said that he would support the resolution because of the success of women inmates working at Kawai Nui Marsh and a program for inmates on the Big Island. The women participate to enhance themselves as women and Hawaiians. ED Kaho'ohalahala wants to de-emphasize the history of the island as a prison, and stress its potential to be a positive healing place. PA-GA Enos said the inmates would probably have sentences of at least five years, and towards the end of the time, be looking at work release or education. Commissioner Lu'uwai asked if they would need a guard and PA-GA Enos said that they would come with a guard, but not armed. He looked at bringing prisoners a couple years ago, but they needed two armed guards. PA-GA Enos will continue to monitor the resolution. Commissioner Sakata commented that the PKO has taken over prisoners as part of their programs, and although it could be challenging, it was always worthwhile. He asked that we define our needs very carefully.

(Chair Aluli leaves)

2. Letter from Attorney General Clarifying Tax Deductible Contributions to the Kaho'olawe Rehabilitation Trust Fund

DAG Somerville presented the letter stating that donations of money or property to the Kaho'olawe Rehabilitation Trust Fund can be deducted as a charitable donation if the contribution is used exclusively for public purposes. ED Kaho'ohalahala explained that there is a category in the accounting for revenue. Commissioner Sakata said that we should look into what kind of acknowledgements is needed to give back to donors. The limit of the donation is based on the donor's income. Outreach Specialist Ellen Pellissero is also developing ideas for a sponsorship program. Commissioner Arakawa mentioned that that would be a lot easier than creating a 501(c)(3). ED Kaho'ohalahala is looking into whether donors can be foundations or corporations looking for tax deductions. ED Kaho'ohalahala said that the clarification came about

because a member of the general public e-mailed him after reading that donations to KIRC were not tax deductible. He suggested that we look at the law to see if the KIRC was eligible, and it turned out that we were exempt. Commissioner Burrows mentioned that he has worked with a fundraising organization and it may be an option for the KIRC.

VIII. FY07 Budget Report

ED Kaho‘ohalahala explained that the FY07 budget is broken down into quarters on the spreadsheet, and that we are near the end of the 3rd quarter. Figures in the spreadsheet represent spending through February. PA-SP McLean reported that spending for the FY07 budget began July 1, but there are still encumbrances and some larger budget items and contracts that have not been spent yet. The FY07 budget will be the basis of the proposed FY08. Commissioner Sakata asked if there were any large items carrying over into the FY08 budget. Alternative Energy and Hakioawa improvements are the biggest that will carry over. ED Kaho‘ohalahala made the Commission aware of an editorial in Star Bulletin or Honolulu Advertiser this morning about ocean ordinance clean up. Commissioner Sakata wondered if we should investigate money from Washington for ordinance clean up. PA-GA Enos said it probably would not come out of the Department of Defense. A new solicitation for a front loader will be covered by the DOH grant. PA-SP McLean has completed the solicitations for the Clivuses and Polarises. The Polarises have been finalized.

IX. KIRC Program Status Updates

Restoration Program – Resource Manager Kaohu reported that an average of 1000 plants per week per group are being planted. She reported the resignation of Derek Mar, effective March 17. Now there are only three staff in the Restoration Program. There are two Natural Resources Specialist II positions available along with a program assistant paid for by the DOH grant. Commissioner Burrows asked about the salary of the program assistant, which will be between \$35,000 and \$40,000. The DOH grant allows for a maximum of \$48,000. Resource Manager Kaohu explained the map in the report, created by GIS Specialist Carmela Noneza, that shows irrigation lines in each grid.

Ocean Program – The fish surveys are continuing. The Ocean Resources Specialist position has been offered to Allan Ligon after Kanekoa’s resignation. Allan has worked in Hawai‘i for over eleven years. He worked on the project with Parsons and has volunteered on surveys with the Ocean Program. He has worked with coral reefs and marine mammals. Commissioner Lu‘uwai asked about the other staff. They are Cheryl King and Dean Tokishi, the Ocean Resources Specialist III. Bottomfish studies were done earlier last year, and inserted tracking devices in onaga and opakapaka. There was not a good turn out of onaga.

The final bottomfish spillover report by HURL (Hawaii Undersea Research Lab) is in the packet. Resource Manager Kaohu said that it was most concerned with ehu, onaga and opakapaka, and the opakapaka were primarily triggering the receivers as they went into the shallow water at night and the deeper water during the day. Commissioner Lu‘uwai expressed concern about the fish being pulled up and dying. Resource Manager Kaohu said that that happens when they are pulled up too soon, but 133 fish have been successfully tagged and released within the Reserve. She has not heard that any were caught, and she wondered if people were reporting the catches.

PA-SP McLean reported that they are going to begin to purchase supplies directly through the Oceanic Institute. They previously contracted with HURL, who subcontracted with Oceanic Institute.

Culture and Education Program – The staff is in the process of lining up groups to assist with restoration efforts. They will integrate cultural protocols and activities and will also be working with the Ocean Program. The program staff is meeting with Chair Aluli and Commissioner Burrows tomorrow. They will soon be interviewing the last and third candidate for the Cultural Specialist position, who has relocated to Maui.

Reserve Operations – As the time nears for the new landing craft to arrive, the staff is focusing on making sure they are in complete compliance with the regulatory agencies. They are most concerned about DOBAR and the spill plans and contingency plans. Commissioner Sakata asked if Title X made the KIRC exempt from DOBOR regulations. PA-GA Enos said that it was only for the cleanup. Operations had UXO support in February to clean out spill basins along the K1 road after the rains. They will be scheduling support during March to continue the cleanup. They have worked with DAG Somerville to develop an enforcement policy and procedures for boating violators, including sending warning letters.

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Burrows reported that Volunteer Coordinator Jackson Bauer is meeting with University of Hawaii architecture students. Reserve Manager Fulton explained that they are going to provide the KIRC with ideas for alternative energy at base camp and look at base camp buildings for energy efficiency. They will give us a comprehensive report. ED Kaho‘ohalahala explained that they are trying to be innovative with current base camp structures, and we will decide on what direction to proceed based on their recommendations.

Commissioner Burrows announced that Commissioner Waihe‘e has asked Stanton Enomoto to write a letter of request for a two-day visit to Kaho‘olawe for the OHA trustee and the Preservation Council.

ED Kaho‘ohalahala reported that the Pacific American Foundation was successful in getting their Native Hawaiian education grant. He attended the first meeting last week, and they are trying to integrate Kaho‘olawe. The KIRC is a partner in the grant for curriculum development, and we will participate with advice and resources.

ED Kaho‘ohalahala thanked the Commissioners for their support of the staff’s work and acknowledged the staff for their hard work in getting all the information together for this important meeting.

The next meeting will be April 17, 2007 on Oahu.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Commissioner Arakawa moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Lu‘uwai.

ACTION: Motion approved by all Commissioners present

The meeting was adjourned at 4 p.m.