



KŪKULU KE EA A KANALOA

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### MINUTES OF THE MEETING

**Tuesday April 7, 2009**

8:30 am

J. Walter Cameron Center

Conference Room 1 & 2

95 Mahalani Street

Wailuku, HI 96793

#### COMMISSION MEMBERS

**PRESENT:** N. Emmett Aluli, Chairperson; Craig Neff, Vice-Chair; Charles Burrows; Nāmaka Whitehead; and John Waihe‘e

**EXCUSED:** Milton Arakawa; Laura Thielen

**KIRC STAFF:** Michael Nāho‘opi‘i, Executive Director (ED); Michele McLean, Deputy Director (DD); Ka‘ōnohi Lee, Administrative Officer (AO); Rowena Somerville, Deputy Attorney General (DAG); Nicole McMullen, Commission Coordinator (CC); Alan DeCoite, Lyman Abbott, Ellen Pelissero, David DeMark, Jackie Harp, Jackson Bauer, Charlie Lindsey, Jennifer Vander Veur, Cheryl King, Keone Laepa‘a, Dean Tokishi, Paul Higashino, Tina Keko‘olani, Mai Mailou-Santos, and Carmela Noneza

**GUESTS:** Stephen Fulton, and Ilima Loomis of *The Maui News*

#### I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Aluli called the 3rd regular meeting for the year 2009 to order at 8:35 am followed by *Pule Na ‘Aumakua*. A quorum was established with four commissioners present. Commissioner Neff arrived later.

#### II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**MOTION:** Commissioner Burrows moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Waihe‘e seconded the motion.

**ACTION:** Motion approved by all Commissioners present.

#### III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Commission reviewed the draft meeting minutes from March 10, 2009.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Waihe‘e moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Burrows seconded the motion.

**ACTION:** Motion approved by all Commissioners present.

#### **IV. COMMUNITY and PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chair Aluli asked the staff and guests to introduce themselves. He thanked the staff for their work on the NOAA grant. DD McLean stressed the contribution of Christina Donehower who could not be at the meeting.

Chair Aluli asked if there were public comments. Stephen Fulton stood and handed staff a check for a donation. He then asked how the fuel spill from last year was resolved. DD McLean said that the ground was aerated, and ED Nāho‘opi‘i explained the process. **Chair Aluli asked that staff follow-up, and ED Nāho‘opi‘i said that he would double check that all DOH requirements were fulfilled.**

#### **V. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS**

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

Budget, Finance and Funding: ED Nāho‘opi‘i reported that the NOAA grant was submitted with the assistance of staff from many programs. He explained that it was federal stimulus funding for the creation and retention of jobs. The amount submitted was \$2.8 million for coastal restoration in Honokanai‘a and Kaukaupapa. If received, they would utilize existing staff without increasing the proposed FY10 budget of \$4.5 million. There would be components for ocean, culture, and volunteer tracking. The completion time is eighteen months. They would shift work from upland, but would also apply for a DOH grant to continue work in the Kanapou area over the next five years. They will know if they were awarded the NOAA grant in May.

Commissioner Burrows said that the NOAA grant is very competitive with organizations applying from across Hawai‘i and the nation. Chair Aluli asked who was coordinating it in Hawai‘i and if the state was advocating for Hawaiian applicants. DD McLean said that other state agencies have also submitted applications. She said that they have support letters from Commissioner Thielen, two state senators and two representatives. ED Nāho‘opi‘i said that they have been in contact with members of the review board. Chair Aluli asked if they were contacted by Commissioner Thielen about the strict reporting requirements. DAG Somerville said that they were and to let her know that the KIRC would be on top of the reporting requirements .

Commissioner Burrows asked what they would do if it is not awarded or the amount is reduced. ED Nāho‘opi‘i said that there are other grants they are working on with DOH, US Fish and Wildlife and NOAA. They plan to have grants lined up for application. DD McLean said that they would probably also accelerate the completion of the NRCS grant to pursue other grants. ED Nāho‘opi‘i said that they still plan to continue work and maintenance at Lua Makika and continue with the NRCS grant at Kealialalo and Kaukaupapa.

ED Nāho‘opi‘i reported that they had a staff fund raising drive with 100% participation. Chair Aluli asked how much the staff was asked to give. ED Nāho‘opi‘i said that donations were voluntary and that the staff challenges the Commission to match or better their total contribution. He thanked the staff for the challenge.

Plans, Policies and Procedures: ED Nāho‘opi‘i reported that teacher training for the Malama Kaho‘olawe program was held recently at the NOAA building in Kihei with eleven teachers participating. Last week another training session was held in Hilo.

Administration, Staffing and Personnel: ED Nāho‘opi‘i reported that the new Cultural Project Coordinator, Faith Kahale Saito, will start in May. He also reported that there was a guilty

verdict in the State v. Noa, Armitage, Kakookele on Friday. The participants each received a 30 dollar fine and 25 hours of community service. If the defendants appeal, the case will be heard by the Hawai'i Supreme Court or the Intermediate Court of Appeals. Chair Aluli asked if there was press coverage of the hearing. Ellen Pelissero said that representatives from *The Maui News* and Akaku were there and that no media representatives contacted the KIRC. Chair Aluli asked if they should be more proactive in the case. DAG Somerville replied that they should wait for the Defendants to file their appeal first.

Commissioner Burrows asked if the Noa group was willing to follow the policies to come to the island. DAG Somerville said that they were informed a number of times. Commissioner Neff said that he invited the group to come to Kaho'olawe, and Chair Aluli said that he extended the invitation to all sovereignty groups. Commissioner Burrows said that he hopes to bring all the groups together in 2010. Chair Aluli said that Kaho'olawe would be a neutral place for them to gather and they will celebrate the 20-year anniversary of the ending of the bombing in 2010. Commissioner Neff said that the ceremony will include dedicating the mua and a recommitment to the healing of the island. **Chair Aluli said that when they go to Kaho'olawe for a limited meeting, they will discuss the event.** He also thanked DAG Somerville for her work on the case.

Commissioner Burrows asked if the trespassers could do their community service on Kaho'olawe. She said that Kaho'olawe was not an authorized location for community service. **Chair Aluli asked that they investigate why not.**

Governmental Relations: ED Nāho'opi'i reported that he and DAG Somerville met with Becky Hommon about the Navy Land Use Controls evaluation. The timeline for the evaluation will be August through December. Ms. Hommon explained that NAVFAC will be taking over the Kaho'olawe relationship. She also said that the MOU with the Navy could be viewed as an interim cleanup since the island was not 100% rid of ordnance and that they could recommend and receive funding for more cleanup. Chair Aluli asked if she gave a reason why the cleanup was not originally completed. ED Nāho'opi'i said she responded that it was time and money. Chair Aluli said that the Commission needed to track the lessons learned during the first cleanup so that the same mistakes are not made again.

Commissioner Burrows asked about Navy cleanup in other areas. ED Nāho'opi'i replied that they are doing study and cost estimates, but that those had already been done for Kaho'olawe. He also said that Kaho'olawe did not rank high enough on the superfund list and explained the different types of funding and the ranking criteria, including toxicity, proximity to habitation, the amount of spread and the economic value of the land. **Chair Aluli asked ED Nāho'opi'i to find out what other areas are being cleared of ordnance and how they are getting funding.**

DAG Somerville said that it is important that the Navy evaluation does not result in limited access to the island. She said that ED Nāho'opi'i will be helping NAVFAC understand the history of Kaho'olawe. ED Nāho'opi'i said that he also wants to revamp the ARMP and access guide training. Commissioner Neff asked about NAVFAC, and ED Nāho'opi'i replied that they are civilian engineers that specialize in environmental cleanup. **Chair Aluli said that he would like to get advice from Washington on the transition to NAVFAC and would work with ED Nāho'opi'i and DAG Somerville.**

ED Nāho'opi'i reported that he and DD McLean met with legislators to gain support for Senator English's CIP project that lists the Hakioawa Hale as the top CIP priority. They gave legislators copies of the annual report, strategic plan and a flyer created in-house on the Hakioawa Hale.

DD McLean said that the senators were very receptive, especially Senator Tsutsui, but the representatives were more reserved. Chair Aluli asked about Cynthia Thielen, and ED Nāho‘opi‘i responded that she was positive and mentioned the importance of ocean energy. Chair Aluli asked Dean Tokishi to pay attention to ocean energy. ED Nāho‘opi‘i said that he also informed the legislators of alternative energy projects and the hut remodel at base camp if they have room for CIP fill-ins.

ED Nāho‘opi‘i said that he and DD McLean met with the Maui County Council yesterday. He said that they were receptive and asked good questions. They will hold follow-up meetings with select members. DD McLean said that it was Commissioner Arakawa’s suggestion to meet with council members about CIP funding. They originally approached the mayor, but did not get in her budget. ED Nāho‘opi‘i said that they included ocean conservation and enforcement along with the Hakioawa Hale as a public benefit. ED Nāho‘opi‘i said that they asked if Kaho‘olawe was in the right department. He said that DLNR is good for now because it has its own enforcement agents. Chair Aluli said that it would be good to recap why DLNR was chosen and that he is disappointed that the council was not considering Kaho‘olawe’s transfer to a sovereign nation.

DD McLean said that now that the trust fund is below \$20 million, legislators are starting to ask how they plan to keep going, and they think that there will be state funding. Chair Aluli said that they need to start planning for the future and look at other possible models. Commissioner Burrows asked about the status of communications with OHA. ED Nāho‘opi‘i said that he and Commissioner Waihe‘e had a meeting with Clyde Nāmu‘o. Chair Aluli said that Collette Machado would be replacing John Waihe‘e on the Commission. He said that that it would be best for the KIRC to keep its independence for now and that he wants to see where sovereignty is going.

Capital Improvement: ED Nāho‘opi‘i said that geotechnical engineers are taking soil samples for the Hakioawa Hale and no ordnance has been found. He also provided a timeline with construction beginning in mid-August and finishing in November. Chair Aluli said that Commissioners Burrows, Neff and Whitehead are looking at cultural elements for the design. Commissioner Whitehead said that they will be talking to the design committee and would hopefully have drawings at the next meeting. ED Nāho‘opi‘i said that the design must be set before the RFP is released.

Chair Aluli said that one of their budget proposals puts the Hale on hold. Commissioner Burrows asked if the materials cost could be lessened. ED Nāho‘opi‘i said that different materials would increase the long-term maintenance work and cost. DD McLean said that materials were not a significant part of the cost, mainly logistics. Commissioner Neff said that he thought there was a significant difference between the cost of wood and composite materials. ED Nāho‘opi‘i said that the whole project could cost as much as \$400,000. Commissioner Burrows asked if that includes solar panels. ED Nāho‘opi‘i said that it includes water catchment, but not panels. He also said that reducing the maintenance needed also reduces the equipment needed at Hakioawa. Commissioner Neff said that maybe if the budget was tight, the materials could be changed. ED Nāho‘opi‘i said that maintenance was a priority of the design committee. Chair Aluli said that he thought PKO would contribute by doing major fundraising. Commissioner Burrows asked about funding from OHA. ED Nāho‘opi‘i said that they wanted to go to OHA only once and that would be for the Kihei site.

Action Plan: ED Nāho‘opi‘i reviewed the action plan accomplishments, including posting a grant cycle in the office, submitting the NOAA grant, the Hut 10 renovation, planting of ‘uala

and other agricultural plants, consolidation of base camp and moving material off-island. Paul Higashino said the focus of the planting is Lua Makaki where it is cooler and Honokanai‘a where water is more available.

## **V. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS**

### **B. Review and Acceptance Budget and Finance Report**

ED Nāho‘opi‘i reported that there was no variance in spending this month and they are on budget at 57% actual spending. He said that he expects they will come in two to three percent under budget at the end of the fiscal year. Chair Aluli reported that the Budget and Finance Task Force reviewed the budget report before the meeting.

Commissioner Burrows asked how Zapata is doing on island. DD McLean replied that they are coming in under budget and the staff is pleased with their work. ED Nāho‘opi‘i said that they are proposing a less expensive contract for next year. DD McLean said that Eric Brundage was there to support the geotechnical work at Hakioawa. Chair Aluli asked if there were any archaeological concerns. ED Nāho‘opi‘i said that excavation testing was done in the area and Nancy McMahan from SHPD did not expect they would find anything. Commissioner Whitehead said that the soil would be going back, and ED Nāho‘opi‘i said that Bart Maybee would supervise that it is returned in original condition.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Neff moved to amend the agenda to move up Item VII, FY10 Budget Planning workshop. Commissioner Waihe‘e seconded the motion.

**ACTION:** Motion approved by all Commissioners present.

## **VII. WORKSHOP**

### **SUBJECT: FY10 Budget Planning**

ED Nāho‘opi‘i explained the three budget proposals in the packet. The first is the \$4.5 million budget that was presented by the staff at the last meeting. He said that it was the lowest they could go and still accomplish the goals of the strategic plan. As directed by the Commission at the last meeting, they formulated a budget closer to \$4 million and also a \$3 million budget. The only major change in the \$4 million budget is the removal of the Hakioawa Hale. The \$3 million proposal required a re-evaluation of operations and staff and greatly reduces their ability to accomplish the strategic plan goals. He said that it could mean closing base camp except for one week a month and maintaining a caretaker status for the island.

ED Nāho‘opi‘i explained that the staff recommends the \$4.5 million budget and to continue with grants and fundraising. They are now generating \$1,500 a week from volunteer accesses and expect to double that in the summer. He said that the Commission is to review the budget proposals and ask questions. A decision should be made in May after they hear if the NOAA grant has been received. He explained that the \$3 million budget could not be executed right away, and there would need to be a one to two year period of transition. ED Nāho‘opi‘i also said that the \$4.5 million proposed budget trimmed most of the fat, while keeping the strategic goals as the focus. He said that he did not recommend the \$4 million budget that would cut the Hakioawa Hale as they have worked towards it for so many years.

**MOTION:** At 10:15am Commissioner Waihe‘e moved to enter into Executive Session – Pursuant to HRS Chapter 92-5(a)(4). Commissioner Burrows seconded the motion.

**ACTION:** Motion approved by all commissioners present.

Commissioners Aluli, Neff, Burrows, Whitehead and Waihe'e and ED Nāho'opi'i, DAG Somerville, DD McLean, AO Lee and CC McMullen resolved into executive session. At 10:50am, they reported out of executive session.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Neff moved to approve Item V.B. Budget and Finance Report. He reported that the FY10 budget proposals were reviewed in Executive Session and no decisions were made. Commissioner Burrows seconded the motion.

**ACTION:** Motion approved by all commissioners present.

## **VI. ACTION ITEMS**

### **A. Approval of amended Palapala 'Aelike Kahu'Āina Stewardship Agreement with the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana Through Its Non-Profit Corporation and Fiscal Agent Kohemalamalama O Kanaloa for April 7, 2009 through April 7, 2014**

ED Nāho'opi'i explained that an extension of the stewardship agreement was approved at the November Commission meeting. In December, the PKO suggested modifications, including changing PKF to "Ohana" and adding a section on conditions for modifications to the agreement. DAG Somerville said that the dates for the agreement are stated incorrectly on the agenda and the dates for the agreement should run from today until April 7, 2014. The revised agreement has been signed by the PKO board. In response to a question posed from staff, Chair Aluli stated that other organizations could also have stewardship agreements with the KIRC.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Waihe'e moved to approve revised Palapala 'Aelike Kahu'Āina Stewardship Agreement with the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana through its non-profit corporation and fiscal agent Kohemalamalama O Kanaloa for April 7, 2009 through April 7, 2014. Commissioner Burrows seconded the motion.

**ACTION:** Motion approved by all commissioners present.

## **VI. ACTION ITEMS**

### **B. Declare that the proposed Wetland and Coastal Habitat Restoration Project (NOAA Grant Project) is exempt from the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and that it does not require a Conservation District Use Permit**

Chair Aluli asked if this motion was similar to the one last month for the Hakioawa Hale. DD McLean said that it was, and it would show this is a "shovel-ready" project for stimulus money. Commissioner Neff asked if they should include more cultural background in the application. DD McLean said that they included as much cultural and archaeological background as they could within the page limitations. Chair Aluli said that he hoped in the future that the cultural significance of Kaho'olawe would be emphasized. ED Nāho'opi'i explained that NOAA grant targeted specific information and they tailored the grant to that. DD McLean said that NOAA listed the criteria they were looking for in the RFP.

Commissioner Neff asked if they changed the goal for restoration for the grant. ED Nāho'opi'i replied that coastal planting is within the strategic plan. Commissioner Neff asked how long KIRC has done coastal planting. Paul Higashino said that they started to focus on it one and a half years ago. Commissioner Neff said that he just wanted to be sure they were not tailoring themselves to a grant. ED Nāho'opi'i said no and that they would look for funding for projects they are already doing. If they do get funding, they will use it to off-set money from the trust

and not increase the budget. Chair Aluli said he hopes for transparency and Commission involvement in grant writing. DD McLean said that the budget includes projects such as faunal restoration and ocean monitoring for which they will be seeking funding. She said that the NOAA grant would fund operations support personnel, on-island costs, and administrative support, and she is optimistic that they have a good shot at receiving it. **Commissioner Burrows asked for a copy of the NOAA grant submission.**

Chair Aluli asked if the EA exemption would be standard for their work projects. DAG Somerville said that it would be on a case by case basis. Commissioner Whitehead asked if the water tanks were exempt from the Conservation District Use Permit. DD McLean said that they were for different reasons than the Hale and that the tanks are temporary.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Whitehead moved to declare that the “Recovery Act – Wetland and Coastal Habitat Restoration on Kaho`olawe” NOAA grant project is exempt from the preparation of an Environmental Assessment pursuant to Chapter 343, HRS, and Chapter 11-200, HAR, and does not require a Conservation District Use Permit, pursuant to Chapter 13-5, HAR. Commissioner Burrows seconded the motion.

**ACTION:** Motion approved by all commissioners present.

## VI. ACTION ITEMS

### C. Formation of Legislative Task Force

ED Nāho‘opi‘i said that at the last meeting it was suggested that a task force be established to review legislative bills, develop a commission position and present the task force’s position to the Legislature. DAG Somerville suggested that they add “review and propose legislative bills” to the charter.

**MOTION:** Chair Aluli moved to establish a Legislative Task Force, in accordance with section 92-2.5(b), Hawai‘i Revised Statutes, by assigning (*no more than three commissioners*) to review and propose legislative bills, develop a commission position and present the taskforces position to the legislature. Commissioner Waihe‘e seconded the motion.

**ACTION:** Motion approved by all commissioners present.

Chair Aluli appointed himself, Commissioner Burrows and Commissioner Waihe‘e to the Legislative Task Force. He also said that it was important the staff develop expertise working with the Legislature.

## VIII. PROGRAM STATUS UPDATES

Restoration Program – Paul Higashino reported that 86 volunteers contributed their time in February and March. Chair Aluli asked if they tracked the volunteers that participate with the PKO. ED Nāho‘opi‘i said that Jackson Bauer does. Mr. Higashino said that 500 plants were planted with the PKO. He then explained how they used lunch bags from the conservation conference to plant in the hardpan. He said that they completed the obligation to the DOH grant for \$1.76 million dollars worth of volunteer hours. They continue planting in the Lua Makika area by the rain ko‘a and with coastal plantings. Staff completed RAWS weather station maintenance and continue to compile rodent data and will have a final report soon.

Mr. Higashino said that the population is building now and they will soon have a bloom. Chair Aluli asked if they were closer to an eradication plan. He replied that the faunal restoration

working group has been meeting and will go out to the island and will look at the cost for a feasibility study. Chair Aluli asked about the reimbursement from the DoH. Mr. Higashino said that volunteers are “billed” at \$21 an hour and that the NRCS rate was a bit lower.

Commissioner Burrows commented that a New Zealand group was building a fence to keep nuisance animals out of protected areas. ED Nāho‘opi‘i said that their goal is complete eradication, but that could be an option that the working group would look into to protect the wetlands. Commissioner Burrows asked about the water catchment. Mr. Higashino replied that they have 400,000 gallons of water, but the pumps are having trouble keeping up with usage. The recent repairs are holding up and they will be patching more holes and rust areas. He is talking with the Mar ‘ohana about fixing the water tanks, and the boy scouts have offered to replace the screws in the catchment. Commissioner Burrows asked if there were plans for a shelter at Lua Makika. ED Nāho‘opi‘i said that they are discussing expanding the shed for overnight stays. Commissioner Burrows said that they should look into Corey Boss’ dissertation on mobile shelters.

Ocean Program – Dean Tokishi reported that Jennifer Vander Veur went on access with the Malama Kaho‘olawe teachers to show them how they monitor marine resources. He said that 59 vessels have been registered for open trolling as of March, including 12 new vessels. He said that they also posted educational cards at the Mā‘alaea boat ramp to educate boaters about open trolling. ED Nāho‘opi‘i said that in court cases, some violators claimed that they did not know the rules. Mr. Tokishi said that they also put educational cards at fishing supply stores and state offices related to fishing.

Mr. Tokishi reported that they have tagged 16 ‘opihi to study growth and home range. They also assisted the Ahihi Kina‘u Natural Area Reserve in developing an ‘opihi monitoring program. He hopes in the future they will be able to compare data. Mr. Tokishi reported that they were able to rebleach a seal on Kaho‘olawe, which helped them identify it again last week. He discussed the botcam survey camera that surveyed bottomfish in March for size, population and abundance. The process is non-invasive and they will have a report in six months. ED Nāho‘opi‘i said that KIRC would also keep the footage from the camera. Commissioner Neff asked if it would study bottomfish on the backside of Kaho‘olawe. Dean Tokishi said that 11 sites were chosen at random from the shoals to Kanapou.

Jennifer Vander Veur explained her report on the apex fish data in relation to the Hawaiian moon phases. Chair Aluli said that he was interested in the connections between the shark god Kamohoali‘i and the Ahupu ‘Ili. Ms. Vander Veur said that she found a reference that his home was located there, and that two ‘ilis where the most sharks were seen have ties to the god. Dean Tokishi said that they are also working with Kalei Tsuha. Ms. Vander Veur said that they looked at the total number of fish and sharks by ‘ili. She said that there was a greater correlation by season than by moon phase. Ms. Vander Veur said that she wants to review the results with Kalei and that she thought some of the results were off because they were not able to observe during every moon phase and some large schools were seen.

Chair Aluli said that the research was interesting and they should talk with local fishermen. Ms. Vander Veur said that the fish tagging data lined up better than the aerial survey data and that they also need to look at the affect of the weather. Chair Aluli said that it was good that they are bringing traditional and western science together. Commissioner Neff suggested that they talk also with Uncle Les. Ms. Vander Veur said that she would also like to look at the relationship between their data and the placement of fishing ko‘a. Chair Aluli said that they should look at Dr. Weisler’s ko‘a data and that he would be in touch with Mr. Tokishi.

ED Nāho‘opi‘i said that it is important to the research that catch reports are turned in. Ms. Vander Veur said that she is finishing the data entry for the catch reports. Commissioner Burrows asked about the data from the bottomfish surveys. Mr. Tokishi said that it is being put together. Commissioner Whitehead thanked them for the interesting report. **She asked if they could submit an overview of the ocean program, including what kind of data, how it is being analyzed and how often.** She said that she wants to see how it relates to the Cultural Use Plan.

Commissioner Burrows asked if they were able to do comparative studies of fish populations in different parts of the state. Mr. Tokishi said that is what they are working towards. They are working with the Marine Option Program and trying to partner with DAR Maui to develop common methodologies. He said that each county had a different method of surveying. Commissioner Burrows said that their data would be important for use in grants. ED Nāho‘opi‘i said that Kaho‘olawe has the highest biomass of the lower eight Hawaiian islands.

Outreach Program - Ellen Pelissero that they have been working on publishing of the strategic action plans and the Year-In-Review. She said that Jackson Bauer did the graphics work on the Year-In-Review in-house and she is giving copies to *donors of over \$200*. They have prepared a Strategic Plan legislative mailer with letters personally signed by ED Nāho‘opi‘i. They gave presentations and had a display at the Hawaiian Caucus. They received \$250 after a lunch presentation given to the *Rotary Club of Honolulu Sunrise*. She arranged for the staff to participate in the “Tour de Trash” to get ideas for recycling in Kaho‘olawe. She said that they are including discussion of invasive species including cats in their presentations at the request of the Restoration staff. Chair Aluli thanked her for that. She thanked the staff for their contributions to the winter newsletter and she reported on the staff fund drive.

Commissioner Neff asked if Mr. Campbell of Maui Printing had been out to island. Ms. Pelissero said that they have spoken about taking him out as Maui Printing has given over \$3,000 in in-kind donations. **She said that she could also prepare a certificate of appreciation to give to him at a commission meeting. Commission Neff said that that would be good.** Commissioner Burrows said that the Hawaiian Civic Club meeting would be in November with close to 60 members going to Kaho‘olawe. He said that it would be a good opportunity for publicity. The HCC also will prepare another resolution to present in support of the KIRC.

Reserve Operations – DD McLean reported that they have had mechanical problems with the generator and the ‘Ohua. They will soon need a new backup generator or they will have to reduce the load. Operations staff will be installing meters. She said that SOS Metals recycling will help with the cost of cleaning the bone yard. They have received the used oil permit from the DOH so they need to begin to remove the drums. She reported that the Zapata hut is almost finished and that progress on Hut 10 had been slow because the ‘Ohua was down. She said that they still saved over \$40,000 than if they had used helicopter. DD McLean said that they will need another day to fix the Hakioawa Clivus solar panels. Commissioner Neff asked if they have replaced the floors. DD McLean said that they have replaced two hatches and have two more to do. ED Nāho‘opi‘i said that the panels would be put on the bluff. All four units are functional now.

## **IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS/FYI**

Chair Aluli said that he has been confirmed to continue his term until 2013. Collette Machado will take Commissioner Waihe'e's seat in July. ED Nāho'opi'i said that he is drafting testimony for Commissioner Machado and would forward it to him. Chair Aluli said that he would talk with Jean Santos about completing the ED evaluation. He said that he wants to have a Limited Meeting on Kaho'olawe for planning for the future. He wants it to include Norma Wong and said that she was available *May 29-31 or June 12-14*. ED Nāho'opi'i said that there would be a PKO access on June 12 and 13 and it would be good to coincide with the Limited Meeting. DD McLean said that the days of that meeting would be Friday through Sunday. Chair Aluli said that Dr. Weisler was interested in doing more research on adze flakes. Commissioner Neff thanked the staff for being there and said to remember that working on Kaho'olawe was a privilege.

After the meeting, the "Early Warriors" video was shown and discussed.

### **Upcoming Commission meetings:**

**Tues., May 5 HNL**

**Wed., June 10 HNL**

**Fri-Sun., June 12-14 (tentative Limited Meeting)**

**Wed., August 12 (tentative) Maui**

## **X. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Waihe'e moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Burrows seconded the motion.

**ACTION:** Motion approved by all Commissioners present.

The meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.