



KŪKULU KE EA A KANALOA

KAHO'OLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Tuesday April 29, 2008

9:00 AM

J. Walter Cameron Center
Conference Room #1 and #2
95 Mahalani Street
Wailuku, HI 96793

COMMISSION MEMBERS

PRESENT: N. Emmett Aluli, Chairperson; Charles Burrows; Craig Neff; John Waihe'e

ABSENT: Laura H. Thielen; Robert Lu'uwai, Vice Chair; Milton Arakawa

KIRC STAFF: Michael Nāho'opi'i, Executive Director; Michele McLean, Policy Advisor-Special Projects (PA-SP); Ka'ōnohi Lee, Commission Aide (AIDE); Ray Enos, Policy Advisor-Governmental Affairs (PA-GA); Rowena Somerville, Deputy Attorney General (DAG); Nicole McMullen, Commission Assistant (CA); Stephen Fulton, Reserve Manager; Ellen Pelissero; Tina Keko'olani; Kapono'ai Molitau; Charles Lindsey; Lopaka White; Keone Laepa'a; Dean Tokishi; Bart Maybee; Paul Higashino; David DeMark; Mei Mailou-Santos

KIRC CONSULTANTS: Jean Santos - BCR

OTHERS: Vincent Mina – Maui Aloha 'Aina, Jim Froneberger - Zapata Engineering, Kiki Hee-PKO, Don Cameron-Pachelo, Christy Wilson – Honolulu Advertiser, Sarah Ruppenthal – Maui Weekly

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Aluli called the 5th meeting for the year 2008 to order at 9:15am followed by *Pule Na 'Aumakua*. A quorum was established with four commissioners present.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Commissioner Burrows moved to approve the agenda as written. Commissioner Waihe'e seconded the motion.

ACTION: Motion approved by all Commissioners present.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Commission reviewed rough drafts of the March 18th and 19th, 2008 meeting minutes. Chair Aluli asked commissioners to follow-up with CA McMullen if they have questions. The minutes will be presented for approval at the next Commission meeting.

IV. COMMUNITY and PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Aluli asked members of the public to introduce themselves. Vincent Mina of Maui Aloha 'Aina discussed his organization, ideas for planting on Kaho'olawe, and suggested soil analysis to check the microflora. Chair Aluli asked him to contact ED Nāho'opi'i about making a formal presentation to the Commission. Mr. Mina invited the commissioners and staff to their organic farming conference in October.

V. ACTION ITEMS

A. Presentation of Strategic Plan for FY09 to FY13

Chair Aluli said that the Commission has an updated Strategic Plan after more than ten hours of workshops. Jean Santos of BCR presented a summary of the Strategic Plan. She explained that the plan opens with the Vision for Kaho‘olawe, which is unchanged since the last five-year plan was created. The next sections are taken from the previous plan and are titled “Core Values,” “A Context for Rebirth of a Sacred Island,” and “Key Factors.” Under “Core Values” the Commission added “a place of refuge.” Under “A Context” the Commission added the ‘Aha Pawalu as a major planning document. Chair Aluli said that cultural use should be driving the KIRC.

Ms. Santos said that the Mission of the KIRC remains relevant and appropriate and is unchanged from the last plan. She explained that ED Nāho‘opi‘i and his staff are developing action items for each goal, focusing first of the top three priorities. She reiterated that strategy involves change and continual measuring and updating of the plan. PA-GA Enos asked Commissioner Neff if he wanted to discuss the vision statement. Commissioner Neff said that it is good for now, but should be discussed and possibly added to the future

Ms. Santos read the Strategic Goals for the next five years that the Commission developed at the workshops. There were some suggestions for additions by staff and commissioners. The Strategic Goals with corrections in italics are:

1. To increase the size, diversity and sustainability of the trust fund by raising funds through grants, partnerships, contributions from corporations and private individuals, entering into appropriate strategic alignments and operating agreements that generate revenue without commercial activity on-island, and to manage the organization’s budget in a manner that protects the trust fund.
2. To develop and implement a culturally appropriate five-year plan to access and stabilize cultural sites, archeological sites and burial sites, and provide for appropriate access and cultural practices.
3. To develop and maintain a culturally appropriate, environmentally sustainable infrastructure to provide and maintain an appropriate on-island presence for the purposes of managing and protecting the Reserve.
4. To systematically restore the natural resources of the Reserve, including the island and its surrounding waters.
5. Create a five-year written plan to expand the volunteer base and relationships with individuals and organizations in concert with the Protect Kaho‘olawe ‘Ohana for the purposes of cultural, natural resource, and marine resource restoration, conservation and other *Native Hawaiian* traditional and customary practices.
6. To develop and implement a measurable education and communication program to deepen understanding for the children and people of Hawai‘i and the world of the natural, cultural, historical and spiritual significance of Kaho‘olawe, and to aid in the fund development process.
7. Establish a written and measurable enforcement program and network to protect Kaho‘olawe and its waters from illegal, inappropriate and unsafe use.
8. To prepare for the transition of the Reserve to the future Native Hawaiian sovereign *entity*.

ED Nāho‘opi‘i said that he would provide action plans for Goals #1 and #2 with objectives for each year at the next Commission meeting. He said that he would present a five-year plan to recover costs so that expenses will equal income. After that is achieved, he would like to look at increasing the trust. KIRC must live within its means and stay within the \$10 million reserve. For Goal #2 the cultural working group will lay out stabilization of sites by priority for the next five years. They will also address the ala loa and the fishing ko‘a. A draft plan for Goal #3 was deferred until July, #4 is due in June, and #5 is due in August. After Goal #5 is approved, the staff will finish the action plans for the remaining goals. He said that the action plans would be reviewed annually based on funding. **Chair Aluli asked that the staff get feedback from those who attended the workshop in March and post the plan for public comment. ED Nāho‘opi‘i said that they will contact the attendees and then post the plan on the website.**

V. ACTION ITEMS

B. Presentation and approval of proposed staff reorganization

Chair Aluli said that the Personnel Task Force reviewed the proposed organizational chart and most of the position descriptions. DAG Somerville reported that there were revisions to all positions, and that the positions of Deputy Director, Administrative Officer and the Grant Writer are new positions. ED Nāho‘opi‘i said that the positions have been realigned to fit the strategic goals. The staff is asking for approval of the organizational structure for implementation on July 1st. **Commissioner Burrows asked for a summary of the discussions of the Personnel Task Force.**

ED Nāho‘opi‘i said that the staff structure supports the execution of the programs. Chair Aluli asked how the structure differed from the previous organization. ED Nāho‘opi‘i replied that the middle management has been taken out. The Grant Writer and Outreach Specialist will be part of strategic fundraising. Culture and Safety will be overarching. There will be an Administrative Officer to oversee finance, human resources and correspondence. Four positions were eliminated and three created. He briefed the staff on the changes and said that the size of the organization will depend on successful fundraising.

Commissioner Burrows asked about the staff’s reaction to the changes. ED Nāho‘opi‘i said that it seemed positive and that the new structure will be empowering for the staff. Chair Aluli asked the staff in attendance their opinions and a number provided comments. They were hopeful the changes would increase communication and training for staff. Chair Aluli said that the changes have been hard, but they are starting to see what is needed to operate more efficiently and less expensively.

Commissioner Burrows asked how Base Camp would be run after the contract expires. ED Nāho‘opi‘i said KIRC would maintain a Base Camp Management contract through next year. There are questions about union groups and job skill sets for KIRC staff to manage the camp. The Commission approved the hybrid plan and that is a good place to start. PA-SP McLean said that with the recommendations of Auntie Pua, staff support and infrastructure needs may change. If Base Camp remains similar, it will still need to be streamlined. ED Nāho‘opi‘i said that KIRC is currently in the RFP process for the FY09 Base Camp management contract.

Commissioner Burrows asked how the Cultural Specialist envisioned his position in relation to education and cultural programs. Kaponō‘ai Molitau said that his first priority is to make sure that culture is infused in all programs. He will work with the cultural working group and follow their guidance in site restoration. The cultural use plan provided by the EKF will guide the program. Commissioner Burrows said that he would like to see him assume a greater role in the

planning. Mr. Molitau said that the strategic plan would be a guide, and he would be able to give mana'o in all programs. He is looking forward to the filling of the vacant cultural position and working more closely with an archaeologist. ED Nāho'opi'i said that they would follow the guidance of the cultural consultants and convert it into action. Ellen Pelissero said that Mr. Molitau has started cultural lessons at staff meetings and is playing an increasing role in presentations and outreach events. ED Nāho'opi'i said that he would like all staff to be able to communicate culture.

MOTION: Commissioner Waihe'e moved that the Commission approve the proposed staff reorganization to be effective July 1, 2008, and to revise and/or create new position descriptions to fit the organizational structure. Commissioner Burrows seconded the motion.

ACTION: Motion approved by all commissioners present.

V. ACTION ITEMS

C. Presentation of FY09 proposed budget

ED Nāho'opi'i explained that the new budget layout focuses on project cost so KIRC can evaluate the return on their investment and to help in obtaining funding. There will be four major categories: labor, transportation, equipment and maintenance, and other direct costs (ODC). PA-SP McLean said that the proposed FY09 budget in the packet is in the new layout. The Commission and Administration numbers are current estimates. The Operations and Programs figures are still in process. The new spreadsheet is printed in black and white to save expense of color printing. The Outreach and Fund Development budget has moved into the Administrative budget. The Volunteer budget was moved into Operations.

Chair Aluli asked if there was a computer upgrade this year. PA-SP McLean said that there was in hardware and software. ED Nāho'opi'i said that they would stay with Quickbooks for the time being. PA-SP McLean said that airfare is divided into inter-island and out-of-state under each category so that it can be tracked by project. The airfare information can be viewed together if needed and there are details in most line items. ED Nāho'opi'i said that the new format will help staff track costs, and they will be able to see the budget for each project. We are moving in the direction of project management.

Chair Aluli asked that the categories be listed first followed by costs. He also asked that the percentage of staff time spent on projects be broken down. ED Nāho'opi'i said that they would start using time sheets to show how much time is charged to different projects. PA-SP McLean said that the breakdown would be good for grant applications. She explained that the increase in Administration costs is due to the addition of the Grant Writer and Outreach budgets. CIP projects, such as the Kihei Site, Hakioawa kitchen and architects contract are also included in Administration. The helicopter costs have been separated into programs. Commissioner Neff noted that the Stewardship Organization Support line item was removed. PA-SP McLean said that no money was spent last year. **Commissioner Neff asked that it be added to the Culture and Education Program budget.** PA-SP McLean said that she would add it and asked for a budget.

Commissioner Burrows asked about the Restoration budget. PA-SP McLean said that the staff is refining it and they have prepared a budget of approximately \$300,000 without transportation. Commissioner Burrows asked if it was the most expensive program. PA-SP McLean said that the Ocean Program was comparable. Transportation costs should go down as they shift from air to water transport. Honolulu staff has been assisting with volunteer orientations to cut down on

travel cost. **Chair Aluli asked that the Restoration Program include alien species removal in their budget.**

There was a brief discussion on meals served on island. ED Nāho‘opi‘i said that they would provide a budget for the cook. Commissioner Neff suggested that staff have more of a say in what is served. **Chair Aluli asked that they emphasize healthy eating.** They next discussed bottled water costs. ED Nāho‘opi‘i said that using the water on-island would require licensing and testing. They would have to have a process to get it safely up-range. It is a goal of his to use the water on island. Commissioner Burrows recommended purchasing bottles that volunteers can keep.

Chair Aluli asked that routine UXO sweeps be included in the budget. It will be important for the alaloa trail construction. ED Nāho‘opi‘i said that they do not have the capacity to do clearance. He is hoping to have volunteer access guides and training for staff. Commissioner Burrows asked if there was any way to have the Navy cover the costs. Chair Aluli said that it was the staff’s suggestion to do cleanup and **he would like to see a budget for UXO this year without cutting programs.** ED Nāho‘opi‘i said that he would brief the commissioners on possible DOD funding in his Executive Director’s report. **Chair Aluli said that he would like to see emergency evacuations in the budget.**

Regarding contracts, PA-SP McLean reported that they did not budget for barge operations. They will see how much the ‘Ohua can do when the EA is passed. They received two proposals for Base Camp management and should have a proposal for the Commission at the next meeting. **Commissioner Neff asked about the safety video, and ED Nāho‘opi‘i said that they would try to do it in-house.**

PA-SP McLean explained that boater education would shift from Operations to the Ocean Program. Dean Tokishi is interested in having panel discussions. Commissioner Neff asked how they register. Mr. Tokishi said that they can contact him, there are forms on the website or they can call DOBAR. He is looking into a decal for identification of vessels that are registered. **Chair Aluli asked about the budget for the enforcement network. PA-SP McLean said that it would be added to the Ocean Program budget after they figure related costs.**

Commissioner Burrows asked about funding from NOAA. Mr. Tokishi said that they donated time and equipment estimated at \$10,000 for their recent work with monk seals. ED Nāho‘opi‘i said that Cheryl King and Ellen Pelissero attended a workshop on NOAA grants. Cheryl King is attending a two-day workshop on monk seals. **Chair Aluli asked that they change the line item from Kanapou cleanup to marine debris cleanup to include other beaches and increase the budget.** ED Nāho‘opi‘i said that NOAA has a grant for marine debris cleanup.

Commissioner Burrows asked if the Ocean Program had any plans for restoration of the Reserve. ED Nāho‘opi‘i said that the Ocean Management Plan focuses on preventing erosion and runoff. They would need to develop a program and find funding. They still need to maintain and monitor the resources so that they can identify early warning signs of problems. Commissioner Neff asked if the Navy was responsible for beach or ocean ordnance that is found. ED Nāho‘opi‘i said that they are only responsible for areas that were previously cleared, but have assisted with ordnance found on the beaches. **Commissioner Burrows wanted to make sure Base Camp is changed to Honokanai‘a Kauhale.**

PA-SP McLean explained that the Culture and Education budget is listed by projects. **Chair Aluli said that he would like to see a definition of cultural activities.** Commissioner Burrows said that he was concerned about education and who will be responsible for working with

institutions. ED Nāho‘opi‘i said that they will have to develop partnerships and that curriculum has to fulfill No Child Left Behind. Chair Aluli asked if education would be under the cultural program or separated by program. Commissioner Burrows said that education needs to include natural resources as well as culture. ED Nāho‘opi‘i said that there needs to be one point person on staff to manage and coordinate the experts on staff and the institutions and that would be Mr. Molitau in the Culture and Education program. Chair Aluli said that the education program needs to be defined and is a high priority.

Chair Aluli said that he was concerned about research and intellectual property. They need to develop staff expertise. **He would like to see a budget for research.** Research and publication could lead to funding. Commissioner Burrows said that they would need to network with organizations like NOAA.

Chair Aluli asked if there was a line item for the cultural working group. PA-SP McLean said that it would be under site stabilization, including airfare and labor. **Commissioner Neff said that they should budget for a working group meeting once a month.** Chair Aluli asked if there were plans to update and display the exhibit. Mr. Molitau said that he wants to update the photographs and plan an exhibit that could generate revenue.

PA-SP McLean said that the final budget would be under \$5 million. Last year’s approved budget was \$6.8 million and had a balance of \$3.5 million. KIRC has spent \$3.3 million so far this year.

12:30-1:30 Lunch

V. ACTION ITEMS

D. Update on draft Burial Site Assessment

Commissioner Neff provided the list of burial sites for assessment. Priority sites were listed on the last page. Mr. Molitau said that he and Theresa Donham are scheduled to go to Kaho‘olawe on May 9 to assess sites 778 and 509. She will do site mapping. Site 509 is a burial that needs to be re-interred. She will provide the mapping for the hummock wall at site 473. Attwood Makanani told them that the work would take one day. Mr. Molitau said that a written report on the access would be presented to the Commission after he meets with Theresa. He said that he is working with ED Nāho‘opi‘i on a five-year plan using the priority list. He asked if the plan should be a site stabilization plan or a burial treatment plan.

Commissioner Neff said that they could present a burial treatment plan for the Commission’s approval. He said that there needs to be a stabilization plan for each site. ED Nāho‘opi‘i said that site stabilization plans would come to the Commission for recommendation and then go to State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD) for approval. If the SHPD archaeologists write the plans, it would be easier to have them approved. Commissioner Neff said that a treatment plan has been written for site 473. There are no exposed iwi. There are a couple of sites that need to be stabilized because of runoff and one needs to be relocated because of risk. They will need better GPS coordinates to locate the ranch era site in Kuheia and site 165 that was re-interred.

Commissioner Neff said that they need to prioritize other sites, not just burials. The records need to be reviewed since they are all listed as emergency. Site 101 is included in Ms. Donham’s stabilization plan and they can start work. They are trying to schedule another cultural working group meeting. Chair Aluli asked that they make sure all sites are inspected. Commissioner Neff said that Ms. Donham would write up a yearly and bi-yearly inspection schedule. The key will be monitoring. Chair Aluli asked how far back the records go. Commissioner Neff said that

all of the archaeological information is there since the 1970s, but they have to go into different reports. Chair Aluli asked for a report periodically on their work. Commissioner Neff said that they would report as each site is completed. PA-GA Enos asked that they not use the word “kanu-ed.” Commissioner Neff said that they would like to have a version of the plan in Hawaiian. PA-GA Enos said that they should have a completely English and a completely Hawaiian version.

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

A. Executive Director’s Report

ED Nāho‘opi‘i said that the Strategic Action Plans for the first two goals, #1 Fund Development and #2 Cultural Site Restoration, are due at the end of the month and will be in the May Commission packets. He said that volunteer operations have shifted from helicopter to the ‘Ohua. He added a staff policy to include a fundraising component in all public presentations. He is working on an interagency agreement with SHPD for archeological support in exchange for GIS support. It will give KIRC access to the state GIS system and we may be able to host equipment. DAG Somerville is working on an MOA and Carmela Noneza is excited about the GIS work. The interagency agreement will be presented to the Commission at the next meeting.

ED Nāho‘opi‘i said that when the Senate Way and Means Committee reported out, the two KIRC line items were still in the DLNR budget. PA-GA Enos said that they are still tracking, but that he thinks that the funding may have been cut. ED Nāho‘opi‘i said that he is looking into possible DOD funding for clearance work. DOD could be responsible due to long-term residual risk of post-cleared areas. There may be a line item under research and development that could pay for sweeps, training, a UXO position and safety programs. He will start discussions with Jennifer Sabas.

ED Nāho‘opi‘i reported that he had a conference call with the US Army Corp of Engineers. They learned that there is a statutory limit of \$7 million for the small boat harbor project. If KIRC could get grants we could stay within this limit. They will try to bring down the cost of the feasibility study. KIRC has the survey data and could use the staff for work. Chair Aluli asked if the study was a priority and if they were planning to relocate to Kuheia. The study would be a major drain on staff time. He asked if KIRC would put up the funds if they do not get the money from the legislature. PA-SP McLean said that the feasibility study would look at five potential sites. ED Nāho‘opi‘i said that they would have to do the study first to see if the harbor at Kuheia was even feasible. Chair Aluli said that the statutory limit makes it more of an investment by the KIRC. PA-SP McLean explained that construction would be 90% federal funds. The study phase is 50-50%. The Commission needs to decide if they really want a harbor at Kuheia. Representatives from the US Army Corps could come to the next commission meeting to answer questions.

Jean Santos asked ED Nāho‘opi‘i what he would recommend at this point. ED Nāho‘opi‘i said that he would recommend postponing or just doing Honokanai‘a. He would consider doing it if they got the money from the Legislature. PA-SP McLean said that the \$250,000 would only cover the first year and there would be a second year of the study. ED Nāho‘opi‘i said that he hoped in-kind contributions would bring the price down. Chair Aluli asked the Ocean Program their opinion. Dean Tokishi said that maybe they should postpone. Kuheia area has one of the more intact ecosystems. The dredging would damage the coral and road construction would cause more sedimentation. Paul Higashino said that the boat trip to Kuheia would be shorter and safer ride, but it would depend on their plans for the island. Keone Laepa‘a said that the ride

would be half the time and cost and Kuheia does not have the swells at Honokanai'a. ED Nāho'opi'i said that Kuheia could be an alternative site if they could not land at Honokanai'a. Chair Aluli asked that the discussion be taken to the staff. Commissioner Neff asked about the history of the feasibility study. AIDE Lee said that it was first discussed in 2002 and 2003. Action was postponed due to the appropriation freeze. **Chair Aluli asked that historical background of the discussions be provided for the new commissioners.** Commissioner Neff said it was important that they preserve and protect the resources. He asked if the landing craft was considered when they decided to do the study. PA-GA Enos said that it was not. Chair Aluli said that he thought they should meet with Derek Chow again.

ED Nāho'opi'i said that the Hakioawa kitchen working group recently met with the architects. They will present conceptual drawings at the PKO meeting at the end of May. They are looking for zero maintenance. KIRC will bid and manage the contract. ED Nāho'opi'i said that they are looking at a cost share with the PKO to finish the site. Commissioner Neff asked about the extent of the Kober/Hansen/Mitchell contract. PA-SP McLean explained that the contract also includes the Kihei site. A plan is needed for the Kihei site and for money generation.

PA-SP McLean reviewed the budget report through March 2008. She said that most spending was under budget. There are positions that are unfilled. There were issues with the office lease, but they are now caught up with payments. Chair Aluli asked about the amount of rent. David DeMark replied that rent is \$8,000 plus \$1,500 for the storage unit. PA-SP McLean said that there were some recent repairs to the Hakilo under Operations. The BWET grant has been paid and is listed under reimbursements. Dean Tokishi said that he has the final report on hard copy and CD. Chair Aluli said that it was important that they promote the program. Ellen Pelissero said that they recently discussed the program at a Delta Gamma Sorority teacher's conference. PA-SP McLean explained that the next budget report will show what is left in the DOH grant. Two salaries will be paid by the grant through FY09. She also reported the prior year expenditures will be incorporated in the FY09 budget, and the budget will be kept under \$5 million. The Commission then reviewed the status of solicitations and contracts.

ITEM VI. ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES

A. KIRC Status Updates

Restoration Program: Paul Higashino reported that they are wrapping up the DOH obligation. The traps are full at the rodent transects. Restoration staff are studying the mouse population. Chair Aluli asked that they check on traps at Hakioawa. Christina Donehower has re-measured the erosion pins. Lopaka White has completed ocean lifeguard training. Mr. Higashino pointed out the satellite image in the packets that shows all of the irrigation lines plotted by Lyman Abbott and Carmela Noneza. They are continuing coastal plantings at Honokanai'a. Lyman Abbott recently took a solar lab as part of a class project.

Ocean Program: Dean Tokishi said that ocean and wind conditions were not good during their monthly aerial survey. The whale count was the highest in the state. He thanked the staff for their help with the MOP dives. The ocean staff are trying different 'opihi monitoring techniques. They are hoping to compare data from other areas. They want to know if the Reserve is helping to increase the 'opihi population. Commissioner Burrows was interested in seeing a chart for 'opihi population density. Dean Tokishi said that this kind of monitoring is new and there are hardly any established efforts. He said that the same techniques cannot be used in all areas.

Mr. Tokishi shared an atlas of shallow water benthic habitats from NOAA with the commissioners. He presented a graph showing whale sightings from January through March from 2005 to 2008. Sightings have been in constant decline since January. He said that the

numbers are consistent with state trends. He said that they seem to be coming earlier and staying longer, from mid-October through April. Commissioner Burrows asked about whales in Hawaiian history. Mr. Tokishi said that there is no mention of Humpback whales, but he has heard that sperm whales are mentioned. There is not much mention of monk seals either. **Chair Aluli asked him to read Dr. Weisler's research and to look at research on coral dating and the offerings on Kaho'olawe's fishing ko'a.**

Cultural and Education Program: Kapono'ai Molitau said that there would be two accesses this month to work on the Education Center at the ROC. **Chair Aluli said that he would get notes to him from their meeting with Aunty Pua.** Mr. Molitau said that he would like to see a report from her. Chair Aluli said that they emphasized to her the need to start implementing the plan. Commissioner Neff said that they asked her to write out what she wanted implemented. He hoped that the working group would have her report before the next Commission meeting. She is concerned about stabilizing the loa'a stone and site 101. **Commissioner Neff said that he would like to see a workshop with Aunty Pua for the staff so that they are comfortable and familiar with Aunty Pua's ideas. She is ready to meet with the staff.** Chair Aluli said that we need to know that we are on the right track. He said that he would like to someday see halau for different cultural practices on Kaho'olawe. **Commissioner Burrows asked that Mr. Molitau be included on any future accesses of Aunty Pua.** Mr. Molitau discussed upcoming presentations.

Outreach Program: Ellen Pelissero reported that Mr. Molitau opened both houses of the Legislature at the Hawaiian Caucus. She listed members of the Legislature who came by the KIRC booth. She and senior staff members met twice with grant specialist Carol Gallant. She also attended a NOAA grant-writing workshop with Cheryl King. KIRC media releases have been picked up by CNHA, adding 3,000 contacts. She set up an interview for ED Nāho'opi'i for Ka Wai Ola, OHA's newsletter. Presentations have been picking up, and they took a wish list from the programs to try to increase donations. KHNL will be filming on Kaho'olawe for their series, Earth and Sea, which will increase awareness of the KIRC's programs.

Reserve Operations: Stephen Fulton reported that there have been repairs to the generator. Repairs have cost \$25,000, which was still less than the cost of purchasing a new generator. They have installed the first solar water heater, which is supplying two huts. Corey Boss is preparing a materials list for his retrofit of Hut 10. Commissioner Neff asked about dust in Hut 10 with the natural ventilation. Mr. Fulton said that he believed it was addressed in Mr. Boss' revised proposal and he would check. On May 5, 2008 a materials representative will be out to inspect the water catchment system.

Mr. Fulton reported that all accesses in May are planned for the 'Ohua. Goodfellow Brothers will begin construction on the Kuamo'o Road on May 27 and planned to be complete in two to three weeks. He reported that Theresa Donham signed off on the placement of the Clivus units because there was concern over their proximity to a site. Two areas have been scouted for the units and he wanted the Commission's input. Chair Aluli said that he would leave the decision up to him. Commissioner Burrows asked about the cost per Clivus. PA-SP McLean said that they were \$20-25,000 per unit, with \$10,000 for installation. He asked whose responsibility the units will be. PA-SP McLean replied that after the reorganization, they would be the Natural Resource Specialist V's responsibility and the Deputy ED would do the CIP. There are five toilets, two at Honokanai'a, two at LZ1 and one at Kealaikahiki.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENT/FYI

Commissioner Burrows asked about an access for OHA trustees. Chair Aluli said that he would follow up with Commission Waihe'e.

Upcoming Commission meetings

May 15 in Honolulu

June 27 on Maui

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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

ACTION: Motion approved by all Commissioners present.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.