

MOLOKAI IRRIGATION SYSTEM ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
MINUTES

10:00 am, June 16, 2009

- I. Call to Order: Adolph Helm, Chairman, called the meeting to order @ 10:06 am.
Board Members Present: Adolph Helm, George Maioho, Steven Arce, James Boswell, Richard Wheeler, Audwin Calairo

Guest: Duane Okamoto, Brian Kau, Randy Teruya, Oscar Ignacio, Jr. and Walter Ritte
- II. Approval of Agenda: Steve Arce moved to accept the agenda; seconded by Richard Wheeler; motion carried.
- III. Approval of Minutes: Richard Wheeler pointed out that the MPL inflow and outflow numbers appeared to be incorrect. Oscar pointed out that the minutes did not reflect the decimal point properly. George Maioho moved to accept the minutes as amended; seconded by Steve Arce; motion carried.
- IV. Old Business
 - A. System Update – Reported by Oscar Ignacio, Jr.:
 - Water level in reservoir @ 18.5 feet; compared to 16.0 feet last year at the same time.
 - 2.710 mgd average reservoir inflow; 3.25 mgd average reservoir outflow.
 - MPL Inflow = 0.421 mgd; Outflow = 0.512 mgd and
 - MPL Bufer balance = 8.982 MG.
 - The pumps in Waikolu Valley are not running at this time due to a fault in the electrical system. Greg Cravalho, a high voltage technician took time to assist us in finding the problem. After inspection, he came to the conclusion that the problem lies within the motor control panels. He recommended that we obtain Marty Johnson of Pacific Electro-Mechanical, to inspect and repair the fault. At this time, we are awaiting a response from Marty Johnson.
 - Chair Helm asked if staff knew the reason for the pumps not working.
 - Oscar reported that on a 2nd visit to Waikolu Valley, he determined that 2 phases of the 3-phase system was not operational. Apparently, a single phase was engaged providing lighting only, but no power for the 3-phase pumps.
 - Chair Helm asked what is currently being done to restore power?
 - Oscar responded that Marty Johnson of P.E.M. had been contacted to provide a quotation to perform the repairs. We are awaiting his quote.

- Oscar also reported that Well #17 was “down” and MPL is awaiting parts for the repair.
 - Walter Ritte asked if DOA applied for Federal Stimulus funds?
 - Randy responded that he wasn’t aware of stimulus funds that were available specifically for irrigation systems.
 - Duane added that the department inquired about federal stimulus funding and only qualified for aquaculture development funds.
 - State stimulus funds were pursued, but the program was canceled.
- B. Capital Project Update – reported by Randy Teruya
- As of June 1, 2009, contractor has performed the following:
 - 100% - Install cable and switch as West Portal Entrance.
 - 67% - Clear three plugged blow-off/flush valves. Randy explained that the remaining plugged blow-off valve will be addressed after the contractor completes the primary cable installation.
 - 100% - Received transformers and delivered to site.
 - 80% - Complete on installation of the primary cable; with completion anticipated by June 30, 2009.
- C. Accounts Receivable Collections Discussions – reported by Duane Okamoto
- Duane distributed a summary of Delinquent Accounts Receivable as of May 31, 2009.
 - Duane also reported that DOA has a tentative schedule to meet with DHHL and OHA’s financial people to collaborate on a plan to assist homesteaders in repaying their debts.
 - Chair Helm asked what the timeline was to start the program?
 - Duane responded that the program should be developed by August with implementation by September 2009.
 - Walter Ritte asked if DOA knows of the complaints and concerns of the users?
 - Duane responded that many of the complaints and concerns were asked at the Roadmap meetings and the last public meeting and were responded to at that time.
- D. Development of MIS Mission Statement – Duane Okamoto
- Duane stated that this item was recommended by the Legislative Auditor and would be the starting point for the development of the MIS Strategic Plan.
 - Discussion on the direction of the MIS Water Users Board should be reflected in the mission statement.

- Duane stated that he would like to see the board focus on more task oriented subjects.
- Possibly report on a more expanded detail of the MIS operations and maintenance.
- Richard Wheeler commented that he liked the 3rd suggested mission statement, except for the use of the term “safeguard”.

V. New Business

A. Status of Roadmap to Improvement and Legislative Audit Recommendations

- Duane handed out a summary reflecting the various recommendations and the status of each item.
- The summary shows that DOA has addressed each recommendation and have either completed or implemented the recommendation. There are only one or two items still in progress.
- Walter wanted to be put on record as stating the following:
 - Complained that the large ag users are not applying Best Management Practices (BMP's) to uncultivated lands.
 - The seed corn companies are still using water cannons during the day and even when its windy.
 - Chair Helm stated that DOA could include a reminder notice to use BMP's in the monthly billings.
 - Audwin attempted to explain that the seed corn companies are trying their best, however, while using the water cannon at night, sometimes they have to relocate the irrigation equipment from one area that was irrigated the night before to another area needing irrigation during the day.

B. Acknowledgement of Advisory Board Members

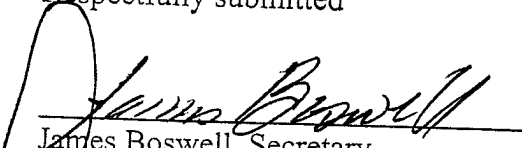
- Duane congratulated the outgoing directors and thanked them for serving on the board. Many improvement were initiated and accomplished because of their involvement.

VI. Next Meeting Date: August 18, 2009 at 10:00 am, MIS Conference Room.

VII. Announcements: None

VIII. Meeting adjourned @ 11:37 am, motion by Richard Wheeler; seconded by Steve Arce. Motioned carried.

Respectfully submitted


James Boswell, Secretary
MIS Water Users Advisory Board