Meeting of the Board of Directors

Held via Teleconference

February 24, 2021
9:00 a.m.

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For both internet and phone access, when testifying, you will be asked to identify yourself and the organization, if any, that you represent. Each testifier will be limited to five minutes of testimony per agenda item.

AGENDA

A. Call to Order

B. Roll Call

C. Approval of minutes from the December 16, 2020 meeting

D. Request for Approval to Exercise Option to Extend the Term of Lease No. LE-WM1717 Issued to the Whitmore Economic Development Group in Whitmore, Oahu, for Two Years, Tax Map Key (1) 7-1-002-004 (por)

E. Request for Approval to Issue a Right of Entry to the Honolulu Police Department for 1 Acre of Land in Whitmore, Oahu, Tax Map Key (1) 7-1-002-009 (por)

F. Request for Approval to Issue a Month-to-Month Revocable Permit to Loan Lovan for 60 Acres, More or Less, in Waialua, Oahu, for One Year, Tax Map Key (1) 6-5-001-044 (por)

G. Request for Approval to Issue a Land License to Kelena Farms, Inc. for Agricultural Purposes, in Paalaa Uka, Oahu, Tax Map Keys (1) 6-5-002-011; (1) 6-5-002-006; (1) 6-5-002-008; and (1) 6-5-001-046

H. Request for Approval to Issue a Land License to Waikele Farms, Inc. for Agricultural Purposes, in Kunia, Oahu, Tax Map Keys (1) 9-4-012-001 & 003

I. Request for Approval to Renew Revocable Permit No. 7299 Issued to Senter Petroleum for 0.5 Acres, More or Less, in Kekaha, Kauai, for One Year, Tax Map Key (4) 1-2-002-001 (por)

J. Request for Approval for Establishment of the Whitmore Development and Recommendation Investigative Committee Pursuant to Article 4, Section 3 of the ADC Bylaws and HRS Section 92-2.5(b)(1)

K. Request to Adopt the ADC Tenant Review and Recommendation Committee’s Findings and Recommendations for Developing a Solicitation to Interested Farmers

L. Presentation by Shelley Choy of the Hawaii Department of Agriculture Regarding Hemp

M. Presentation by Friends of Waimanalo Regarding a Proposed Hemp Project in Whitmore

10-MINUTE BREAK

N. Update on Ohana Best, LLC vs. State of Hawaii, et al., Civ. No. 19-1-1640-10

"The Board may go into executive session, pursuant to H.R.S. §92-5(a)(4), to consult with the board's attorney on questions and issues pertaining to the board's powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities."

O. Review and Discussion on the Legislative Auditors’ “Audit of the Agribusiness Development Corporation”, Report No. 21-01, submitted to the Legislature on January 14, 2021

P. Annual Performance Evaluation of the Executive Director (continued from December 16, 2020, Item G)

"The Board may go into executive session, pursuant to H.R.S. §92-5(a)(2), to consider the evaluation of an officer or employee where consideration of matters affecting privacy will be
involved, and H.R.S. §92-5(a)(4), to consult with the board’s attorney on questions and issues pertaining to the board’s powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities.”

Q. Executive Director’s Update

1. Paala’Uka
2. Kalepa
3. Legislative Update
4. Guidance from Board on Requests for Interviews from Public Media
5. ADC Newsletter

R. Adjourn

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