

MOLOKAI IRRIGATION SYSTEM ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

10:00 AM, MAY 19, 2009

- I. Call to Order: Adolph Helm, Chairman, called the meeting to order @ 10:15 am.
Board Members Present: Steven Arce, George Maioho, Audwin Calairo, and James Boswell.
DOA Representation: Duane Okamoto and Oscar Ignacio.
- II. Approval of Agenda: James Boswell moved to accept the agenda; seconded by George Maioho; motion carried.
- III. Approval of Minutes: Steven Arce moved to accept the minutes; seconded by James Boswell; motion carried.
- IV. Old Business
 - A. System Update – Reported by Oscar Ignacio
 - Water level in reservoir @ 21' (480 mg); compared to 18.5' at the same time last year.
 - 3.04 mgd reservoir inflow; 3.25 mgd reservoir outflow.
 - Two pumps running off peak hours – 9:00 pm to 7:00 am, for 10 hours day. Pump #6 timer switch is defective and will be replaced. Pumps #6 and #22 are operational only when the workers are in the valley.
 - The following Irrigation System tasks were completed:
 - a) 5/8/09- Visual inspection of transmission pipeline conducted and no leaks were observed. All flush valves and blow-out valves were flushed and cleared. The ARV's are in proper working condition.
 - b) 5/15/09- The embankments, spillway, inlet and outlet was inspected; no leaks or erosion was observed. The security fencing is okay; and the gates and chains are secured.
 - c) The construction work in the tunnel is ongoing; over 2 miles of the new air guard under water cable has already been installed. The cable is hanging low in spots, but it will be corrected once installation is completed throughout the tunnel.
 - d) 4/16/09- Concrete panels hanging from the office building were removed due to potential hazards (of falling).
 - e) Two workers were hired thru Alu Like's work program. They began on 5/18/09 and will continue for 6 weeks.
 - MPL Inflow (Well 17) = 0.610 mgd; Outflow (@ Mahana) = 0.420 mgd; and MPL has 17.565 mg in storage.

- B. Capital Project Update – reported by Duane Okamoto
 - Electric cable installation is 50% completed; entire job should be done by June 1, 2009. Two transformers will be replaced; and are already on Island. Contractor will be responsible to clear out ARV Blowout valves.
 - Regarding purchase of a backhoe- they are looking at purchasing new vs used, but will have to go through procurement procedures.

- C. Financial Status of MIS – reported by Duane Okamoto
 - Review of Financial Analysis of MIS – refer to handout
 - Brief discussion on MPL’s transmission line use agreement held. A lot is contingent on the State’s audit request of MPL’s water utility companies.

- D. Accounts Receivable Discussion – reported by Duane Okamoto
 - Some delinquent accounts are making payments.
 - DOA wants to work with DHHL and OHA regarding collection procedures. Each will be looked at on an individual case-by-case basis.

- V. Legislative Updates – reported by Duane Okamoto
 - Bill to expand the MIS Advisory Board passed, but did not go to conference committee. It can be brought back next year.
 - Monies for the hydro project and repair to concrete flumes were taken out; and monies for the SCADA system was approved.
 - Lynn DeCoite was confirmed to MIS Advisory Board; she will replace Richard Wheeler as the Hikiola representative on the board, effective July 1, 2009.
 - Due to harsh economic times and budget cuts, DOA looking into video conferencing for Advisory meetings, thereby reducing travel cost.

- VI. Next Meeting – Duane requested meeting in June (instead of July) in order to prepare for outgoing and incoming board members.
Meeting scheduled for 6/16/09 @ 10:00 am.

- VII. Announcements – By July 1, DOA will no longer be providing return envelopes in customers monthly billing statements.

- VIII. Motion to adjourn meeting @ 11:45 made by George Maioho and seconded by Steven Arce; motion carried.