

MOLOKAI IRRIGATION SYSTEM ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
MINUTES

10:00 am, June 30, 2009

- I. Call to Order: Adolph Helm, Chairman, called the meeting to order @ 10:01 am.
Board Members Present: Adolph Helm, Steven Arce, James Boswell, Richard Wheeler, Audwin Calairo

Guest: Duane Okamoto, Randy Teruya, and Oscar Ignacio, Jr.
- II. Approval of Agenda: Richard Wheeler moved to accept the agenda; seconded by Steven Arce; motion carried.
- III. Approval of Minutes: Richard Wheeler moved to accept the minutes as circulated; seconded by Steve Arce; motion carried.
- IV. Old Business
 - A. System Update – Reported by Oscar Ignacio, Jr.:
 - Water level in reservoir @ 18.0 feet; compared to 16.0 feet last year at the same time.
 - 2.24 mgd average reservoir inflow; 3.25 mgd average reservoir outflow.
 - MPL Inflow = 0.911 mgd; Outflow = 0.528 mgd and
 - MPL Bufer balance = 19.895 MG.

 - Oscar also reported that Well #17 has been repaired and is operational.
 - The pumps in Waikolu Valley are still not running at this time due to a fault in the electrical system.
 - Randy stated that HDOA received a quotation from Marty Johnson of Pacific Electro-Mechanical (PEM), however, it did not include a reasonable breakdown of the work to be performed and the costs related to utilizing two types of electricians.
 - HDOA has requested a breakdown of costs for PEM's quotation.
 - Chair Helm asked for a timetable for the pumps to be restored.
 - Randy replied that it would be difficult to give an estimate until we receive a reasonable quotation, however, pump restoration will be a high priority for HDOA.
 - James Boswell asked about the Pump Maintenance contract that is scheduled to commence on July 1, 2009. What is included in the Scope of Work (SOW)?
 - Randy replied that he did not have copy of the SOW, but will provide copies to board members upon request.
 - Chair Helm emphasized the critical need for the pumps to be repaired and operational, especially during the summer.

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B. Capital Project Update – reported by Randy Teruya

- As of June 30, 2009, no real change from last report of June 16, 2009. Presently, the installation of the primary electrical cable within the Waikolu Tunnel has been placed “on hold”. Installation is complete and tested to Pump Gallery #22 near the East Portal. However, due to the electrical fault, the contractor has chosen to await HDOA’s instructions.

C. Accounts Receivable Collections Discussions – reported by Duane Okamoto

- Duane reported that water toll revenues were “down” approximately 20%. The decrease in revenue is primarily due to the water restrictions imposed on the non-homestead users and lower consumption by homestead users.
- On the expense side, electricity is still the largest monthly expense.
- As of June 29, 2009, Gov. Lingle signed the Executive Budget that reflects a reduction in General Fund subsidy of approximately 15%. That means that the HDOA will receive \$361,000 in general fund subsidy for the State-wide Irrigation Systems instead of the usual \$425,000.
- Duane also stated that the MIS is about 86 million gallons below the threshold to receive a volume discount for the next fiscal year.
- Also, included in the approved budget, was HDOA’s Capital Improvement Project (CIP) to complete the SCADA system that is estimated to cost \$3,500,000.
- HDOA will work to convince the governor to release the appropriated funds.

V. New Business

A. Nominations for Officers for FY2010:

- Chair Helm acknowledged the leaving board members; Richard Wheeler, George Maioho and himself, noting that each person has performed their duties as concerned members of the agricultural community and as MIS users.
- Chair Helm, noted that half of the board will be leaving and the remaining directors may have concerns about serving a full year as an elected officer of the board.
- That being said, it was suggested that the remaining directors assume the respective positions of Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary of the Water Users Advisory Board for an interim period from July 1 to December 31, 2009.

- Upon the proper nomination or appointment of replacement directors, the then interim officers may elect to remain in the position held or opt to relinquish the position and nominate another board member for the vacated position.
- It is assumed that the vacant positions will be filled by the year's end.
- The floor was opened for nominations:
 - James Boswell was nominated for MISWUAB Chair by Audwin Calairo; the nomination was seconded by Richard Wheeler.
 - Steven Arce was nominated for MISWUAB Vice-Chair by James Boswell; the nomination was seconded by Audwin Calairo.
 - Audwin Calairo was nominated for MISWUAB Secretary by Steven Arce; the nomination was seconded by Richard Wheeler.

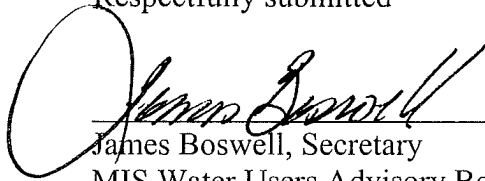
All nominations were acknowledged and approved by unanimous vote of the members present.

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

VII. Announcements: Duane looked into video-conference facilities. Tentatively, the August 18, 2009 meeting could be by video-conference. HDOA will confirm availability of Molokai and Oahu facilities.

VIII. Meeting adjourned @ 11:04 am, motion by James Boswell; seconded by Steve Arce. Motioned carried.

Respectfully submitted



James Boswell, Secretary
MIS Water Users Advisory Board