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5 **Minutes of the Board of Agriculture**  
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7 CALL TO ORDER – The meeting of the Board of Agriculture was called to order on April  
8 22, 2014 at 9:05 a.m. by Chairperson Scott Enright, at the Department of Agriculture  
9 Plant Quarantine Conference Room, 1849 Auiki Street, Honolulu, HI 96819.

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11 **Members Present:**

12 Scott Enright, Chairperson  
13 Glenn Hong, Member-At-Large  
14 Clark Hashimoto, Member-At-Large  
15 Jerry Ornellas, Kauai Member  
16 Michelle Galimba, Member-At-Large  
17 Bill Tam, Deputy Director of Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR)  
18 Dr. Maria Gallo, Dean of the College of Tropical Agriculture & Human Resources  
19 University of Hawaii (CTAHR-UH), Ex Officio Member  
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21 **Members Absent:**

22 Richard Lim, Director of Department of Business, Economic Development, and  
23 Tourism (DBEDT)  
24 Richard Ha, Hawaii Member  
25 Lynn DeCoite, Maui Member  
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27 **Others Present:**

28 Melissa Miyashiro, Coordinating Group on Alien Pest Species (CGAPS)  
29 Haunani Burns, Deputy Attorney General  
30 Oscar Hennig, Shrimp Improvement Systems Hawaii (SIS)  
31 Craig Kirihara, HDOA/Plant Quarantine Branch (PQB)  
32 Randall Chang, HDOA/Agricultural Resource Management (ARM)  
33 Randy Teruya, HDOA/ARM  
34 Janelle Saneishi, HDOA, Chairperson's Office (ADM)  
35 Darcy Oishi, HDOA/Plant Pest Control Branch  
36 Amy Takahashi, HDOA/PQB  
37 Bruce Layman, Kauai Taro Company  
38 Keevin Minami, HDOA/PQB  
39 Lance Sakaino, HDOA/PQB  
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41 **II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM 3/25/14 MEETING:**  
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43 Chairperson Enright requested a motion to approve the March 25, 2014 meeting  
44 minutes.  
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1 Motion for approval: Ornellas/Galimba

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3 Vote: Approved, 6/0.

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5 III. COMMENTS FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC ON AGENDA ITEMS (ORAL OR  
6 WRITTEN)

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8 There were no comments from the general public on agenda items.

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10 IV. INTRODUCTION AND COMMENTS

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12 There were no introductions or comments.

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14 V. BOARD OF AGRICULTURE COMMITTEES ON POLICY ISSUES

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16 Chairperson Enright said that at the last Board of Agriculture meeting, he asked the  
17 Board to work on energy and agriculture issues through Board committees that will do  
18 investigative work and formulate policies. He recounted that at that meeting, the Board  
19 had concurred on establishing an Energy Committee to be composed of Board Member  
20 Ha as Committee Chairperson, Board Member Hashimoto and Chairperson Enright as  
21 Committee members. Deputy Attorney General Haunani Burns noted that under the  
22 Sunshine Law, a board vote is needed to assign members to an investigative committee  
23 and define the scope of the investigation and the committee members' authority.  
24 Chairperson Enright reiterated that the Energy Committee will be working on alternative  
25 energy issues, initially on State leased lands and that this investigative committee's  
26 authority will be as broad as possible.

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28 Motion to approve the Board of Agriculture Energy investigative committee scope,  
29 authority, and member assignment as discussed: Hong/Hashimoto.

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31 Vote: Approved, 6/0

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33 Board Member Galimba asked if the Board must go through the same process each  
34 time a new committee is formed.

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36 Deputy Attorney General Haunani Burns said yes, the Board would have to go through  
37 the same process if it is another investigative committee.

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39 VI. COMMUNICATIONS FROM DIVISIONS AND ADMINISTRATION

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41 A. AGRICULTURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT DIVISION

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43 1. Request for Acceptance of Annual Lease Rents as Determined by  
44 Independent Appraisal for Rent Reopenings and Lease Conversions

1 for Various Lots Located in Kahuku, Waimanalo and Waianae, Oahu;  
2 Kekaha, Kauai; and Molokai, Hawaii

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4 Presentation by Mr. Randolph Teruya, Agricultural Asset Manager, Agricultural  
5 Resource Division, as submitted. Staff recommends approval.

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7 Motion for approval: Galimba/Hashimoto

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9 Board Member Ornellas asked what would happen if the appraised rate for State  
10 agricultural leases is less than the current lease rate.

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12 Mr. Teruya said that if it is an agricultural park lease, the lease agreement states that if  
13 the agreed rent is less than the current rate, the higher rate will prevail. Existing rent  
14 rates will not decrease, they can only go up.

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16 Vote: Approved, 6/0.

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18 2. Request for Consent to Sublease Between the Hamakua Agricultural  
19 Cooperative and Donna Mitts; TMK (3) 4-3-005:010; Hamakua, Island  
20 of Hawaii

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22 Presentation by Mr. Randall Chang, Agricultural Resource Division, as submitted. Staff  
23 recommends approval.

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25 Motion for approval: Hashimoto/Hong

26 Vote approved: 6/0.

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28 3. Request for Consent for Cancellation of Sublease between the  
29 Hamakua Agricultural Cooperative and Randall Higa; Hamakua, Island  
30 of Hawaii

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32 Presentation by Mr. Randall Chang, Agricultural Resource Division, as submitted. Staff  
33 recommends approval.

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35 Motion for approval: Ornellas/Galimba

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37 Board Member Hong asked whether the system is on an old water system, and if there  
38 is not enough water pressure, what remedy is there for the lessee.

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40 Mr. Teruya said that the agricultural park is part of the Honokaa-Paauilo irrigation  
41 system. In the rules, if there is insufficient water pressure for the lessee, the land  
42 occupant is required to store water in an elevated tank.

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44 Board Member Hong asked whether constructing an elevated tank would be expensive.  
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1 Mr. Teruya said not necessarily. A 500 gallon tank is around \$500. Right now ARM  
2 uses the old irrigation ditch system from Hamakua Sugar.

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4 Board Member Hashimoto asked whether a 500 gallon tank would be sufficient.

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6 Mr. Teruya said in this situation, a 500 gallon tank would be sufficient, as the lessee has  
7 an orchard.

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9 Vote approved: 6/0

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11 Board Member Tam arrived.

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13 4. Request to Rescind Prior Board Action Approving the Award of Non  
14 Agricultural Park Lands to Eric Beresford-Wood, Lot No. 14, TMK (1)  
15 4-1-010-046 Koolaupoko, Waimanalo, Island of Oahu

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17 Presentation by Mr. Randolph Teruya, Agricultural Asset Manager, Agricultural  
18 Resource Division, as submitted. Staff recommends approval.

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20 Motion for approval: Hashimoto/Gallo  
21 Vote approved: 7/0

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23 5. Request for Conversion of General Lease No. S-3860; Hawaiian  
24 Sunshine Nursery, Inc.; TMK (1) 4-1-024:062 and 063, Lot No. 31;  
25 Koolaupoko, Waimanalo, Island of Oahu

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27 Presentation by Mr. Randolph Teruya, Agricultural Asset Manager, Agricultural  
28 Resource Division, as submitted. Staff recommends approval.

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30 Motion for approval: Galimba/Tam  
31 Vote approved: 7/0

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33 6. Request for Conversion of General Lease No. S-3759; Ultimate  
34 Innovations, Inc.; TMK (1) 4-1-010:042; Lot No. 11; Koolaupoko,  
35 Waimanalo, Island of Oahu

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37 Motion for approval: Hashimoto/Hong

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39 Board Member Galimba asked if the lessee uses their land more for raising plants  
40 rather than for construction.

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42 Mr. Teruya said the lessee uses their land more for raising plants. The lessee has a  
43 shade house as well as field crops. The lessee has a lot of staff, but most of the staff  
44 works independently. The lessee has about 15-20 vehicles, but the vehicles are rarely  
45 at the subject property, as most of the vehicles are in town.

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Vote approved: 7/0

7. Request for Conversion of General Lease No. S-3767; A&K Nursery, Inc.; TMK (1) 4-1027:028; Lot No. 27 Koolaupoko, Waimanalo, Island of Oahu

Presentation by Mr. Randolph Teruya, Agricultural Asset Manager, Agricultural Resource Division, as submitted. Staff recommends approval.

Motion for approval: Hong/Hashimoto

Vote approved: 7/0

8. Request for Conversion of General Lease No. S-3782; Puongpun Sananikone and Than-Lo Sananikone, Husband and Wife; TMK (1) 4-1-026:017; Lot No. 48; Koolaupoko, Waimanalo, Island of Oahu

Presentation by Mr. Randolph Teruya, Agricultural Asset Manager, Agricultural Resource Division, as submitted. Staff recommends approval.

Motion for approval: Tam/Hashimoto

Motion approved: 7/0

## B. PLANT INDUSTRY DIVISION

1. Request to: (1) Allow the Importation of, *Penaeus monodon* and *Penaeus stylirostris*, Shrimps on the List of Restricted Animals (Part B), by Permit, for Aquaculture, Sales, and Transfer, by Shrimp Improvement Systems Hawaii; (2) Establish Updated Permit Conditions for the Importation of *Penaeus monodon* and *Penaeus stylirostris*, Shrimps on the List of Restricted Animals (Part B), by Permit, for Aquaculture, Sales, and Transfer, by Shrimp Improvement Systems Hawaii; and (3) Establish Updated Permit Conditions for the Inter-Island Transport of *Penaeus monodon* and *Penaeus stylirostris*, Shrimps on the List of Restricted Animals (Part B), by Permit, for Aquaculture and Sales, by Shrimp Improvement Systems Hawaii.

Presentation by Mr. Craig Kiriara, Acting Invertebrate and Aquatic Biota Specialist. Staff recommends approval.

Motion for approval: Galimba/Tam

Mr. Kiriara called Mr. Oscar Hennig, breeding program manager for SIS, forward to address the Board.

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2 Board Member Ornellas asked whether potential shrimp viruses can survive freezing  
3 temperatures, and if someone goes down to the market to buy shrimp and goes fishing  
4 with it, whether there would be a potential for contamination.

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6 Mr. Hennig said “yes.”

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8 Board Member Galimba asked whether there would be periodic checks by aquatic  
9 veterinarians and if so, how frequently.

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11 Mr. Hennig said there will be inspections every six months.

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13 Board Member Hong asked what the two shrimp species will primarily be used for.

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15 Mr. Hennig said the core business for SIS is to improve genetics of shrimp as  
16 broodstock and export those products abroad. Farming shrimp for consumption in  
17 Hawaii is hard because of the high costs involved.

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19 Board Member Tam asked if SIS sells any shrimp for local consumption.

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21 Mr. Hennig said SIS only sells shrimp for export. Broodstock that do not make the  
22 quality checks to export is split amongst the staff to eat. Broodstock is not sold in  
23 Hawaii markets.

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25 Mr. Kiriara said in regard to viruses surviving in frozen shrimp, fishermen use frozen  
26 shrimp every week as bait, and as far as diseases are concerned, there have been no  
27 diseases established in Hawaii’s oceans that he is aware of. Mr. Hennig concurred.

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29 Board Member Hong asked what the specific types of shrimp breeds are used for.

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31 Mr. Hennig said 80% of the market farms *P. vannamei* shrimp. The two species  
32 requested for import today, *P. monodon* and *P. stylirostris*, are like an insurance policy  
33 for variety that SIS will breed to introduce to different markets in the future.

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35 Board Member Ornellas said he heard the shrimp industry is collapsing due to disease.

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37 Mr. Hennig said that since 2011, there has been a new disease called the Early  
38 Mortality Syndrome (EMS) that did great damage to South East Asian shrimperies.  
39 Many shrimp farms have actually blocked broodstock from Asian countries, and there  
40 has been an increase in demand of broodstock from Hawaii, as Hawaii is currently  
41 disease free from EMS.

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43 Vote approved: 7/0

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1 VII. NEW BUSINESS

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3 Chairperson Enright introduced Grant Tomita from HDOA Quality Assurance Division  
4 which will be making a presentation to the Board on milk at the Board's May 2014  
5 meeting. The May Board meeting will be held on Kauai. Chairperson Enright said that  
6 Board Member Galimba wanted a discussion on milk and asked what the Board wants  
7 to discuss during the next meeting.

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9 Board Member Galimba said she wants to discuss the Milk Control Act, and how the act  
10 addresses conditions that no longer exist today. She said that the Board may need to  
11 look at a long term approach on how to rejuvenate the industry.

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13 Chairperson Enright said he will put that on the agenda for the next meeting on Kauai.

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15 Board Member Gallo said she heard some environmental concerns about the Kauai  
16 dairy, and she would like that to be addressed during the next Board meeting.

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18 Board Member Galimba asked Deputy Attorney General Burns to confirm that the Board  
19 may go into executive session to consult with its attorney under certain circumstances  
20 and Ms. Burns confirmed what the Sunshine Law generally allows in this regard.

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22 Chairperson Enright said that at the next meeting on Kauai, Ms. Jeri Kahana will  
23 discuss milk issues and the history of the Milk Control Act.

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25 Board Member Hong asked if Hawaii currently has two dairies.

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27 Chairperson Enright answered "yes." Chairperson Enright asked the Board if it would  
28 be appropriate to discuss little fire ant issues for the next meeting.

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30 Board Member Hong said it would be appropriate to discuss identification and control of  
31 this pest.

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33 Board Member Ornellas asked if the Board could discuss the Kalepa lands.

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35 Chairperson Enright said the Board can review the Kalepa lands and also do a review of  
36 Kekaha as well. For the next HDOA Board meeting, we are looking to do the meeting at  
37 the DOA's Kauai facility.

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39 Board Member Gallo said that she received a call from a hobbyist who cultivates  
40 ornamental fish, and he was concerned about the current rules that he claims hampers  
41 cultivation of ornamental fish.

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43 Chairperson Enright said the Board can discuss that at a future meeting.

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45 Chairperson Enright opened the discussion to members from the audience.

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Mr. Bruce Layman, representing Kauai Taro Company came forward.

Mr. Layman said that he has a concern with the Kapaa Poi Factory. He said that they don't want to see the Kapaa Poi Factory permit to be turned into a long term lease. They would like to see the factory be used to its full capacity and taken care of. He said that his company wants to put a bid for the permit or have the permit be put up for public auction in the future.

Chairperson Enright invited Mr. Layman to talk with Randy Teruya of ARM on this issue.

Board Member Ornellas said that he is glad Mr. Layman referred the factory as a "poi factory" instead of a "poi mill." The correct term is "poi factory."

VII. ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 AM

Respectfully submitted,



Noa K. Ching  
Board Secretary