

DRAFT MINUTES

Molokaʻi Irrigation System Water Users Advisory Board

April 8, 2025

I. Call to Order -12:10PM

II. Introductions/Role Call

Janice Fujimoto- DOA

Lance Kaneakua- DOA

David Bush- DHHL

Oscar Ignacio- Hikiola Users

James Boswell- Homestead Users

Jill Coombs- Non-Homestead Users

Noelani Joy- guest

III. Approval of Draft Minutes from the February 4, 2025 meeting.

David made a motion to accept the draft minutes as presented.

James second

No Discussion

Motion passes

IV. Old Business

A. Status of 2023 Proposed Irrigation Water Rate Changes- no updates at this time

B. Letter to the Board of Agriculture addressing concerns over funding of the Molokaʻi Irrigation System – no letter at this time, just submitted testimony in support of the two bills that would support MIS.

V. New Business

None

VI. Reports and Presentations

A. System Update – Hawaiʻi Department of Agriculture (HDOA) Staff –

a. see attachment:

b. 10% voluntary restrictions since March

c. No injuries

d. Pump 6 running Dec12- now 24/7

- e. Pump 24 off
- f. No new meter installations
- g. 30% brush cleared- looking into other brush cutting equipment options
- h. 90% gravel cleared

B. Capital Projects Update – HDOA Staff

- a. Road to the west portal, Promethius removing larger boulders from top of access road
- b. CIP request for engineering to fix the part of the access that caved in
- c. SCADA and pump evaluation for Waikolu.
- d. HDOA is applying for a federal grant to put in some solar near the west portal to offset some electric costs.
- e. Current legislative budget request is funding for MIS
 - i. Finishing couplings
 - ii. Paint transmission lines
 - iii. Design and fix road
 - iv. Baseyard septic conversion
- f. DHHL lease extension request past June 2025

C. Financial Update, with energy use report and expenses – HDOA Staff

- a. Running in the red right now
 - i. July 1-June30
 - 1. MIS -\$68,487.93
 - 2. Statewide -\$252,620.30
- b. Largest part of the expenses is electric
- c. Evaporation is a big loss - no good evap reduction options identified to date

D. Board Member Vacancies

- a. Mokupuni- Toodie Purdy in Progress
- b. MLSWCD- Faith in progress
- c. Denise Kawano- in progress

VII. Announcements

- a. Reminder to do ethics training

VIII. Next Meeting Date

June 24, 2025- noon, MIS baseyard

VIII. Adjournment

Oscar made a motion to adjourn the meeting. David 2nd. Meeting Adjourned 12:55PM

MOLOKAI IRRIGATION SYSTEM

April. 08, 2025

Monthly Report

Number of farm field visit to provide general assistance not related to meters 0

Quarterly Report

Period: April. to June. 2025

Number of days without planned water delivery disruption (i.e. normal water delivery)0

Number of days of water restrictions for Homesteaders0

Number of days of water restrictions for non-Homesteaders.....0

Number of days without accidents or injuries:38

Percentage change in revenue and operating cost:

Pump 6: is running from Dec 12. 2024 24hrs Pump 24: off at the moment

Semi-Annual Report.

Period: Jan to June

Number of meters installed for Homesteaders.....0

Number of meters installed for Non-homesteaders.....0

Number of meters repaired or replaced..... 0

Average time between request for service and completion of service:approximately 3 months.

Annual Report.

Number and type of Capital Improvement Projects 0

Number of CIP projects in progress..... Pending

Percentage of brush cleared in Reservoir..... 30% cleared.

Percentage of gravel cleared in tunnel..... 95% cleared.

Financial Strength: On time bill paying

Financial Weakness: Delinquent account\Rising Fuel Cost\Pumps

Molokai Irrigation System

Department of Agriculture

Date: April. 08, 2025

To: Molokai Water Users Advisory Board
From: Lance Kaneakua (District Manager)
Subject: System update

Molokai Irrigation Tasks

April 4th We went through the tunnel to clean the gratings, flush the diversion dams and weed whack the roadway to the diversion dam building. We are weed whacking the slope of the reservoir to maintain vegetation growth.

All daily/Monthly duties is on going for the month.

Kualapuu Reservoir level... 26 feet..... 615 million gallons stored.

Level at this time last year... 27 1/4 feet.

Reservoir average outflow...3.433 MGD from the total usage from the meter readings

Reservoir average inflow.....4.140 MGD