

Molokai Irrigation System Water Users Advisory Board  
DRAFT Meeting Minutes  
March 8, 2023

1. Meeting was called to order at 11:03am
2. Approval of minutes: No quorum
3. Introductions/ Roll Call
  - a. Board Member present in person: Jill Coombs, Faith Tuipulotu, Nathaniel Oswald
  - b. Board Member present via zoom: NA
  - c. D.O.A. Staff In person: Lance Kaneakua
  - d. D.O.A. Staff via zoom: Kirk Saiki, Janice Fujimoto, Stephen Dalton
  - e. Attendee via zoom: Lynn DeCoite District 7 Senator
    - i. Senator DeCoite gave testimony on the role of the MISWUAB, including that the board should advise the state in the operation of the MIS, the board should be able to talk to priorities, and summarize these priorities in the minutes. She recognized the urgent need for serious improvements to our Molokai infrastructure and assets and commented on the necessary documentation to support the funding of these projects. Sen. DeCoite acknowledged that one of the main limiting factors of the MISWUAB was the lack of quorum. She urged current members to recruit new members so that the board can function to its full capabilities and make progress on the outstanding issues affecting the MIS.
  - f. Guests: none
4. Old Business:  
None
5. New Business  
None
6. Reports and Presentations
  - A. System update – refer to attachment
  - B. Capital Improvement:
    1. Waikolu Valley fiberglass walkway project. Tentative April start date
    2. Water valve replacement by Goodfellow Bros. Tentative March start date. Project will require disruption in service. MISUAB questioned the communications plan for user awareness of these planned outages.
  - C. Board Member Vacancies
    - a. Hikiola- 2 possible interested people
    - b. Homestead Users- 2 possible interested people
    - c. Moku Puni-seat has never been filled since its creation
    - d. DHHL- HDOA (Janice) contacted DHHL and following up.
    - e. Non-Homestead Users- Jill's term is expiring and she will reapply.
7. Announcements: suggestions were made for additions to next month's agenda including capital review and infrastructure efficiency improvements.
8. Next meeting date: April 19, 2023 at 11 a.m. at the Molokai base yard or zoom
9. Meeting adjourned 12:05

Sincerely,  
Jill Coombs

**Molokai Irrigation System  
Department of Agriculture  
Date: March 03, 2023**

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

**Molokai Irrigation Tasks**

**This month we been trying to keep gravel cleaned from the tunnel. Cleaning up debris from the diversion dams to get as much water as possible. Had minor damages to the gratings after the past storm that hit us. Tri-L cleaned out the tunnel from rocks and gravel with there Skid Loader.**

**March 6<sup>th</sup> we went through the tunnel to check if there was gravel build up it was all cleared all the gratings where cleaned**

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

**Kualapuu Reservoir level.....26 feet..... Just over 615 million gallons stored.**

**Level at this time last year.....28 3/4 feet.**

**Reservoir average outflow.....1.497 MGD**

**Reservoir average inflow.....6.657 MGD**

**MOLOKAI IRRIGATION SYSTEM**  
**March 08, 2023**

**Monthly Report**

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

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**Quarterly Report**

Period: Jan. to March.

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

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

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

Number of days without accidents or injuries: ..... 67

Percentage change in revenue and operating cost:

Pumps been running since July 1, 2022 But it off at the moment due to good rain

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**Semi-Annual Report.**

Period: January 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.

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**Annual Report.**

Number and type of Capital Improvement Projects 2

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 are running daily