

Molokai Irrigation System Advisory Board
DRAFT Meeting Minutes
October 9, 2023

1. Meeting was called to order at 2:35 pm
2. Introductions/ Roll Call
 - a. Board Member present in person: Jill Coombs, David Bush, James Boswell
 - b. Board Member present via zoom: Nate Oswald
 - c. D.O.A. Staff In person: Lance Kaneakua
 - d. D.O.A. Staff via zoom: Stephen Dalton, Janice Fujimoto
 - e. Guests: Wilma Joy
3. Approval of minutes: Minutes were not approved because although the board had quorum, no one was present to second the motion for approval as only fully confirmed board members are allowed to vote.
4. Old Business:
 - a. Proposed Water Rate Changes
 - i. Public testimony was received. The department of Agriculture is going through the testimony, but it hasn't gone to the board yet. They are also concurrently reaching out to legislature to look for alternative means of funding. There is no new timeline on next steps.
 - ii. The MISUAB has decided that we would like to place our own letter to the editor in the Molokai Dispatch stating that we oppose the rate increase on the basis that we disagree with the results of the financial analysis. We completely agree that the MIS needs funding for projects, infrastructure and salaries, but we do not feel the rate increase is the best way to cover these expenses.
5. New Business
 - a. MIS Projects:
 - i. The board discussed the option for online payments.
 - ii. Pumping system improvement project.
 - iii. Would like to see the rest of the valves from the meter replacement project completed along with any corresponding studies and permits with the State historic preservation department regulations.
 - iv. Replace the rest of the leaking couplings on the transmission line.
 - v. Request for information on how to close an account to avoid paying an acreage assessment fee if no water is being drawn.
 - vi. Communications into the valley, Hawaii Tel line to be fixed so phone can work again.
 - vii. New mower or better, tractor with arm mower to do brush control on the sides of the reservoir.
 - viii. Solar project, help with the system losses to minimize evaporation.
6. Reports and Presentations
 - A. System update – refer to attachment

B. Capital Improvement:

1. Waikolu Valley fiberglass walkway project. Prometheus work is in progress
2. Water valve replacement by Goodfellow Bros. Project is almost complete, but some valves need to be moved to a new CIP because they are stuck and need to be dug out which may require a permit.
3. Corona Virus Recovery Funding
 - a. Repairs to sluice gate and lower diversion dam, waiting on parts.
 - b. Replace couplings on transmission pipeline, but there is not enough funding for this, so only some of the couplings can be replaced, not all.
 - c. Replace broken gates
 - d. Kualapu'u reservoir, contractor to remove vegetation.

C. Financial Updates: MIS is running in the black currently.

D. Board Member Vacancies

- a. All vacancies have been filled, waiting on confirmations.

7. Announcements:

MIS is getting a new worker, Kirk DelaCruz to replace Kaniala.

Reminder to reach out to legislature so our island is properly represented in future funding opportunities.

8. Next meeting date: Tuesday January 16, 2024 at 2pm at the Molokai base yard or zoom

9. Meeting Adjournment:

- a. James moved to adjourn the meeting. David seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 3:48PM

Sincerely,
Jill Coombs

Molokai Irrigation System
Department of Agriculture
Date: Oct 09, 2023

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

Molokai Irrigation Tasks

Oct. 5th We went through the tunnel to do our monthly maintenance flushing the diversion dam, clean the gratings and take pictures of the flow meters for pumps 6 and 23.

Oct. 6th we took Kirk Dela Cruz to check on the transmission pipeline to show him what he got to do and how to flush the transmission pipeline.

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

Kualapuu Reservoir level.....20 feet..... 455 million gallons stored.

Level at this time last year.....19 feet.

Reservoir average outflow.....3.681 MGD

Reservoir average inflow.....3.130 MGD

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Monthly Report

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

Quarterly Report

Period: Oct. to Dec.

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:9

Percentage change in revenue and operating cost:

Pumps: Running since Sept. 27, 2023

Semi-Annual Report.

Period: July to December

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

Number of meters installed for Non-homesteaders.....2

Number of meters repaired or replaced..... 78

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

Annual Report.

_ Number and type of Capital Improvement Projects 2

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

Percentage of brush cleared in Reservoir..... 50% cleared.

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

Financial Strength: On time bill paying

Financial Weakness: Delinquent account\Rising Fuel Cost\Pumps