

BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY
COUNTY OF MAUI

REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 27, 2011

The regular meeting of the Maui County Board of Water Supply was held at the Department of Liquor Control office conference room, 2145 Kaohu Street, Room 105, Wailuku, Maui, on Thursday, October 27, 2011.

Due to illness and work schedule conflict the Chair and Vice Chair were not able to attend. Deputy Corporation Counsel James Giroux announced that there will be a special vote for a chair pro tem.

Motion: Member Yamamura nominated Kevin Boteilho to serve as chair pro tem.

Second: Member Gerbig

Discussion: There being no further nominations, Member Eason asked to have the nominations closed.

Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Kevin Boteilho at 9:04 a.m.

ATTENDANCE

Members present: Kevin Boteilho, Chair pro tem
Patricia Eason
Donald Gerbig
John Hoxie, Jr.
Ted Yamamura

Members excused: Phyllis Robinson
Kelli Myers
William Kamai
James Rust

Staff present: Paul Meyer, Deputy Director

Edward S. Kushi, Jr., First Deputy Corporation
Counsel
James Giroux, Deputy Corporation Counsel
Agnes Nolan, Private Secretary
Gaye Hayashida, Commission Support Clerk

Others: William Blietz
John Pollock
Mary Blaine Johnston, Deputy Corporation
Counsel
Tonya McDade, Court Reporter

At this time Chair Boteilho moved Appeal No. 08-06 to the end of the appeal hearing portion.

ANNOUCEMENTS

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Boteilho asked for approval of the minutes of September 22, 2011.

Motion: Member Gerbig to accept the minutes of
September 22, 2011.

Second: Member Eason

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous. Motion passed.

TESTIMONY FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

APPEALS

The meeting moved to the hearing Appeal Nos. 08-06, 10-01 and 11-01.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

OTHER BUSINESS

Discussion regarding Repairs and Maintenance of the Waikamoi Flume and Reservoirs in order to store more water.

This matter was moved to the November 17, 2011 meeting.

Member Hoxie stated that the board had many discussions on this and they are still in the dark. Therefore, he would like to a request a report that has "some meat" in it, so they don't have to keep bringing this up all the time.

Member Gerbig asked for written summary. Member Hoxie clarified by saying, he doesn't want the Department to spend a lot of time and energy doing this. They just want to know what's happening and where we are; the board doesn't need a huge report.

Receipt of Board Member request for agenda items to be placed on future agendas

There were no requests for agenda items at this time.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

After consulting with First Deputy Corporation Counsel Ed Kushi and Deputy Corporation Counsel James Giroux, the chair allowed Member Hoxie to speak on the matter of the Board's recommendation letter to the Charter Commission.

Member Hoxie gave an update of the Board of Water Supply's recommendation to the Charter Commission. It was on the 10th that the commission acted on this matter. The commissioners' comments were that it was a very big issue. His "read" on this was that they probably didn't want to tackle it and the commissioners felt that Dave Taylor was doing a good job.

There was an amendment to change the Board of Water Supply to a Board Water Appeals and the comment was made that we already have a Board of Water Supply now which is the County Council. That motion failed to move forward.

The Charter Commission unanimously passed the motion to take the Board of Water Supply's recommendation off the active list.

Deputy Director Meyer gave an update of the dry conditions and water levels. For the last few days the Wailoa Ditch is below 30 million gallons and the Department is now running Pookela Well 24/7 but is losing ground in terms of the raw water storage for Upcountry.

The Central system is going along fine but one well out in Maui Lani has been found to have increased chloride levels so pumping will be scaled back on that well. They will ask Maui Lani to move their irrigation to another source.

By authority of the Maui County Council, the Department has the ability to use Hamakuapoko wells as a backup. They are in the process of evaluating and completing the deferred maintenance work necessary to put the wells into operating condition. The Department would like to put in a 200,000 gallon tank at Well No. 2 to serve as a buffer.

The Hamakuapoko Wells are already plumbed for gravity feed down to Paia so theoretically they could be used for Central as well but right now the approval is only for Upcountry. An environmental assessment is now underway but they have been told that the new environmental assessment will likely be challenged. This could pose further delays.

There is a disinfection by-product issue and they are half way through the analysis of ways to resolve that issue at Piihola, which may potentially be resolved at a relatively modest cost.

Olinda Treatment Plant has been shut down because there has not been any water coming out of the Waikamoi Flume. They are taking down the raw water reservoir at Olinda to do some repair work.

The Department has been advised by the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers that they will hold the DWS exempt from requirements for a 404 permit for the flume repair and reconstruction work.

The audit of the Department is now final and the auditors do not have any recommendations or comments for the board in terms of a management letter.

The DWS has been able to re-acquire water credits from Dowling and Company, about 33,000 gallons per day at \$10 per gallon. The

Department is able to issue new meters and it could be as much as 55 water meters.

The list of source development recommendations is being finalized.

They are planning to expand at a reasonable cost the 'Iao Water Treatment Plant.

The Department is working with Maui Land and Pine to get additional water for Mahinahina Weir.

The DWS will be going into a monthly billing cycle which will help consumers better control of water conservation. They are anticipating a February start date.

The Water Resource and Planning Division will soon be moving to the first floor of One Main Plaza from the Hokama Building.

The Department is working to standardize future well development agreements with private developers.

DIVISION REPORTS

September 2011 Division Reports

Member Gerbig asked for clarification/correction on the following pages.

Page 2, GW, SW should be written out, ie. Ground Water, Surface Water.

Page 3, Aquifer 12 Month Movement should be Aquifers.

Regarding page 6, Maui Water Supply 2011, Water Treatment Facilities Production, Member Gerbig asked to have the Unit of measure at the top; ie. gallons per day, million gallons, etc.

Pages 7 through 12 should list the units of measure; ie. gallons per hour, per day.

Pages 13 through 16, correct the spelling of "Depriciation".

Page 18 and 19, maps should be labeled; ie. Maui Island, Molokai Island.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:12 am.

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Deputy Director