

BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY  
COUNTY OF MAUI

REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES OF APRIL 16, 2015

The regular meeting of the Maui County Board of Water Supply was held at the Department of Planning Conference Room, 250 South High Street, Wailuku, Maui, on Thursday, April 16, 2015.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Kamai at 9:05 a.m.

ATTENDANCE

Members present: William Kamai  
Robert Joslin  
Raymond Cabebe  
Anders Lyons  
Michael Suzuki  
Thomas Watanabe

Staff present: Paul Meyer, Deputy Director  
Jennifer Oana, Deputy Corporation Counsel  
Edward S. Kushi, Jr., First Deputy Corporation Counsel  
Gaye Hayashida, Commission Support Clerk

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of March 19, 2015

Chair Kamai asked for a motion to approve the minutes of March 19, 2015 as submitted.

Motion: Vice Chair Joslin moved to approve the minutes of March 19, 2015 as submitted.

Second: Member Suzuki

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried. The minutes of March 19, 2015 were approved as submitted.

TESTIMONY FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### Discussion of the Committee's points on future rates and fees, and possible recommendations to the Department

Deputy Director Meyer confirmed that the fee schedule attached to the report is the same as what the department had put forth.

Vice Chair Joslin said that we see people squeak by with a \$1,000 a year of sales and get the full benefit of a commercial operation on water so the committee looked at the possibility of raising the minimum rate from \$1,000 to \$5,000. He believes that the flaw in the system is that anyone can report \$1,001 in G.E.T whether they actually took in the money or not.

The deputy suggested that a fair and balanced approach would be to require a separate meter for agricultural purposes.

The vice chair said he disagreed with this idea because you won't be able to see what anybody does in their backyard when they connect the pipes to the other meter. It has to be done by revenue because everybody understands that. If you cannot get \$500 a month or \$6,000 a year then you're really not an agricultural consumer.

Motion: Vice Chair Joslin moved to have the department and corporation counsel draft language to stratify the agriculture water rates based on gross sales receipts for consumption over 15,000 gallons per month. Category 1 being \$0 to \$1,000 per year, matching current water rates based upon the standard 5/8th inch water fee(s) without any ag water discounts; Category 2 being \$1,001 to \$5,000 per year, getting 300% of ag water rates; Category 3 being \$5,001 to \$12,000 per year, getting 200% of ag water rates; and Category 4 being \$12,001 and up per year, getting 100% of ag water rates.

Second: Member Lyons

Discussion: Member Watanabe felt \$12,000 in gross sales was not enough to pay all your expenses and to survive. But Chair Kamai explained that the \$12,000 is just to get the break.

Vice Chair Joslin stated that you're either 100% a farmer or a farm operation and this should take out the part-timers or weekend farmers.

Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried. The department and corporation counsel will work on a draft to stratify the agricultural water rates as detailed in the motion.

After the motion passed, Vice Chair Joslin had questions regarding the G.E.T. requirements.

The deputy director informed him that the G.E.T. form that the applicants submit are not stamped filed copies. In fact, the board has seen some evidence of these in the past in connection with the appeals where they are handwritten out in pencil.

The vice chair responded by saying that the G.E.T. form should be stamped filed when it is turned in to the department.

### OTHER BUSINESS

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

1. Unfinished Business: Discussion on the department's recommendation regarding the system development fees
2. Other Business: Discussion on the qualifications of the department's personnel to evaluate an applicant's property for agricultural activities
3. Other Business: Discussion on the procedure for Minimum Standards of Agriculture Water Rates

### DIVISION REPORTS

#### Operational Division Reports

Deputy Director Meyer informed the board that:

1. They have been working non-stop on the department's rates and fees, and capital expenditures for the upcoming budget and educating the council on the amount of capital expenditures they are going to spend and where that money will come from.
2. Maui County has the lowest water rates among all the counties.
3. Some of the big capital projects include the \$15 million rebuilt of the 'Iao Treatment Plant which is going to increase efficiency and allow the department to process another 1.5 million gallons a day. There are well development projects, one being Wailuku 2, and other wells in the Waikapu area.
4. Things are going along ok in terms of operations. Olinda is back on line so they shifted back to pumping to the Upper Kula line and now are using chloramines as a disinfectant there.

5. They re-lined the Waikamoi Reservoirs as well as the Olinda basin and re-fitted a lot of the filters at the Olinda Plant.
6. At Piiholo they put in a new SCADA control system and put in the GAC project which is about to be accepted. This will improve reliability and quality of the water coming from the Piiholo Plant.
7. They are going to get a new liner and cover for the raw water basin at the Mahinahina Treatment Plant.

At this time, Member Lyons asked if the board needs to respond to Mr. Marsh, who submitted written testimony regarding a drought plan at the last meeting.

Deputy Director Meyer responded by saying that probably by the next meeting there will be an ordinance regarding the rates and fees that will make this more clear.

Mr. Kushi explained that without determining the rates and fees the (water shortage) ordinance means nothing.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the regular meeting was adjourned at 9:56 a.m.

Prepared by:

---

Gaye Hayashida  
Commission Support Clerk

Approved for distribution:

---

Paul Meyer  
Deputy Director