

BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY
COUNTY OF MAUI

REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES OF MARCH 17, 2016

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, March 17, 2016.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Kamai at 9:13 a.m.

ATTENDANCE

Members present: William Kamai, Chair
Robert Joslin, Vice Chair
Sylvia Ho
Michael Suzuki
Thomas Watanabe

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of January 21, 2016

Chair Kamai asked for a motion to approve the minutes of January 21, 2016 as submitted.

Motion: Vice Chair Joslin moved to approve the minutes of January 21, 2016 as submitted.

Second: Member Suzuki

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried. The minutes of January 21, 2016 were approved as submitted.

TESTIMONY FROM THE PUBLIC

No one gave public testimony.

COMMUNICATIONS

COM 15-05, Letter from the United States Department of the Interior regarding Multi Island 49 Species PL, Reopening of the Comment Period and Notice of Public Hearing regarding the Proposal to List 49 Species from the Hawaiian Islands as Endangered.

There was no discussion on this matter so Chair Kamai asked that this letter be filed.

OTHER BUSINESS

Discussion and possible action regarding committee assignment to the Water Use and Development Plan

This matter was deferred to the next meeting.

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

1. Forming a committee for the WUDP and appointing board members to this committee.
2. Letter supporting the department's water rates and meter fees.

Motion: Vice Chair Joslin to re-affirm the board's prior position supporting that letter that was submitted earlier

Second: Member Ho

Discussion: Deputy Director Meyer stated that the board may be confusing it with another letter on the ag water rates.

Vice Chair Joslin said the original letter should have been around budget time last year.

Department staff will find the letter and use the same format for this letter of support.

3. Elections for Board of Water Supply chair and vice chair

DIVISION REPORTS

Deputy Director Meyer stated that Director Taylor gave the department's annual presentation to the council yesterday and the Maui News reported it in today's paper. Board members may view the rebroadcast of this meeting on AKAKU.

The Department of Health's SRF Loan program representatives were also at this meeting. Deputy Meyer reported that now there is more flexibility with the program. The department can get 2% financing with a line of credit for up to 20 years.

The department has opened bids for the 'Iao Water Treatment Plant and their in-house estimate had it coming in around \$15 million but the actual bids were around \$5 million more. So they will have to do a budget amendment.

The deputy announced that Dean Tanimoto has been promoted to Water Plant Division Chief. Mr. Tanimoto is now in charge of running the SCADA and Control System, all the pumps, all the wells and tanks.

There has not been any substantial progress on the Upcountry meter list. The department has not issued any new meter letters since the end of November. The real problem is that the department needs 3 engineers for the Upcountry, Westside and Molokai group but they only have one.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 16-01, Commending William Kamai for his service and presentation of koa plaque

Resolution 16-02, Commending Loren Tilley for his service and presentation of koa plaque

Vice Chair Joslin read these two resolutions into the record. Chair Kamai was then presented with a koa plaque, lei and a certificate from Mayor Arakawa. Member Tilley was not present at this meeting. (Note: Member Tilley's koa plaque and certificate were delivered to him at his office on March 22, 2016.)

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:33 a.m.

Prepared by:

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Commission Support Clerk

Approved for distribution:

Paul J. Meyer
Deputy Director