

BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY
COUNTY OF MAUI

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MINUTES OF MAY 21, 2020

The regular meeting of the Maui County Board of Water Supply was held virtually on BlueJeans, on Thursday, May 21, 2020.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Shay Chan Hodges at 2:31 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Members present: Shay Chan Hodges, Chair
Zoli Milaskey, Vice Chair
Joseph Aquino
Antonette Eaton
Dean Frampton
Norman Franco
Buddy Nobriga
Nalani Kaninau

Staff present: Jeffrey Pearson, P.E., Director
Mimi Desjardins, Deputy Corporation Counsel
Caleb Rowe, Deputy Corporation Counsel
Noreen Saito, Commission Support Clerk

Cablecast: Video conferenced via BlueJeans and viewable on AKAKU, Maui
Community Media

ANNOUNCEMENT

Resignation of member Dr. Hanna Mounce

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of February 20, 2020

Motion: Member Milaskey moved to approve the minutes of February 20, 2020

Second: Member Frampton

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried. The minutes of February 20, 2020 were approved.

TESTIMONY FROM THE PUBLIC

Dick Mayer gave public testimony on the 2019 Annual Average Metered Water Consumption that Deputy Corp Counsel Rowe presented at the Supreme Court with his statement on the total water supply for upcountry, the A&B ownership of the ditch, and from the state lease area to Kamole Weir, as he pointed out on his map presentation. Mr. Mayer stated that Deputy Corp Counsel Rowe was in error in his presentation. Mr. Mayer stated that the State and A&B has an agreement going back to the 1930's that gives the State an easement over that land area. He pointed out on his table graph the sources for the upcountry water system and its usage for fiscal year 2019. He requested that the Board of Water write a letter to the State Supreme Court reflecting the true facts about Maui's water system and apologize for Deputy Corp Counsel Rowe's misrepresentation.

Member Frampton read and quoted a Maui News article on a paragraph of Deputy Corp Counsel Rowe's statement. Member Frampton stated he did not think there is a problem with the yearly average, rather a problem with a low flow period.

Member Eaton asked Mr. Mayer where did he find his information on the 1930's agreements. Mr. Mayer replied he will get more information on the 1937 and 1938's agreements.

Member Franco asked Mr. Mayer if his graph includes water going to Ke'anae and how does it fit in? Mr. Mayer replied it does not include water going to Ke'anae. Those waters are not included in his graph or table. Member Franco asked if there could be a better map to show where the water flow is going to.

V OLD BUSINESS - Postponed until the next meeting, June 18, 2020.

VI OTHER BUSINESS

A. Discussion/possible Action Regarding Election of Board Chair and Vice Chair for 2021 (June 1, 2020 – May 31, 2021).

Chair Chan Hodges opened to nominate a chair and vice chair for the Board of Water Supply.