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**MINUTES
AHA MOKU ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Date: Wednesday, May 22, 2013

Time: 1:00 pm

**Place: Department of Land and Natural Resources
1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 132
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813**

ATTENDANCE:

Members: Keith Robinson – Niihau
Thomas Hashimoto – Kauai
Leiahola Kaluhiwa – Oahu
Winnie Basques – Lanai
Les Kuloloio – Kahoolawe
Piilani Kaawaloa – Hawaii

Staff: Esther Kiaaina, First Deputy Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR)
Lauren Goodmiller, Division of Forestry and Wildlife (DOFAW)
Kuulei Moses, Office of the Chairperson

Absent: Kamalu Poepoe – Molokai (excused)
Kyle Nakanelua – Maui

Began with protocol: Oli

I. CALL TO ORDER

Leslie Kuloloio called the meeting to order. Piilani Kaawaloa offered a pule.

II. ROLL CALL

Kaawaloa took the roll. All members present, except Kamalu Poepoe and Kyle Nakanelua absent.

III. MINUTES

a. Approval of April 18-19, 2013 minutes.

Kaawaloa stated the format and organization of the minutes are satisfactory and a good template for the future.

Kaawaloa moved and Kaluhiwa seconded to approve the minutes.

VOTE: Motion passed.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

a. Review of candidates and potential selection of Executive Director.

b. Executive Session

Kaawaloa moved and Kuloloio seconded to enter Executive Session pursuant to HRS § 92-5(a)(2) to review candidates for the Executive Director position.

VOTE: Motion passed.

***Executive Session not reflected in the minutes.**

Kuloloio announced the close of Executive Session. Kuloloio announced the selection of Executive Director as Leimana DaMate.

c. Discussion of potential models for administrative structure.

Kiaaina stated that DLNR is receiving many questions and comments from the public regarding the role of AMAC. Kiaaina stated that Act 288 provides clear elements of the role of the AMAC and contents of the Legislative report. Kiaaina provided the following discussion questions.

- 1) How does AMAC interface with DLNR and its staff?
- 2) How does DLNR and its staff interface with AMAC?
- 3) How does AMAC interface with the community?
- 4) How does the community interface with AMAC?

Kiaaina recommend the Executive Director be the conduit for all forms of communications, and that Kiaaina will act as the person of contact until the Executive Director is formally hired.

Kiaaina stated that questions from the public and other agencies infer confusion that the AMAC is serving as a community outreach body and providing cultural advice to everyone state-wide.

Kiaaina reiterated the AMAC and Executive Director vet the issues and decide what to agendize.

Kaawaloa asked whether AMAC could defer the discussion on administrative structure to allow further discussion. Kiaaina stated yes.

Kiaaina suggested that AMAC consider that there will be future conflict between competing Aha Moku as to which organization represents the community.

Kiaaina restated that the line of communication for the AMAC needs to be through the Executive Director, and members agreed. Kuloloio thanked Kiaaina for her role and for the discussion questions regarding administrative structure. Kuloloio repeated the questions and emphasized their importance.

Kaawaloa thanked Kiaaina for the guideline and re-requested the discussion be deferred. Kuloloio and members agreed that the discussion should be extended.

Kaawaloa moved and Kuloloio seconded to confirm that the Executive Director serve as the conduit for AMAC and defer the discussion regarding administrative structure.

VOTE: Motion passed.

V. OLD BUSINESS

a. Update on potential funding for Fiscal Year 2014.

Kiaaina stated that \$76,000 was provided from the Legislative and OHA provided matching funds. Kiaaina stated that DLNR developed a Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) with OHA regarding the funds.

Kiaaina stated that DLNR and OHA recently modified the MOU to ensure the funds will be transferred and available with the full intent. Kiaaina stated that currently there is \$152,000 in the AMAC account. Kiaaina reminded AMAC that the Fiscal Year is ending soon and to please submit any receipts soon.

Kuloloio asked the public if anyone would like to make public comments on anything.

Lori Buchanan congratulated Leimana DaMate for being selected as the Executive Director. Buchanan thanked Kiaaina for her role. Buchanan offered to help the AMAC on Molokai.

Ualani Bernie asked how often AMAC will be meeting. Kuloloio stated that the AMAC is just getting started and does not have a set calendar yet.

Bernie asked how long the position for Executive Director was open to the public. Kiaaina stated the position was processed like all DLNR positions and was open to the public for two weeks.

Bernie discussed a recent Aha Moku meeting on Oahu and issues regarding consensus. Bernie thanked Kaluhiwa for role.

Bernie asked whether AMAC is for DLNR or for all the Aha Moku state-wide. Kuloloio stated that the AMAC is still working through the initial structure, and stated that everyone is welcome to participate in any Aha Moku.

Bernie stated that the AMAC is a good avenue to include as many people as possible. Kuloloio stated that the AMAC is just getting started and will be including the community as the AMAC moves forward.

Kaawaloa stated that the AMAC is advisory only, and does not have supreme powers. Kaawaloa stated the AMAC is just beginning to understand their role and parameters, and stated she hopes the community can be patient as everyone learns about the future of the AMAC.

Bernie thanked Leialoha Kaluhiwa again for her role, and thanked all the AMAC the members.

Kaluhiwa stated that if there was not a rush to the close the meeting to meet travel needs she would have liked to follow up on recent comments.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kiaaina discussed the upcoming AMAC meeting on Kahoolawe and that the meeting will be limited and closed to the public due to safety and access.

Kiaaina stated that the AMAC should consider having quarterly meetings.

Kiaaina provided an example of a DLNR issue that could be discussed by AMAC. Kiaaina discussed dangerous watercraft issues, and upcoming meetings with stakeholders such as fisherman. Kiaaina stated that DLNR will notice AMAC of upcoming events on this topic.

Keith Robinson asked what the purpose of the activity is. Kiaaina stated that it is a thrill craft.

Kuloloio thanked Kiaaina for sharing the information and asked that she continue to share such with AMAC and Executive Director.

Kaluhiwa commented that the activity is happening in Kahana Bay.

VII. CLOSING PULE

Kaawaloa offered a pule.

Kuloloio adjourned the meeting at 2:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Lauren E. Goodmiller