

**STATE OF HAWAI‘I
OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
Waipā Foundation
5-5785A Kūhiō Highway
Hanalei, Kaua‘i**

**Minutes of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs Board of Trustees Site Visit
July 10, 2019
2:00 p.m.**

ATTENDANCE:

TRUSTEE COLETTE Y. MACHADO
TRUSTEE BRENDON KALEI‘ĀINA LEE
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA
TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA
TRUSTEE KELI‘I AKINA
TRUSTEE CARMEN HULU LINDSEY
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE‘E IV

EXCUSED:

TRUSTEE LEINA‘ALA AHU ISA
TRUSTEE ROBERT LINDSEY

ADMINISTRATION STAFF:

SYLVIA HUSSEY, INTERIM CEO
WAYNE TANAKA, PP
MEHANA HIND, CE
DAVIS PRICE, CO
JOCELYN DOANE, PP
JASON LEES, DPM
KAWENA CARVALHO-MATTOS, DPM
KEOLA LINDSEY, ADV

BOT STAFF:

CAROL HOOMANAWANUI
LŌPAKA BAPTISTE
LEHUA ITOKAZU
CRAYN AKINA
DAYNA PA
MARIA CALDERON
LEIANN DURANT
KAMA HOPKINS
RON PORTER

GUESTS:

STACY SPROAT
KAPUA SPROAT
JOANNA KAONA
CLARENCE KAONA
NATHANIEL TIN WONG
BOBBY WATARI
LILLIAN WATARI
WILBERT TAI HOOK
SIERRA BORO-HARADA
KIMO INANOD

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Colette Machado Calls the Board of Trustees site visit to order at 2:24 p.m. Trustees present are Trustees Lee, Akaka, Akina, Ahuna, Carmen Hulu Lindsey, Waihe‘e IV and Machado. Excuse memos were recieved from Trustee Leina‘ala Ahu Isa and Trustee Robert Lindsey.

II. INTRODUCTIONS

Stacy Sproat introduces herself and welcomes the Trustees and Staff to the Waipā Foundation. She shares about the summer program for the keiki from Kauai that will be ending soon. She explains that the area that we are gathered is the hale imu and they just made imu last night.

Kapua Sproat introduces herself. She states that we will tour the farms that were most directly affected by the significant flooding that they had last year in April and August 2018. The farms are all the ones that OHA has helped support with direct disaster relief as well as provided legal expertise with the Ka Huli Ao A'ō Aku A'ō Mai Initiative. She asks that everyone gathered, to introduce himself or herself.

III. SITE VISIT

A. Waipā Foundation

Kapua Sproat goes over the logistics of the site visit. Everyone departs for the first farm.

Trustees were informed of the damage that the floods caused in Wai'oli. They were able to see several landslides on the mountains. The farms that were visited were owned by Kimo Inanod, Nathaniel Tin Wong, Joann Kaona and Clarence Kaona, Bobby and Lillian Watari, and Kaison Carrillo.

Kimo Inanod shares his story of how the flooding affected his farm. He also states that along with the floods that destroyed his lo'i, wild pigs are also eating his crops. He thanks OHA for the funds that were provided. With the funds, he was able to purchase an excavator to help in removing all the silt that flooded into his lo'i. He shares that his first harvest after the flood the kalo was loli, the bottom of the corm has a spongey texture, it can be eaten, but the texture of the poi is different and it has a tendency to rot faster. He thinks that it will probably take 2 to 3 years to get the lo'i and kalo production back to normal. Water is also an issue for them. With the flooding, the water ditch that brings them water was also damaged and needed to be fixed.

Nathaniel Tin-Wong shares his story of how he got to farming and how the flooding affected his farm. He started in 2016; he learned that there is more work outside the lo'i than in the lo'i. He shares that he did one yield right after the flood. Due to the flood, he lost water and the wild pigs started to eat the patch. He was able to harvest about 2,000 pounds once they got the water back and slowed the pigs down. He states he likes to keep his farm small, easy to manage and organic. He shares that he was able to get a free broken tractor but with the flood relief funds, he was able to get parts to fix it. He thanks the Trustees for visiting and seeing what is being done.

Joann and Clarence Kaona shares their story of farming the land. They also share how the floods affected their lo'i. Right now the wild pigs destroyed their two patches in the back. They have about 3 ½ acres of lo'i but right now about 2 acres farming. This is due to the flood, not having enough water, and blockages because of the silt. Joann shared that because of the flood the farmers gathered together and formed a hui. She shares that with the OHA funding a lot of their equipment could be fixed. They share that this is the first time that they have run out of kalo. The Wai'oli taro farmers provide about 90% of the kalo that goes to Waipā that sells poi on the island. Waipā also offers discounted rates to kupuna to make poi affordable for them.

Kaison Carrillo states that he farms this land with his step dad Bobby Watari. He shares their story of farming the land. He shows how the silt has affected the lo'i and getting water to their patches. He shares that the silt is very high is nitrogen. Nitrogen is only good for the first part of the taros life then after you have to over compensate with some kind of fertilizer. He states that it will take 4 to 5 years to get silt reintegrated into the soil to make it healthy again. Every patch was affected differently. He shares that the OHA funds helped get them much needed equipment. He also shares where the water that feeds all their farms come from.

On the way back to Wāipa Trustees had the opportunity to view the water ditch and the source of the water provided to the farmers.

IV. PUBLIC TESTIMONY/COMMUNITY CONCERNS

NONE

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

NONE

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The site visit adjourns at 2:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Dayna Pa, Board Secretary

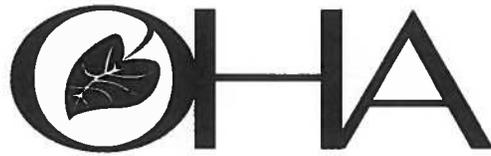
As approved by the Board of Trustees on August 8, 2019.



Colette Y. Machado, Chairperson
Board of Trustees

Attachments:

1. Trustee Leina‘ala Ahu Isa Excuse Memo
2. Trustee Robert Lindsey, Jr. Excuse Memo



OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
Interoffice Memorandum

DATE: July 10, 2019

TO: Trustee Colette Machado, Chairperson
Trustee Brendon Kalei'aina Lee, Vice Chairperson

FROM: Trustee Leina'ala Ahu Isa

RE: Excused Absence for Board of Trustees (Kauai) Site Visit on July 10, 2019

Aloha,

Please excuse my absence for the upcoming Board of Trustees Kauai site visit scheduled for Wednesday, July 10, 2019. Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact my office staff.

Mahalo.



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June 28, 2019

TO: Trustee Colette Machado
Chairperson, Board of Trustees

FROM: Trustee Robert K. Lindsey, Jr.

SUBJECT: Excused Absence

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Aloha Chair Machado:

I regret to inform you that I am unable to attend the Board of Trustees Community meeting on Kaua'i, Wednesday, July 10, 2019. Please extend my apologies to the board members.

With sincere aloha,


Trustee Robert K. Lindsey, Jr. Hawai'i Island