

STATE OF HAWAI‘I
OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
Waihe‘e Coastal Dunes and Wetlands Refuge (Waihe‘e Refuge)
159 Halewaiu Rd.
Wailuku, HI. 96793

Due to the threat of COVID-19, Governor Ige issued the most recent Emergency Twenty First Supplementary Proclamation dated June 7, 2021 that suspend parts of Hawai‘i Revised Statutes Chapter 92, Public Agency Meetings and Records to, among other things, enable boards to conduct business without any board members or members of the public physically present at the same location.

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Maui Site Visit Summary
of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs
Board of Trustees
Summary Report
May 25, 2022 – 10:30 AM

ATTENDANCE:

Chairperson Carmen Hulu Lindsey
Trustee Kaleihikina Akaka
Trustee Luana Alapa
Trustee B. Kalei‘āina Lee
Trustee Dan Ahuna
Trustee Keli‘i Akina
Trustee Mililani Trask

GUEST:

Laura Ka‘akua, CEO
Scott Fisher, Director
Kia‘i Collier, Maui Educator and Steward

ADMINISTRATION STAFF:

Sylvia Hussey, Ka Pouhana / CEO
Lei-Ming, Beneficiary Services Manager
Joshua Koh, Multi-Media Designer

BOT STAFF:

Lehua Itokazu, Board Secretary
Kanani Iaea, Trustee Aide
Amber Kalua, Trustee Aide
Anuheia Diamond, Trustee Aide
Crayn Akina, Trustee Aide
Brandon Mitsuda, Trustee Aide
Evalani Canto, Trustee Aide

I. Call to Order

Site visit starts at 11:00 a.m.

II. Introduction

Scott Crawford offers an oli and informal introductions are made.

III. Site Visit

A. Waihe'e Coastal Dunes and Wetlands Refuge (Waihe'e Refuge)



The primary goals of this program are to educate the community, sustainability, and food security.

Scott Fisher shares facts and stories of this place. The property is 277 acres. Three thousand years ago, the predominant species of plants growing was loulou. The problem now are the 'iole that eat the seeds. You will notice that some of them plants have bands to prevent the 'iole from walking on them. The task presently is to create habitat for our wetland birds on the mauka side as well as our fish pond. You will see alot of hala in the area creating a forested bio-shield. They are planted on purpose to protect the area from tsunamis, storms, and waves. This will help protect the loko i'a kalo.

Water is one of the biggest problems for this place. November to early March, the earth is spongy but this year the area has been extremely dry. He shares that with the assistance and support of OHA. They were awarded 2-3 million gallons of water a day to restore the fishpond. The fishpond is a duo use – an estuary and growing of kalo. 'O'opu was the main fish that use to thrive in this fishpond.

The fishpond and a few heiau are just a few significant cultural sites on this property.

Various native species can be found such as naupaka, 'ulei, loulou, and kauna'oa. This area was predominantly a loulou forest. Another goal is to create a relationship with the community.

Laura Kaakua shares the intention is to make this place open to everyone, 365 days a year. They have partnerships with hula hālau, cultural practitioners, and the community. As long as they give back and share the reciprocity, they can gather and then give a shout out. They want to have protective places of cultural practice.

Uncle Shippy Hao shares with the Trustees ‘ōpae from the ‘Īao stream.



IV. Public Testimony

None

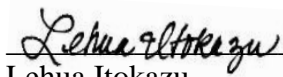
V. Announcements

None

VI. Adjournment

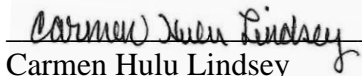
The site visit ended at 11:40 am

Respectfully submitted,



Lehua Itokazu
Board Secretary

Site Visit Minutes Approved at Board of Trustees Meeting on August 18, 2021.



Carmen Hulu Lindsey
Chairperson, Board of Trustees

Attachments:

1. Excuse Memo – Trustee Ahu Isa
2. Excuse Memo – Trustee Waihe‘e