

STATE OF HAWAI‘I
OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
Ke Kula Nui O Waimānalo
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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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O‘ahu Site Visit Summary
Office of Hawaiian Affairs
Board of Trustees
Summary Report
July 7, 2022 – 2:30 P.M.

ATTENDANCE:

Chairperson Carmen Hulu Lindsey
Trustee Kaleihikina Akaka
Trustee B. Kalei‘āina Lee
Trustee John Waihe‘e

GUEST:

Kirk Deitschman
Ilima Ho-Lastimoso
Shadrach Coleman
Azariah Coleman
Hayden Deitschman
Nehemiah Coleman
Laiku Pizarro
Pahonu Coleman

BOT STAFF:

Lehua Itokazu
Kanani Iaea
Melissa Wennihan
Crayn Akina
Brandon Mitsuda
Mark Watanabe

I. Call to Order

Site visit starts at 2:30 pm.

II. Introduction

Pule and everyone takes time to introduce themselves.

III. Site Visit

A. Ke Kula Nui O Waimānalo

Kirk and Aunty Ilima shared with everyone attending, that they are a grassroots non-profit. Their mission is to provide for a community of k̄naka and to promote a strong and healthy ahupua‘a. The programs they focus on are teaching self-sustainability. A few projects they shared with everyone was Mālama Aquaponic and Agri-forestry – they are teaching ‘Ohana self sustainability and food sovereignty.

Waimānalo Limu Hui – The Waimānalo Limu Hui is a part of the Kua‘āina Ulu ‘Auamo. They are celebrating Year of the Limu, this year. The Year of the Limu is to celebrate the restoration, the practitioners, and the different limu hui. Each community is celebrating across the state. The Waimānalo limu Hui’s event was happened this past Saturday. They will do limu planning.

Mālama Aquaponic – They explain that the aquaponic system is similar to the ahupua‘a system. The display shared was grown in one week’s time. The system is set where fish are fed and producing waste. With the assistance of a pump, this type of fertilizer helps the plants grow. There were many containers and systems set-up. This program has become a statewide program and has helped many families build backyard aquaponic systems.



Agri-forestry – This program focuses on teaching and helping families grow their own food in their backyard, how these plants grow, and what is needed to allow the plants to grow together. You can have 100 different plants all growing together. Agri-forestry has been an indigenous practice around the world for many years. A quarter acre of Agri-forestry land can produce up to 10,000 lbs. of food a year. This concept and plan has been in the works for the last year. They have been able to start this program with a Covid-19 relief grant from OHA to do Agri-forestry on O‘ahu. They also received funding from DLNR and KS to do Agri-forestry on Hawai‘i Island and O‘ahu. They have assisted approximately 15 families with this Agri-forestry set-up. All the families get to decide what kind of plants and food they want to grow on their parcel. They encourage plants that can also be used for other things such as ti leaf for lei making or wrapping food. The end idea is for families to become less dependant on food being shipped in, be able to grow your own food, and have it available throughout the year and for years to come.



IV. Public Testimony

None

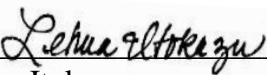
V. Announcements

None

VI. Adjournment

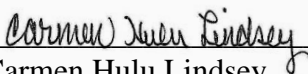
The site visit ended at 4:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,



Lehua Itokazu
Board Secretary

Site Visit Minutes Approved at Board of Trustees Meeting on October 13, 2021.



Carmen Hulu Lindsey
Chairperson, Board of Trustees
Attachments:

1. Excused Memo – Trustee Ahu Isa
2. Excused Memo – Trustee Trask
3. Excused Memo – Trustee Ahuna