

Na Ala Hele (NAH) Maui Advisory Council

Minutes of November 2, 2022

Russell Reinertson, Terry Quisenberry, Nick Saussy, Tom Cannon, Kevin Jenkins

Absent: Sue Guille, Bob Hobdy, Dave Brown

Ex-Officio: Stephanie Franklin, NAH Specialist, Scott Fretz, DLNR Maui Branch Manager

Guests: John Meier

Call to Order, Public Notice

Russell called the meeting to order at 1:05pm. Public notice was posted.

Staff Report: The trail crew has been working on the trails at Waihe'e and repairing some vandalism at the top. Trail counter numbers at Waihe'e and Kahakapao are lower than the summer peak but are still high.

Flow farm report: They are working on repairs to Pineapple Express

Old Business:

1. Ho'olawa Trail Access - Stephanie is going to provide more location information for people wanting to use the trail. She is also sending out the full Ho'olawa report by email to the board. Scott provided additional background about the history at Ho'olawa and other similar trails.
2. Kamehamenui Forest - work on the management plan is progressing and fence work has started. There were two in-person meetings and one virtual meeting to collect community input that were very well attended. The deadline for written input on development of the management plan is November 18. The public engagement site will be launched in January. The public review and comment process is expected in March. Russell requested improvements in announcing future meetings and deadlines to the board and the public.
3. Onau Trail - Russell will be working on this.
4. Waia'ilio Trail - Tom and Stephanie are going to schedule a site visit with a drone to find more portions of the trail
5. Ko'olau Forest Reserve Trail Potential - Scott described an effort over the next year to allow managed access to the Ko'olau forest reserve by changing the area covered by the water system permit to a smaller area.
6. Waihe'e Ridge Trail Reservation System - Still in process.

New Business:

1. Proposed set aside of parcels to DOFAW - Scott gave a preview of the list of state parcels requested to be set aside to DOFAW. He will be asking BLNR this month to start the formal process for public comments and encouraged everyone to submit their feedback. The board was strongly in favor of this proposal.

Nick Saussy joined the meeting and quorum was met. Nick reports that he is back as President of Maui Motocross and that they are looking at improving access to water and making repairs on their bulldozer. The minutes of Sept 28, 2022 were approved as presented.

Date of next meeting: January 18, 2023 at 1:00pm

For the next agenda, remove the Ho'olawa item and add an item for review of the Kanaio Management Plan

Public Testimony: John Meier commented that he also strongly supports the proposal to set aside lands to forest reserves.

Adjournment: 3:10p