

Na Ala Hele (NAH) Maui Advisory Council - APPROVED

Minutes of February 14, 2023

Present: Russell Reinertson, Terry Quisenberry, Tom Cannon, Kevin Jenkins, Sue Guille, Bob Hobdy, Dave Brown, John Meier

Absent: Nick Saussy

Ex-Officio: Stephanie Franklin, NAH Specialist, Scott Fretz, DLNR Maui Branch Manager, Shane De Mattos, DLNR Wildlife Biologist

Guest: Bruce Faulkner

Call to Order, Public Notice

Russell called the meeting to order at 1:05pm. Public notice was posted. Terry moved to approve the minutes of November 2, 2022, Dave seconded. Motion approved.

Staff Report:

John Meier has been approved to be on the council and has been appointed Secretary. The reappointment process for others is in process.

Recent storms have caused trail damage. Repairs are being made at Waihe'e and Kahakapao. Road work and trail work in Kula is ongoing with a possible opening in April. The reopening may occur in phases.

Ho'olawa Trail Access - Scott provided an update on Hoolawa, including a description of a temporary path on state land. He will provide another update in the future when someone from the Attorney General's office has been assigned.

Trail counters show continued high usage. Kahakapao had an average of over 100, with a high of 245. Waihe'e had an average of over 400, with a high of 754 on Christmas day.

Flow Farm has restarted monthly volunteer days at Kahakapao with 20 people attending in January.

Maui Motocross - reported by email that they are working on renewing insurance and planning for the year.

Kevin asked about bird hunting in Polipoli while it was closed. Staff said that was unlikely because the repair contractors were working throughout. Russell asked about reducing limits on pig hunting and Stephanie will investigate.

New Business:

Shane De Mattos provided a briefing on the Kanaio EA. This is on the makai side of the highway in Kanaio and is a 6000 acre area, with an additional 2000 acres of private land included in the game management area. The goal of the first phase is to add public hunting and management of the area while maintaining existing traditional uses. A later phase will include a shoreline plan. There was a big effort this summer to remove trash and abandoned vehicles from the property.

The main comment from council was that the Waia'ilio trail needs to be highlighted. Stephanie will send information on the location of the Waia'ilio trail to Shane so he can update his presentation.

Shane also talked briefly about working with DHHL on gaining a right of entry for hunting for Waiohuli, an area makai of Kula forest that is currently inaccessible.

Scott gave an update on several efforts for deer hunting. If progress continues, he is hopeful that the size of the herd will peak and start to decrease.

Old Business:

Proposed additions to Forest Reserves, NARs, and sanctuaries - the council discussed the proposal and was strongly in favor of it. John made a motion to submit a letter from the council, seconded by Terry and approved. John will write the letter and share with council for comments before sending it by March 1st.

Kamehamehenui Forest Reserve - 1 mile of fence completed and more in progress. A draft of the management plan is almost completed and is expected to be published in March.

Onau Tail - Kevin will share letter with council and then send it

Waia'ilio Trail - Tom suggested that we go visit in person to scout the location of the trail

Ko'olau Forest Reserve Trail - staff will resume work on this after storm cleanup is over

Suggestions for new Na Ala Hele trails

Dave asked that Olivine Pools, Uaoa trail, Honokala trail, and Haleakala trail be added to the next agenda

Date of next meeting: March 15, 2023 at 1:00pm

Public Testimony: Bruce asked for support of two bills currently active in the legislature. One is about donating game meat and the other creates a process for written permission for hunters on private land.

Scott encouraged all of the council members to look at the active bills and provide comments.

Adjournment: 3:30p