

Nā Ala Hele (NAH) Maui Advisory Council

Minutes of October 18, 2023 - 1:00pm
DLNR Baseyard
Kahului, Maui, Hawaii

Present: Dave Brown, Sue Guille, John Meier, Tom Cannon, Russell Reinertson, Kevin Jenkins

Absent: Nick Saussy, Terry Quisenberry

Ex-Officio: Stephanie Franklin NAH Specialist, Bill Stormont NAH Program Manager

Guests: Mark Short, Bruce Faulkner

Call to Order, Public Notice

Russell called the meeting to order at 1:04. Public notice was posted. Quorum was met.

Tom moved to approve the August minutes, seconded by Sue, and approved.

Staff Report:

Stephanie reported that staff is still working in the field on the fire and is still finding hot spots. Waihou Springs is unsafe, closed and has a lot of damage. The contractor is completing work on Waiakoa loop and access road. Soon, the trail crew will be working on the Waiakoa trail. The goal is to reopen by the end of the year.

Other trails in Kula forest reserve and Makawao forest reserve are open.

A large high school group volunteered at Kula forest reserve and it was a successful event.

Flow farm - no volunteer day at Kahakapo in August, 10 people in September and 5 in October.

Maui Motocross park - getting ready for winter season

Bill Stormont introduced himself. He talked about the NAH program plan update and rule revisions. He also talked about funding increases for trail maintenance, additional DOFAW staff, and the plan to expand the trail steward program.

Old Business:

1. Redesignating state lands as forest reserves, NARs, and sanctuaries - in progress, the next step is the governor issuing an executive order.

2. Kamehamehū Forest Reserve - fence building continues and access gates were added for the right side. John is writing a letter supporting reforestation and recreation and will send it to council for comments before sending it out.

3. Onau Trail - Kevin is working with Melissa Goldman in the AG office to prepare a submittal for approval by BLNR.

4. Waia'ilio Trail - Drones are currently in use for fire control, will schedule a drone survey when they are available.

5. Ko'olau Forest Reserve trail potential - no update

6. Ho'olawa bay - submittal approved by BLNR, moving ahead with survey. Separately there is a contested case hearing from landowner.

7. Haleakala trail - no update, removing from agenda

8. Open Advisory Council member. Mark Short applied. After a brief discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and approved to recommend to the Chair that Mark be added to the council.

9. NAH Program Plan update - a survey is being sent out to council members

New Business:

Bill will try to attend most meetings going forward, adding an agenda item for him to share updates.

Date of next meeting: November 22 2023, 1pm

Adjournment: 2:54 PM