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**MINUTES
HAWAI'I ISLAND BURIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

DATE: Thursday, September 20th, 2018
TIME: 9:30 AM
PLACE: Division of Forestry and Wildlife
Conference Room
19 E. Kāwili Street
Hilo, HI 96720

ATTENDANCE:

HIBC Members:

Present:

Chair Nālei Pate-Kahakalau (Hāmākua)
Vice-Chair Kalena Blakemore (Puna)
Member Maxine Kahā'ulelio (Kona)
Member Norman Ka'imulua (Kona)
Member Clifford Kapono (Hilo)

Absent:

Fred Cachola (Kohala)
Scott Mahoney (Ka'ū)

SHPD Staff:

J. Kea Calpito, Burial Sites Specialist
Sean Nāleimaile, Archaeologist

Guests:

Christian Omerod (SHPD Volunteer)
Traven 'Āpiki
Sharon Moraes
Harvey Keli'ikoa

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kahakalau calls to order the meeting at 9:33 AM.

II. ROLL CALL/PULE

Member Kahā'ulelio conducted pule.

Clifford Kaponu, Hilo; Norman Ka'imuloa, Kona; Nālei Kahakalau, Hāmākua; Kalena Blakemore, Puna; Maxine Kahā'ulelio, Kona.

III. MINUTES

A. Request for Approval of the Minutes for July 19, 2018.

Summary:

- Kea informs the council that they can choose to have the minutes posted in audio format. He explains that audio files would make the minutes less subjective since all dialogue would be available for someone to review. He mentions that it would give greater transparency to the meeting and provide context to conversations.
- Member Ka'imuloa requests minutes be distributed via email and hard copies and that in addition to the written minutes, an audio version would also be fine to post as long as it does not replace the written minutes.
- Member Kaponu objects to any audio files being posted and instead, suggests that the minutes be summarized, stating that "it's minutes, not hours." He says that audio files can be manipulated and inaccurate.
- Vice-Chair Blakemore also requests minutes in both, email and hard copy at least one week in advanced of meeting dates.
- Chair Kahakalau also expresses concerns with audio minutes being posted.

MOTION (1): To receive minutes via email and hard copies in summarized form and post only written minutes and no audio

MOVED BY: Member Ka'imuloa

2nd BY: Member Kaponu

VOTE: Motion carried by majority [YAY: 4 (Kaponu, Ka'imuloa, Kahakalau, Kahā'ulelio); ABSTAIN: 1 (Blakemore)]

MOTION (2): To receive hard copies of the minutes via mail at least one week prior to the meeting date

MOVED BY: Member Ka'imuloa

2nd BY: Vice-Chair Blakemore

VOTE: Motion carried by majority [YAY: 4 (Ka'imuloa, Kahakalau, Blakemore, Kahā'ulelio); ABSTAIN: 1 (Kaponu)]

MOTION (3): To approve the minutes as presented for the July 19, 2018 meeting

MOVED BY: Member Kaponu

2nd BY: Vice-Chair Blakemore

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

IV. BUSINESS

A. Discussion on Hawai'i Island Burial Council Membership, Roles, and Responsibilities.

Information/Discussion: Discussion on the above item.

Summary:

- Member Kaponu requested for an executive session

- Kea explained that he was told an executive session cannot take place for reasons other than the eight exceptions listed in HRS §95-5 or unless the description of a burial site was being discussed.
- Member Kapono discusses the need for an AG to be present and that Kea is here as “support services.” He states that his first amendment rights are being violated and that he is here [on the council] by law and makes references to NAGPRA. Discusses his continuous requests for an AG and that §13-300 is not a law. Member Kapono informs the council as to what is happening on Maui and that the MLIBC is a shame because they don’t know what they’re doing. He explains his frustration that the council is not representing the people because the administrative process is holding them hostage. He mentions that the council will be sued very soon in federal court. Member Kapono goes on to mention that iwi are not seen in the same category as they are in the mainland and references instances in Hawai‘i where they are treated like objects.
- Member Kahā‘ulelio expresses to Member Kapono that she is offended by what he is saying and that she represents what she does, being here for the iwi kūpuna with kapu aloha and tells Member Kapono not to tell her that she doesn’t know what she’s doing.
- Chair Kahakalau states that the council is here to benefit the iwi and expresses his concerns in how Member Kapono conveys his messages, stating that the council can “have humility and still be effective.” Chair Kahakalau and Member Kapono disagree with one another on the effectiveness and responsibilities of the HIBC.

V. INADVERTENTS/COMMUNICATIONS

A. Inadvertent Discovery of Human Skeletal Remains on July 16, 2018, on the Shoreline of the Old Kona Airport, Lanihau Ahupua‘a, North Kona District, Island of Hawai‘i, TMK: (3) 7-5-005:007.

Information/Discussion: Information on the above inadvertent discovery.

Summary:

- Kea provides information to the council on the above item.
- Member Ka‘imulua asks that in the future, to refer to the Old Airport (Old A’s) by its traditional name, Maka‘io.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Next Meeting is Scheduled for Thursday, October 18, 2018, 9:30 AM at West Hawai‘i Civic Center, 74-5044 Ane Keohokālole Hwy., Kailua-Kona, HI 96740.

Chair Kahakalau reads information for the next HIBC meeting.

VII: ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting
MOVED BY: Vice-Chair Blakemore
2nd BY: Member Kahā‘ulelio
VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

THE ABOVE MINUTES WERE APPROVED AT THE 11/15/2018 HIBC MEETING

Pursuant to §92-3 Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS), all interested persons shall be afforded an opportunity to present oral testimony or submit data, views, or arguments, in writing on any agenda item. Additionally, pursuant to a policy adopted by the Hawai'i Island Burial Council at its November 17, 2005 meeting, oral testimony for items listed on the agenda is limited to three minutes per person, per agenda item.

Pursuant to sections §92-4, §92-5(a)(8), and §6E-43.5 HRS, and upon compliance with the procedures set forth in §92-4, HRS, the council may go into a closed meeting to consider information that involves the location or description of a burial site.

A request to be placed on a burial council meeting agenda must be made with the Burial Sites Program staff at least two weeks preceding the scheduled meeting date. In addition, the request must be accompanied by all related documents. Failure to comply with this procedure will delay the item to the following month's agenda.

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