# MOLOKAI IRRIGATION SYSTEM ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

## 10:00 am, January 28, 2010

I. Call to Order: James Boswell, Chairman, called the meeting to order @ 10:10 am. Board Members Present: Steven Arce, James Boswell, Audwin Calairo, Lynn DeCoite and Larry Sagario

Guest: Duane Okamoto, Brian Kau, Randy Teruya (participated in the meeting via video conferencing, all others were present in Molokai) and Oscar Ignacio, HDOA... (see sign in sheet)

- II. Approval of Agenda: <u>Lynn DeCoite</u> moved to accept the agenda; seconded by <u>Steve Arce</u>; motion carried.
- III. Approval of Minutes: <u>Lynn DeCoite</u> moved to accept the minutes (without amendments); seconded by <u>Larry Sagario</u>; motion carried.

#### IV. Old Business

- A. System Update Reported by Oscar Ignacio:
  - Water level in reservoir @ 14.5'; compared to 19' last year at same time.
  - 2.574 mgd reservoir inflow; 3.00 mgd reservoir outflow.
  - MPL Inflow = 0.555 mgd; Outflow = 0.471 mgd and
  - MPL Buffer in reservoir = 17.159 MG.
  - Lynn asked if any meter applications have been received. Oscar responded in the negative.
  - Lynn asked "What the plan for the summer; any meter moratoriums?" The response was meter moratoriums will continue for the non-homestead customers only.
- B. Capital Project Update Brian Kau/ Randy Teruya

As of October 25, 2010, contractor has performed the following:

- The high voltage electrical cable, running the length of the tunnel is complete.
- Last outstanding item is the Blow-off #10. Contractor is returning to Molokai in mid-February to complete the work.
- Brian announced that the Governor has released \$3.5 million Capital Improvement Funds for the SCADA/Telemetry System and safety improvements.
- C. Financial Status of M.I.S. Duane Okamoto
  - Duane reported that MIS revenue, as of November 30, 2009, was \$180,493; with expenses of \$130,701, generating a surplus of \$49,792.
  - Overall, revenue was down by 13.3% compared to last year, at this time.
  - Lynn asked if there were other expenses not reflected in the financial status? Brian responded that the Pump Maintenance contract is not reflected.
  - Lynn requested a fiscal year projection for 2010.

#### D. Accounts Receivable Collections Discussion – Duane Okamoto

• Duane suggested the board could set-up a subcommittee to discuss collections and how the board would like to see resolution of this matter.

#### V. New Business

# A. Molokai Properties Limited - Pipeline Agreement

- Duane stated that HDOA has sent a letter to MPL requesting they move forward with the Environmental Assessment (EA). No reply was received from MPL, so HDOA sent another letter.
- The Board suggests that a letter be sent using Certified Mail/Return Receipt Requested.
- HDOA has had brief discussions with the Commission of Water Resource Management (CWRM) regarding Well #17.

<u>MOTION</u>: Lynn moved that the MIS moves to "the next level" by requesting the Department of the Attorney General (AG) be contacted regarding this matter and have the AG's office pursue MPL. <u>SECONDED</u>: by Steve Arce. Motion carried unanimously.

## B. Board Representation

• Duane stated that each board member represents an organization or group of irrigation water users. Therefore, it would be good to hear any topics or concerns from the specific group or organization.

## C. Future Board Meetings

- Due the high cost and time involved in traveling, HDOA had initiated the video conferencing for most MIS board meetings. However, HDOA will have representatives attend several meetings throughout the year.
- Status of Filling Homestead User Seat
- HDOA has contacted several potential individuals for the vacant Homestead User seat on the board. Thus far, one individual declined due to personal health concerns, another declined due to membership on the board of a State commission. Additional persons will be contacted, however, the board was asked to forward any suggestions or recommendations for individuals to Duane Okamoto.
- VI. Next Meeting Date: <u>March 16</u>, 2010 at 10:00 am, MIS Conference Room; HDOA will attend via video conference.
- VII. Announcements: None

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VIII. Meeting adjourned @ <u>11:10</u> am, motion by <u>Lynn DeCoite</u> to adjourn; seconded by <u>Steve Arce</u>. Motioned carried.

Respectfully submitted

Audwin Calairo, Secretary

MIS Water Users Advisory Board