

01.27.26

DRAFT MISUAB Minutes

I. Call to Order 11:07am

II. Introductions/Role Call

Janice Fujimoto DAB

Lance Kaneakua- DAB

James Boswell- Homestead User Representative

Faith Tuipolutu- MLSWCD User Representative (pending)

Oscar Ignacio- Hikiola User representative

David Bush- DHHL user representative

Denise Kawano- Farm Bureau User Representative Elect (pending)

Jill Coombs – Non-homestead User Representative

III. Approval of Draft Minutes of the November 18, 2025, meeting.

David made a motion to accept the minutes as they stand.

Oscar 2nd

No discussion. Motion Passes

IV. Old Business

A. Status of 2023 Proposed Irrigation Water Rate Changes

a. No update

B. Letter to the Board of Agriculture and Biosecurity addressing concerns over funding of the Moloka'i Irrigation System

a. Not needed at this time since DAB is not currently pursuing rate increases.

C. Moloka'i Irrigation System Delinquency Account Update

a. October 1st, mailed out notices.

- b. Outreach, Oct- Dec, in-person adjustment event advertised in paper and supported by DHHL.
- c. December 1st, focused on the 82 people that were delinquent.
- d. DAB adjusted all the users who had passed away.
- e. Down to only 5 people on the delinquent account currently
- f. These meters were turned off and handed over to the Attorney General
- g. Meters will be turned back on when the bill is payed.
- h. Multiple warning letters will be sent (each month with bill) when it gets to 90 days, meter can be shut off.

V. New Business

A. Letter of Support for Moloka'i Clean Energy Hui Survey

With latest information which is not clear on the fact that there would be any type of monetary benefit to MIS to offset the cost of the pumping, we will not be issuing a letter of support at this time. There are also other parties interested in proposing project ideas for floating solar.

VI. Reports and Presentations

A. System Update – Hawai'i Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity (DAB) Staff

- a. See report.
- b. 24.75 feet reservoir level, level was 23 feet at this time last year.
- c. Outflow 1.750 MGD
- d. Inflow 4.523 MGD
- e. Better than it was at the last meeting, but water restrictions will not be lifted yet.

B. Capital Projects Update – DAB Staff

- a. SCADA project update. Working well, can see the data from the west portal at the base yard and in HNL.
- b. Pump replacement project. Very expensive, remote location. Hoping to get 1-2 pumps. Scheduled to bid in March. Funds expire in June. Over \$2million allotted for that.

C. Financial Update, with energy use report and expenses – DAB Staff

- a. July 1-yesterday MIS rev \$197,000, statewide \$448K

- b. Expenses: payroll off this budget. \$154,000 MIS, statewide \$313K
- c. 84% of the expenses were for electricity.
- d. Delinquent accounts:
 - i. 10 delinquent accounts total (5 + 5 that were deferred)
 - ii. \$22,894
 - iii. 3 over \$1000
 - iv. 7 less \$1000
 - v. 1 greater than \$10K

D. Board Member Vacancies

- Traction finally
- Denise, resubmitted yesterday
- Faith in progress, awaiting confirmation for MLSWCD.
- Harry Purdy is in progress, awaiting confirmation for Mokupuni.
- Jill, Oscar, and James expire June 2027.

VII. Announcements

none

VIII. Next Meeting Date

March 3, 11am. Baseyard

VIII. Adjournment 11:48

Respectfully,

Jill Coombs

Molokai Irrigation System

Department of Agriculture

Date: Jan. 27, 2026

To: Molokai Water Users Advisory Board

From: Lance Kaneakua (District Manager)

Subject: System update

Molokai Irrigation Tasks

Jan. 7th We went through the tunnel to flush dams, clean gratings and weed whack the roadway to the diversion dam building.

We're mowing in and around the reservoir.

All daily/Monthly duties is on going for the month.

Kualapuu Reservoir level... 24 ³/₄ feet..... 583.750 million gallons stored.

Level at this time last year... 23 feet

Reservoir average outflow... 1.750 MGD from the total usage from the meter readings

Reservoir average inflow.....4.523 MGD

MOLOKAI IRRIGATION SYSTEM

Jan. 27, 2026

Monthly Report

Number of farm field visit to provide general assistance not related to meters 0

Quarterly Report

Period: Jan. to March. 2026

Number of days without planned water delivery disruption (i.e. normal water delivery)0

Number of days of water restrictions for Homesteaders 0

Number of days of water restrictions for non-Homesteaders..... 10% mandatory restriction Nov. 15,2025 starts

Number of days without accidents or injuries:31

Percentage change in revenue and operating cost:

Pump 6: Running for 24hrs

Pump 24: running for 6hrs daily

Semi-Annual Report.

Period: Jan. to June. 2026

Number of meters installed for Homesteaders.....0

Number of meters installed for Non-homesteaders.....0

Number of meters repaired or replaced..... 0

Average time between request for service and completion of service:approximately 3 months.

Annual Report.

_Number and type of Capital Improvement Projects 0

Number of CIP projects in progress.....0

Percentage of brush cleared in Reservoir..... 30% cleared.

**Percentage of gravel cleared in tunnel..... 95%
cleared.**

**Financial Strength: On time bill
paying**

Financial Weakness: Pumps