

**BENEFICIARY CONSULTATION MEETING
ON THE
PROPOSED KAHIKINUI WIND ENERGY PROJECT**

Waiohuli Community Center

May 23, 2015

1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

MEETING NOTES

NOTE: This meeting notes document was generated to produce a record of beneficiary comments and concerns. It does not cover the presentation portion of the meeting, however the presentation handout materials are attached for reference.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

1. Purpose of the Meeting:
 - To present a chronology of past events, meetings, actions and decisions leading up to this meeting
 - To present details of the proposed wind energy project at Kahikinui
 - To get input and answer questions from Kahikinui beneficiaries
 - To explain next steps
2. Who was Invited to the Meeting:
 - All Kahikinui Lessees (75 Lessees)
 - Applicants with mailing address zipcode = 96790 (Kula)
3. Meeting Notifications:
 - Invitation letters (see attached letter) were mailed to 75 Lessees and 75 Applicants for a total of 150 invitation letters (duplicates, bad addresses, off-island addresses were removed)
 - Invitation letters were mailed first class on May 11, 2015.
 - Kahikinui Board members also received an email or phone call.
4. Residents at Kahikinui
 - Of the 75 Lessees at Kahikinui, the Board reported that 10 families, include a total of 30 people that reside full-time at Kahikinui.

ATTENDANCE

Kahikinui Lessees and 'Ohana Brandon Benz-Marrs, Malia Benz-Marrs, Francis Cullen, Charmaine Day, Virgil Day, Hannah Domingo, Ainoa Kaiokamalie, Maria Kanamu, Walter Kanamu, Mikahala Kermabon, Chad Newman, Harry Newman, Kaia Pali, E.G.K. Aimoku Pali Sr., Donna Sterling

Other Attendees Barry M. Holomalia, Jade Alohalani Smith, Samson K. Kepa Jr., Beverlie Wilson

DHHL Jobie Masagatani, Chairman; William Aila, Deputy Director; Pua Canto, Maui Commissioner; Linda Chinn and Allen Yanos, Land Management Division; Julie-Ann Cachola, Planning Office.

PRESENTATION (Presentation handout attached)

The meeting started at 1:20 pm. and ended at 2:35 pm.

- Chair Masagatani opened the meeting
- Julie-Ann Cachola presented the background information
- Allen Yanos presented details of the proposed offer
- Deputy Director William Aila facilitated the dialogue and discussion.

DIALOGUE AND DISCUSSION

Following the presentation, Deputy Director, William Aila, Jr. facilitated an open discussion that provided beneficiaries the opportunity to express their concerns, get answers to their questions, and share their ideas and recommendations.

1. *Will the \$175K from the Right-of-Entry (ROE) Agreement go to the community?*
Response: No, the \$175K for 3 years under the ROE will go to the department. If the ROE is extended, the \$200K will also go to the department. If and when the General Lease is executed, there will be an estimated \$300K per year of Community Benefits going to the community for its projects.
2. *Will any of the roads going makai block our access to shoreline gathering?*
Response: It is not anticipated that any of the jeep trails will be blocked. DHHL is talking to the Developer on allowing access on the paved road to the shoreline.
3. *I know you're working on getting us access to the road going Makai. Will that be for our community or the community-at-large?*
Response: We are here to listen, and if this is what the community wants, will take this back for further discussion and evaluation.
4. *Well I say No. Access should be for Kahikinui only. We're having enough problems with access now. With Kalapana, you have to go in with a resident. Since access affects our ahupua'a resources, we need to limit access to Kahikinui residents.*
5. *I'd like to say that we could open it up to other homestead communities, especially the ones on Haleakalā. We can work with each other within our Hawaiian community.*
Response: Noted, will take this back for further evaluation.
6. *We can work with each other within our Hawaiian community. It can be open to other homestead communities, but it would be managed by Kahikinui.*
Response: We understand the intent, but we have to look at State Laws regarding shoreline access.

7. *The Ka ‘Ohana o Kahikinui has a Kahikinui Management Plan, developed in 2000, which includes Makai management. It is preferred that any visitor be escorted by a member of the community.*

Response: Noted. Thanks.

8. *My name is Harry Newman and I am the President of Ka ‘Ohana o Kahikinui. We request that we be at the table when this negotiation is finalized.*

Response: We have noted your comment.

9. *How will you distribute the community benefits? Will the \$300K go into Ka ‘Ohana o Kahikinui’s account so that the Board will get to decide what to do with it?*

Response: We are here to listen. What is the preference of the community?

10. *We prefer cash to the Ka ‘Ohana o Kahikinui account.*

11. *What happened to the request we made that we be present any time the Department makes a decision on Kahikinui, so we can make the decisions too?*

Response: This is a partnership. The negotiations can go to a certain extent, but there are competing, confidential pieces of information. I don’t know legally if we can include Kahikinui in the negotiations, especially because the HHC has still not approved the project.

12. *What if the community says “NO”? Will that input be heard?*

Response: If the whole community says “No, we don’t want it,” it would be reported in the meeting notes.

13. *At the 2013 public hearings, everyone was against the project.*

Response: The notes indicate that the community was against renewable energy projects at Pūlehunui and Honokōwai.

14. *As President of the Helekunihi Foundation, I want to be included in the Community Benefit Package.*

15. *What is the height of the wind turbines?*

Response: Right now they are looking at model that is the same height as the Sempra windmills, about 400-feet high, but technology in a few years may lower the height of the windmill. We will not know until the Project is in the Design Phase.

16. *Will there be provisions for the removal of the wind turbines?*

Response: Yes, it is in the agreement that the developer will have to remove and take away all their equipment at the end of the lease term.

17. *Need to add jobs, and training.*

18. *I'm happy with the road issue, but I'm concerned about the potential destruction of the 'aina. Is there any environmental, social, cultural impact on the land and our people, with the lines, windmills etc.*

Response: The developer will have to prepare an environmental assessment/environmental impact statement in accordance with Chapter 343, HRS. All of these concerns will be addressed. It is good to share with the consultant all these concerns.

19. *Are you taking testimony?*

Response: Yes, this whole discussion will be captured in the meeting notes.

20. *As the project moves forward, I'm concerned about whether there will be any telephone poles used to transmit energy. When they start talking about wiring and moving the energy, I'd like to be consulted.*

21. *We oppose any poles along the highway. Our preference is to have all utility line underground.*

Response: We will be back with the developer to talk story with the community. As more details are known, we will definitely share with the community. Until the due diligence is done, we will not know how the Project will be designed.

22. *Would like to be informed on all archaeological sites located on the 'āina.*

Response: Yes, as part of the EIS, an archaeological report and cultural impact will be included. Will definitely share with the community, before and after.

23. *Sempre said they did a wildlife study and they said that there's no birds out there, but every time I go out to the shoreline, I see Iwi birds. We don't want to be lied to in the environmental studies. This applies to plants and animals, their habitat, nesting grounds, and the area around the nesting grounds.*

Response: We'll make sure it's captured in the scoping of the Environmental Assessment. Flora and Fauna studies require consultants to talk in depth with the community regarding any wildlife/plant life.

24. *I am the 'Aha Moku representative for Kahikinui. It's important when they do their EIS that they listen to the community. The EIS consultants should talk to people that live in the area.*

Response: To facilitate that, it might be a good idea for Ka 'Ohana o Kahikinui to designate 1 person as the contact person for anything dealing with studies involving environmental or cultural resources at Kahikinui. The contact person would ensure proper protocol---arrange safe access to the field and ensure access to appropriate resource people.

25. *Walter Kanamu provided his testimony against the project*

- Seems like the community was already sold out
- It's wrong to bring pain to the land

- It's bad to take money for these projects – wrong to rape the lands and sell out
- Speaking for the lands at Kahikinui – he wants to know how to stop the project
- He provided several songs he wrote about Kahikinui

26. *Charmaine Day provided her testimony*

If you're going to look at the land being raped and all that, it's been done already. We're taking care of this area. We're trying to put this place back together. We're not raping the land, we're the new pioneers trying to bring life back to the land. My ancestor called me back to the land. We're building it back to its glory. The community is back on the land as pioneer. It's hard work to bring the land back to life as our ancestors have done. There are projects much worse than an alternative wind energy project.

Charmaine closed the meeting, pulling from her cultural practices and expertise, she offered an oli about Kahikinui.

MEETING ATTENDANCE:

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	AFFILIATION
1. Hannah	Domingo	Kahikinui Lessee
2. Malia	Benz-Marrs	Kahikinui Lessee
3. Francis	Cullen	Kahikinui Lessee
4. Charmaine	Day	Kahikinui Lessee
5. Virgil	Day	Kahikinui Lessee
6. Ainoa	Kaiokamalie	Kahikinui Lessee
7. Walter	Kanamu	Kahikinui Lessee
8. M. Kahala	Kermabon	Kahikinui Lessee
9. Chad	Newman	Kahikinui Lessee
10. Harry	Newman	Kahikinui Lessee
11. Kaia	Pali	Kahikinui Lessee
12. E.G.K. Aimoku	Pali, Sr.	Kahikinui Lessee
13. Donna	Sterling	Kahikinui Lessee
1. Barry M.	Holomalia	Applicant
2. Jade Alohalani	Smith	Applicant
3. Maria	Kanamu	Unspecified
4. Samson K.	Kepa, Jr.	Unspecified
5. Beverlie	Wilson	Unspecified
1. Pua	Canto	HHC, Maui Commissioner
2. Jobie	Masagatani	DHHL, Chairman
3. William	Aila, Jr.	DHHL, Deputy
4. Linda	Chinn	DHHL, Land Management Division
5. Allen	Yanos	DHHL, Land Management Division
6. Julie-Ann	Cachola	DHHL, Planning Office