

Committee Meetings

May 16, 2006

Chairperson Josephine Sokei called the Committee Meetings to order at 10:13 a.m.

Board present: Josephine Sokei, Ian Costa, Steven Kyono, Lynn McCrory, Bernie Sakoda, and Myles Shibata. Absent & excused: Donald Fujimoto

Staff present: Wynne Ushigome, Paul Ganaden, Les Yoshioka, Gregg Fujikawa, Bruce Inouye, Keith Fujimoto, and Deputy County Attorney Galen Nakamura

PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Public Affairs Committee Chair Bernie Sakoda called the meeting to order at 10:13 a.m. Members present were: Ian Costa, Steve Kyono, Lynn McCrory, Myles Shibata and Josephine Sokei. Absent & excused: Donald Fujimoto.

Re: Public Affairs Update

PA Committee Chair Sakoda gave the following report:

Surface Water Public Information: The Grove Farm Water Purification Facility's (WPF) 6-month trial period ended on April 23, 2006. On average, the Department is receiving approximately 2.65 MGD.

The Department's laboratory staff continues to monitor both the Lihue-Hanamau and the Wailua-Kapaa water systems and is working with the Aqua Engineers to optimize the treatment of the incoming water into the Department's distribution system. With the stabilization of the WPF's chlorine dosing process, daily chlorine residual levels within the service area appeared to remain relatively constant (less fluctuations) at any given sampling site. This allowed the Department to consider and recommend lowering the chlorine dosing levels from 0.8 ppm to 0.6 ppm. To date, the Department has received very few complaints regarding the surface water introduction; however, it may still be too early for problems to be fully developed. As stated previously, the strategy of phasing in the new water initially into a relatively limited service area has also no doubt resulted in a more manageable situation.

Public Relations Specialist: We received acceptance of our conditional job offer for the PR Specialist position from Faith Shiramizu. Faith's actual start date is still being negotiated as she requested additional time to provide a smooth transition due to prior personnel and work commitments.

AWWA Hawaii Section Conference: Acting Manager Ushigome attended this conference along with the rest of our delegation. In addition to participating in the Pipe Tapping contest, the Department also submitted two (2) entries in the annual Ono Water contest. This year's DOW entries were taken from Nonou Well 9-1C and the Grove Farm WPF and the Nonou Well 9-1C came in first place!! Congratulations to the girls' team who also won 2nd place, with no penalties!!

On query by the Board, Acting Manager Ushigome explained that the AWWA, HI Section's travel policy does dictate that in order for the Section to send anyone to the Nationals, the team is

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required to have at least a 2:30 time. If so, they would also qualify for a \$2,000 stipend for travel expenses. Since our girls' team's fastest time was 2:58, they do not qualify to go to the Nationals. The AWWA, HI Section will revisit this travel policy at their next August Board Meeting.

Acting Manager Ushigome added that Carl Arume and Ann Sokei of Aqua Engineers did a great job with their presentation of the Water Purification Facility at the conference.

Ag Awareness Day: May 18, 2006 is Ag Awareness Day, the Department will be participating in this educational event for 5th graders at the UH Wailua Extension Facility.

Senior Center Presentations: Kilauea and Koloa Senior Center activity coordinators have called requesting department personnel conduct informational "Question & Answer" presentations about our drinking water. According to the activity coordinators, rave reviews from our Lihue presentation have sparked requests by their seniors to schedule a presentation at their respective centers.

Received for the record.

The Public Affairs Committee was duly adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

RULES COMMITTEE

Rules Committee Chair Lynn McCrory called the meeting to order at 10:25 a.m. Members present were Ian Costa, Steven Kyono, Bernie Sakoda, Myles Shibata and Josephine Sokei. Absent & excused: Donald Fujimoto

Re: Rules Update

Ms. McCrory gave the following Rules Update:

There are no rule amendments being formalized at this time.

The Department continues to internally discuss the application and implementation of the Multi-party Facilities Reserve Charge ("FRC") Offsets Interim Directive dated January 31, 2006. This directive incorporated the Board's policy guidance provided at its November 4, 2005 meeting discussion on this subject. If the Board desires to establish the FRC Interim Directive as a rule, amendments to the Department's administrative rules regarding Paragraph 4, "FRC Offsets" of Section VII "Facilities Reserve Charge" of Part 4 of the Department's rules, may be necessary.

As indicated, the Department continues to evaluating this interim directive and determining the applicable criteria and/or conditions which will allow developers to qualify for (one-time only basis) FRC offsets against water system infrastructure improvements which are constructed and dedicated to the Department, as part of their proposed developments.

Received for the record. The Rules Committee was adjourned at 10:26 a.m.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE

Finance Committee Chair Steven Kyono called the Finance Committee Meeting to order at 10:26 a.m. Members present: Ian Costa, Steven Kyono, Lynn McCrory, Bernie Sakoda, Myles Shibata, and Josephine Sokei. Absent & excused: Donald Fujimoto.

Re: Claims Payable:

WATER UTILITY FUND:	\$ 909,713.30
BOND FUND:	\$ -0 -
FRC FUND:	\$ 129,834.52
STATE FUND:	\$ -0-
TOTAL	<u>\$1,039,547.82</u>

Mr. Costa moved that the claims be approved for payment, seconded by Ms. Sakoda; motion was carried.

Re: Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2006-07

A separate Finance Committee Meeting was set for Tuesday, May 30, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. at the DOW to discuss the proposed budget.

There being no further business, the Finance Committee was duly adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

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