

**Orchidland Community Association**  
**Board of Directors**  
**Approved Minutes**  
**July 19, 2016**

**Call to Order:** President Lyon presiding: the date is July 19, 2016, the time is 6:30pm and this is the Orchidland Community Association Board meeting. This meeting is being held at the Pahoia Community Center.

**Roll call:** President, Steve (Mongo) Lyon; Vice President, Don Stoner; Secretary, Frederic (Ric) Wirick; and Directors Gerald Akana and Sky Platt. And joining us by teleconference call is Treasurer, Tegen Greene calling in from Rochester, New York.

For the record, Hawaii State statute 414D--143 permits remote attendance if all parties can hear each other (i.e., speaker phone or video conference), unless prohibited in the bylaws or articles.

**Guests and members in attendance:** Chris Coles-Morales, Lee Jacobus, Lloyd Swierenga, Paul Imaizumi, Art Molter and Nick Anderson.

**President's** welcome announcement to members and general public:

Aloha and welcome to the first Board of Director's meeting for fiscal year 2016-17.

OLCA members and the general public are welcome to attend but are asked to please not interrupt the proceedings and agenda. Guests will be given the opportunity to speak at the end of meeting. Sign-in and suggestion forms will also be provided at the meeting; these forms will be reviewed and addressed by the BOD at the next scheduled meeting.

Unfortunately, in the past some hostile guests had disrupted BOD meetings, and two Board of Directors were injured by a hostile guest on November 17, 2015. Security officers will be on-duty. Unruly guests will be escorted out of the meeting by security officers.

Please note, the lawsuit launched by a dissident group calling themselves Orchidland Voice on July 1, 2015 is still in process. Legal topics and related issues will not be addressed at the OLCA meetings while the lawsuit is in progress.

Mahalo for your continued support.

**Motion** by Secretary Wirick to approve the July 19, 2016 BOD meeting agenda.

**Motion seconded, called to vote, 6 in favor, unanimous.**

**Motion** by Secretary Wirick to approve the June 21, BOD Minutes as distributed and corrected.

**Motion seconded, called to vote, 6 in favor, unanimous.**

Tonight we will begin with New Business and motions then go onto the monthly reports and updates.

We have a lot of business to complete this evening, and also Treasurer Greene is joining us from up-state New York, it is after midnight there. She will join us for the motions and then will likely end the teleconference before going to the monthly reports and updates.

First order of business – the motions approved by the RMC on July 12, 2016.

Motions passed by the RMC July 12th for approval by the BOD:

**1) Motion** to approve up to \$40,000 for the ongoing maintenance of unpaved main access and side roads.

**Motion seconded**

**Discussion:** This ongoing maintenance that is required to keep OLCA unpaved roadways drivable.

**Called to vote, 6 in favor, unanimous.**

**2) Motion** to approve up to \$20,000 for fill materials for the ongoing maintenance of unpaved main access and side roads.

**Motion seconded**

**Discussion:** Fill materials are required to complete the ongoing unpaved roadway maintenance programs.

**Motion seconded, called to vote, 6 in favor, unanimous.**

**3) Motion** to approve up to \$10,000 for bulk cold mix/ cold patch and filling of potholes.

**Motion seconded**

**Discussion:** Some sections of main access roadways and side roads require cold mix/ cold patch, this is part of the ongoing road maintenance program.

**Motion seconded, called to vote, 6 in favor, unanimous.**

That concludes the RMC's recommended motions.

**New Business:**

**1) Motion** to establish the dates of the Board of Directors meetings for the 2016-17 fiscal year as the third Tuesday of each month from July 2016 to June 2017, a total of twelve BOD meetings per fiscal year.

**Motion seconded, called to vote, 6 in favor, unanimous.**

**2) Motion** to elect the five following candidates to positions of interim Board of Directors for the fiscal year of 2016-17:

Paul Imaizumi, Doug Anderson, Chris Coles-Morales, Jeremai Cann and Steven Baca.

**Motion seconded**

**Discussion:** There would have been a regular election in June, however that process was delayed by Court intervention. So the candidates of the regular election are now going to be voted on as interim candidates for the remaining 11 months of the term.

A formal call for candidates was announced in the March 2016 Newsletter and at the April Membership Meeting. The above list of names and candidate statements were compiled over the past months.

At the BOD meeting on June 21, 2016 a motion was passed calling for the election of up to five interim Board of Directors at tonight's meeting.

The candidates statements will be read by Secretary Wirick for each candidate before the vote is taken. Each candidate will be elected by majority vote.

Most candidates are not present at this evening's meeting but will be on board at the next BOD meeting scheduled for August 16, 2016. Before taking office all candidates will be verified as members in good standing by OLCA bookkeeper Ken Ah Lo, of Data Processing Services, Inc.

**Motion called to vote, 6 in favor, unanimous.**

Now we will elect each candidate individually:

-- **Motion** to elect candidate Paul Imaizumi as an interim Board of Director for the 2016-17 fiscal year.

**Motion seconded**

**Candidate statement:** Retired law enforcement, farmer, administrative and operations officer.

**Motion called to vote, 12 in favor, unanimous.**

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-- **Motion** to elect candidate Doug Anderson as an interim Board of Director for the 2016-17 fiscal year.

**Motion seconded**

**Candidate statement:** I have lived in Orchidland for the last eight years. I retired from the Post Office managing the Vancouver Wa vehicle repair facility. I operated heavy equipment from skidsteers to track hoes on the side in site prep, logging, septic, etc. Using my cat and backhoe I maintained the couple of miles of gravel road in my foot hills neighborhood and so am well aware of the issues dealing with that. I was also an officer for several years, to include being president, of the local aviation association which held large open house events, summer camps for kids and college scholarships for those interested in an aviation career. I am happily content living here and

have no axe to grind or personal agenda to push. My only concern is that there seems to be those that do ,and this constant turmoil, lawsuits and infighting is wasting the associations resources and threatening to push us towards receivership. This would have a devastating impact on the membership financially as we would lose all control of fees and direction, benefiting only those few in a position to take advantage. I would simply like to keep our fees reasonable, get the best bang for our buck and move us towards the members seeing worth in paying those fees.

**Motion called to vote, 12 in favor, unanimous.**

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-- **Motion** to elect candidate Chris Coles-Morales as an interim Board of Director for the 2016-17 fiscal year.

**Motion seconded**

**Candidate statement:**

My husband and I moved here roughly 3 months ago and met our neighbors at the breakfast at the community site. We really enjoyed the open feeling and the aloha spirit. It made us feel welcome and wanting to be a part of the ohana of Orchidland Estates.

To serve one's community as a Board member, is a great honor. To give to and to share a commitment as an objective,fair minded and arbitrary individual who has the members needs at heart. I was raised to be a part of the solution,rather than be the problem. As my great aunt once told me after listening to me complain about something I didn't like," The time spent complaining could of been spent finding the solution to the problem." Wise words from a wise woman, who I follow to this day.

I feel that I am a good candidate for the interim position of Board Director as I am new eyes, I am objective and also am fair-minded. I am a highly ethical person with a strong sense of right and wrong. I believe in the democratic process in the true sense of the word.

I am looking forward to working with you all. Thank you for considering me for the interim position.

With warm ahoha, Chris Coles-Morales

**Motion called to vote, 12 in favor, unanimous.**

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-- **Motion** to elect candidate Jeremai Cann as an interim Board of Director for the 2016-17 fiscal year.

**Motion seconded**

**Candidate statement:** I am very interested in helping to improve and maintain all 40 miles of our roads. It is essential to our health and wealth to have quality road access for our community.

As an educator of renewable food growing systems, I would like to share my knowledge with our community to help grow the most nutritious food together hand in hand.

Mahalo for your consideration,

Jeremai

**Motion called to vote, 12 in favor, unanimous.**

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-- **Motion** to elect candidate Steven Baca as an interim Board of Director for the 2016-17 fiscal year.

**Motion seconded**

**Candidate statement: Steve Baca** works as an infrastructure technician at the summit of Mauna Kea dealing with the main infrastructure and mechanical and operating equipment. He has worked construction as an ironworker in California and Hawaii. He has done carpentry building houses, some remodeling and has done auto mechanics for several decades.

He was in charge of construction for the St Joseph School Country Fair for 7 years. He has been a Cubmaster and currently an Assistant Scoutmaster, both for 12 years with the Boy Scouts of America.

**Motion called to vote, 12 in favor, unanimous.**

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Congratulations to the newly elected interim Board of Directors, and we will be in contact with you as soon as we receive verification of member in good standing from DPSI.

**4) Motion** to direct President Lyon in cooperation with the BOD to appoint a chair of the By-laws committee.

**Motion seconded, called to vote, 6 in favor, unanimous.**

**5) Motion** to direct President Lyon in cooperation with the BOD to appoint a new coordinator of the Community Lot Development committee.

**Motion seconded, called to vote, 6 in favor, unanimous.**

**6) Motion** to direct President Lyon in cooperation with the BOD to appoint a new coordinator of the Social Committee.

**Motion seconded, called to vote, 6 in favor, unanimous.**

That completes this evening's New Business. And we move to the monthly reports and updates. Treasurer Greene, thanks for joining us tonight from the mainland. Tegen asked to remain on the phone for a while longer. She expressed her gratitude and welcomed to the newly elected interim Board of Directors.

**Monthly Reports:**

**Secretary Wirick:**

**OLCA Board of Directors (BOD) update:** we began our new fiscal year (2016-17) on July 1, 2016. OLCA Board members serving year 2 of a 3 year terms are: Vice President Donald Stoner; Treasurer Tegen Greene; Secretary Frederic (Ric) Wirick; and Directors Gerald Akana and Sky Platt.

Please note, these five BOD were elected by the OLCA membership via mail-in ballot vote in June 2015. They were reaffirmed by membership ballot vote on April 24, 2016 at the Annual Membership Meeting, and were elected into their respective officer positions at the June 21, 2016 BOD meeting. Interim President Steve (Mongo) Lyon was elected to another interim one-year term for 2016-17 at the June 21, 2016 BOD meeting.

**Update!** Recently members of the Hawaii County Council and a reporter from the Hilo Tribune Herald acknowledged OLCA's roadway improvements to 40<sup>th</sup> Ave and Pohaku Drive. OLCA was recognized as the only Association in the upper Puna District that has moved forward with "connectivity" to both Hawaiian Acres and Hawaiian Paradise Park. In addition to serving residents of Orchidland Estates, this emergency by-pass route has been utilized by the County. The route runs from Hwy 130 up Pohaku Drive to the intersection with 40<sup>th</sup> Ave and out to County access road Ola'a to Hwy 11. OLCA only has 650' on Pohaku Drive to asphalt pave before this entire section within Orchidland Estates is completed.

Recent improvements on these roadways include chip seal re-coating, engineer approved build-up and asphalt paving and extensive signage to slow the traffic flow. OLCA has spent over three-hundred thousand dollars in private funding to improve these roadways -- once again, for the residents of Orchidland Estates, and also to serve the greater community in times of emergency.

OLCA and Hawaiian Acres have now formally asked the County to step up and improve Ola'a, at least, up to the standards that OLCA has currently achieved. Ola'a remains the most dangerous section of this emergency by- pass route. And it also serves both OLCA and Hawaiian Acres as their primary "connectivity" roadway.

Mahalo to those OLCA members that have stepped up with their financial support of the ongoing paving programs to improve the safety and welfare for both ours and the greater community.

**The following letter was approved by the BOD and submitted to Greggor Ilagan, chairperson of the Ad Hoc Committee on Puna Connectivity on July 20, 2016 and has been added to the final report. Letter was also submitted to Peter Sur, Legislative Assistant to Greggor Ilagan and to County Council member Daniel Paleka, and hand delivered to other Committee members.**

**To: The Members of the Ad Hoc Committee on Puna Connectivity**

**From: The Orchidland Community Association, Inc., Secretary Frederic Wirick**

On behalf of the current 2016-17 OLCA Board of Directors: President Steve Lyon, Vice President Donald Stoner, Treasurer Tegen Greene, Secretary Frederic (Ric) Wirick and Directors, Gerald Akana and Sky Platt. We appreciate the acknowledgement that OLCA is the only Association in the upper Puna District that has moved forward with “connectivity” to both Hawaiian Acres and Hawaiian Paradise Park.

In addition to serving residents of Orchidland Estates, this emergency by-pass route has been utilized by the County. The “connectivity route” runs from Hwy 130 up Pohaku Drive to the intersection with 40<sup>th</sup> Ave and out to County access road Ola’a to Hwy 11. OLCA only has 650’ on Pohaku Drive to asphalt pave before this entire section is within Orchidland Estates is completed.

Recent improvements on these roadways include chip seal re-coating, engineer approved build-up and asphalt paving and extensive signage to slow the traffic flow. OLCA has spent over three-hundred thousand dollars in private funding to improve these roadways -- once again, for the residents of Orchidland Estates, and also to serve the greater Puna community in times of an emergency.

OLCA and Hawaiian Acres have formally asked the County to step up and improve County access road Ola’a that connects with Hwy 11. Ola’a remains the most dangerous section of this “connectivity” and emergency by- pass route. And Ola’a also serves both OLCA and Hawaiian Acres as their primary “connectivity” roadway.

The OLCA Board of Directors have determined upon further review that County access roadway Ola’a serves as the primary “connectivity route” for Orchidland Estates and Hawaiian Acres along the Hwy 11 corridor. And that neither CL-5 on Pohaku Drive, or Alternates to CL-5 on Laniuma, Orchidland or Aulii Drives are needed for “connectivity” in respect to the Hwy 11 corridor.

Pohaku Drive and 40<sup>th</sup> Ave. already provides the County and the adjoining community associations of Hawaiian Acres and Hawaiian Paradise Park with “connectivity” through Orchidland Estates. Plus once again, we have already spent over three hundred thousand dollars of our private funding to improve this County utilized emergency by-pass route and “connectivity route”. We strongly suggest that the County move immediately forward with substantial improvements on Ola’a before another serious accident occurs and an emergency by-pass is required. And please strongly suggest on our behalf that these two critical OLCA “connectivity” roadways, 40<sup>th</sup> Ave and Pohaku Drive, be “dedicated” to the County for future and ongoing improvements and maintenance.

**Mahalo nui loa,  
OLCA Board of Directors**

**Notice of upcoming OLCA meetings:**

All OLCA meetings are being held at the Pahoia Community Center. The Road Maintenance Committee (RMC) meetings are the second Tuesday of each month from 6:30pm to 8:00pm. Board of Directors (BOD) meetings are the third Tuesday of each month from 6:30pm to 8:00pm.

**Treasurer Greene's financial report:** Not available because a number of OLCA financial accounts remain frozen. This freeze was instigated by the same imposters that have attempted to confuse the OLCA Membership and the Third District Court.

**Road Maintenance Committee report** (report read by Secretary Wirick)

Report includes recommended motions to be approved by the BOD:

**On July 12, 2016 at 6:30pm, Special Guest** County Council member Greggor Iligan joined the RMC meeting and provided members with maps and documents regarding some County "emergency by-pass routes". These routes were discussed in detail and specific issues were addressed.

The primary "emergency by-pass route" included the County dedicated roadways of Ainaloa Drive to Hawaiian Acres Road 8 to Hwy 11. Council member Iligan indicated that the County took over maintenance and improvements of these roadways even though these roadways were not up to County standards. His recommended improvements included some additional roadwork and proper signage. The RMC expressed their approval for both the route and the improvements.

The secondary alternative "emergency by-pass route" was through Orchidland Estates, this included Pohaku Drive to 40<sup>th</sup> Ave to Ola'a to Hwy 11. County Council member Iligan praised the RMC for the improvements on what were the worst sections of 40<sup>th</sup> Ave and Pohaku Drive. The improvements included the civil engineer approved build-up and paving. The RMC indicated that only 650' of Pohaku Drive required asphalt pavement in order to complete this "emergency by-pass route". Also noted was the chip-seal recoating and how the sealing process had eliminated the formation of potholes.

The RMC indicated that these Orchidland roadways should be dedicated to the County for future maintenance and improvements.

The RMC also pointed out that the County access roadway Ola'a from Hwy 11 was the most dangerous section of this "emergency by-pass route" and required immediate attention including widening and signage, this was and is the County's responsibility.

That concluded our meeting with County Council member Greggor Iligan.

The RMC meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Donald Stoner at 7:15pm.

In attendance: Frederic Wirick, Gerald Akana, Sky Platt and special guest President Steve (Mongo) Lyon.

The RMC's agenda was approved and the June 14, 2016 Minutes were approved.

**Announcement:** The Road Maintenance Committee was elected at the June 21, 2016 Board of Directors Meeting. The RMC elected members include: Don Stoner, Frederic (Ric) Wirick, Gerald Akana and Sky Platt.

RMC officers were elected for the 2016-17 fiscal year:

Vice Chair, Donald Stoner; Secretary Frederic Wirick

**Monthly RMC report read by Secretary Wirick:**

Phase 2 of the extensive signage project has now been completed on both Orchidland and Aulii Drives. All cross streets intersecting with these two main access roads from 34<sup>th</sup> Ave up to 40<sup>th</sup> Ave now have STOP signs and new posts installed were needed. Similarly, Pohaku drive and 40<sup>th</sup> were completed a while back. And Laniuma Drive will be completed this coming month. Signage damage update, one STOP sign and post knocked down at Pohaku and 39<sup>th</sup> about a month ago and it has been replaced.

Side road maintenance from 34<sup>th</sup> Ave up to 40<sup>th</sup> Ave has proceeded over the past month. Disruption of funding in April and May had stalled this maintenance, please reference the RMC Minutes of June 14, 2016 for more details. Side road maintenance includes: mowing encroaching cut grass and other weeds, opening natural drainages and adding gravel were needed. To date 34<sup>th</sup> Ave, 35<sup>th</sup> and some of 36<sup>th</sup> Ave have been completed. 37<sup>th</sup> thru 40<sup>th</sup> Ave should be completed this month.

Mowing of the road sides along the Main Access Roads of Laniuma, Orchidland, Aulii, Illima and 40<sup>th</sup> has been completed and some natural drainages have been opened.

That completes the monthly reports and updates, and tonight's Board business. Now we move to guest comments, suggestions and recommendations. If you have not done so, please sign in and wait until your name is called to speak. Please keep your comments to 3 minutes. A guest comment, suggestion, recommendation sheet has also been provided and will be reviewed by the Board and addressed at the next meeting.

Please note, the lawsuit launched by a dissident group calling themselves Orchidland Voice on July 1, 2015 is still in process. Legal topics and related issues will not be addressed at the OLCA meetings while the lawsuit is in progress.

**Guest speakers addressed road maintenance issues and more including:**

- A dip in road on Aulii near 38<sup>th</sup> Ave.
- Rocks placed in the easements that have caused problems for road side mowing crews.
- A recent auto accident was reported where a car hit a telephone/ power pole near the 3-way STOP sign on 40<sup>th</sup> Ave and Oliana.
- Progress was reported on the Community lot, with mention of the planting of ti plants around the perimeter, and note of an upcoming Community garden. Also a monthly social event was announced to be held on the Community lot.
- Guest discussion ended

**Announcement:** The next BOD meeting is August 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm here at the Pahoia Community Center.

Motion from the Board for adjournment, majority in favor, meeting adjourned at 7:27pm

**Submitted by:**

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**Frederic Wirick, Secretary**

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**Date**