Nā Ala Hele (NAH) Maui Advisory Council
Approved Minutes of May 6, 2026

Present: Tom Cannon, David Brown, Kevin Jenkins, Russell Reinertson, Mark Short
Absent: John Meier, Sue Guille,
Ex-Officio: Glendon VanSandt, NAH Specialist
Guests: Richard Donovan, Bruce Faulkner, Laurie Baker

Call to Order, Public Notice, Quorum

Russell called the meeting to order at 1:00pm. Public notice was posted, and quorum was met.

Review of Meeting Minutes of October 29, 2025, and March 18, 2026

The draft minutes for both the October 29th and March 18th meetings were approved without changes.

Staff Report: Kula Forest Reserve remains closed due to damage from the March Kona Low storms. Over 140 trees are down on Waiakoa Loop Trail alone, and access is extremely difficult throughout the forest reserve. As damage assessment continues, there is no estimated date for reopening.

Flow Farm Report: Flow Farm has ended work on Pineapple Express. The improvements have improved safety and provided for better flow for skilled riders.

Maui Motocross Report: No update.

Old Business:

1. **Kamehamenui Forest Reserve:** Progressive Trail Design has flagged the trails to be built in Phase 1 of Kamehamenui Forest Reserve.

2. **East Maui Forest Reserve Lands Acquisition:** No Update.

3. **Ōnau Trail:** Kevin reports that All parties are in agreement that the State owns the trail, and a deal has been reached with the landowner to allow public access. SHPD is currently reviewing the proposal. Keven has reached out to David and Danial Arnellas but has not heard back.

4. **Waia'ilio Trail:** No updates. Still awaiting a drone survey of the upper reaches of the trail.

5. **Nā Ala Hele Program Plan – PBR Hawaii Presentation of Draft Program Plan:** A Zoom meeting was held with PBR Hawaii representatives Theresa Dean and Maree Medeiros. They reviewed the elements of the plan with the council and invited us to make comments on the Draft Plan. Public comment is currently open until July 21 2026. The Draft Plan may be reviewed, and comments submitted at: https://dlnr.hawaii.gov/recreation/nah/na-ala-hele-program-plan/

New Business:

1. **Discussion of Current e-Bike regulations on Nā ala Hele Trails:** With legislation pending regarding helmet laws and DOT rules for e-bikes, council members discussed current E-bike rules on NAH trails. No changes to DLNR policy are recommended.

2. **Suggestions for New Nā Ala Hele trails:** Ho'olawa Trail was suggested and added to our next meeting's agenda.

Agenda Items for next meeting: Ho'olawa Tail

Date of Next Meeting: June 17, 2026, at 1:00pm

Public Testimony on All Agenda Items, Public Comments – Open Forum

Adjournment: 2:35pm