

Community Meeting on Big Wind

Kilohana School, June 23, 2011

Quotations from the Audio Tape

(PE = Pattern Energy, BC = Biological Capital. Minute and second numbers refer to elapsed time location on tape. Many Molokai speakers are community leaders)

17:15 – Keiki-Pua (BC): “We believe that those numbers [the 93% and 97% of Molokai residents against Big Wind in recent polls] are correct. We are not questioning those numbers . . . Those are real numbers.”

18:50 – Christian (PE): “If the community does not support the project, the project will not go through.”

19:40 – Molokai resident: “Will you confirm that you’re going to pack up and leave? Can we have that in writing?”

20:10 – Another resident: “We voted for him [Governor]. And we can vote him *out!*”

20:20 – Christian (PE): “We know that you will be successful . . . if the community does not want this project, it will not go through. And we will pack up and leave.” But, he added, they have to go through this process, the PEIS and EIS, perhaps five more years. He had no answer to repeated questions of “Why waste the money?”

22:30 – Another resident: “You have to be really honest with yourself, and pono. Because we’re Molokai. We’re not going to lie.”

22:57 – Another resident: “Enough of the lies.”

23:30 – Same woman: “If you say you’re going to pack up and leave, I want it in writing. Don’t you lie . . . We will hunt you down.”

25:13 – Adolph Helm: “Don’t expect to want to move through this process, because it’s already been spoken. The people are clear . . . Don’t spend more and more money trying to convince the people.”

31:40 – Kanohowailuku Helm: “Basically, the benefits package you guys are talking about is just like you guys stealing a child’s piggy bank and buy them one present and giving it to them.”

33:30 – Grant (BC): “There are a lot of new people here tonight that haven’t been at the last two nights.”

35:30 – Cora Schnackenberg: “This is our island . . . It’s so priceless . . . We are green and we will continue to do it. It is Oahu that hasn’t got the message . . . The problem was never us. The problem is somewhere else. And you’re making it our problem. And that’s not fair.”

36:20 – Grant: “We’re here tonight to learn from you, because this is a great dialogue.”

38:30 – Cora: “It’s not fair what you’re asking us to do. It’s ridiculous! It’s hideous! It’s crazy!”

42:50 – Cheryl Corbeil: “HECO has not had a good history of doing anything . . . to help people.”

1:02:30 – Another resident: “I think you guys get the message: we don’t like the windmills. And that’s the bottom line.”

1:06:55 – Another resident: “We’re telling you no and you’re trying to persuade us. There’s no persuading.”

1:12:40 – Aunty Judy Caparito: “The PUC, the Electric Company, they all have their hands in the cookie jar.”

1:14:20 – Aunty Judy: “Our answer’s not going to change.”

1:15:20 – Aunty Judy: “Go teach them [Oahu] how to live. Because we know how to live.”

1:17:20 – Aunty Judy: “They [the people in the room from PE and BC] are not pono. They don’t give a rip. All these people, they’ve got money. The greedy ones, and they’re all there [gestures at them], they’re all lined up in here . . . already rich but they want more. And that more is what’s going to kill us.”

1:19:45 – Aunty Ruthie Manu: “What you [Pattern and Biological] have we don’t want. We love what we got now.”

1:20:20 – Aunty Ruthie: “From east to west we’re not divided. We are one ohana.”

1:23:50 – Aunty Ruthie: “We want you guys out of here.”

1:29:30 – Molokai resident: “You tell the Governor, we don’t want the windmills.”

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