

Forest Stewardship Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Virtual Meeting
September 9, 2020

Present: Janet Britt (Chair), J.B. Friday (Chair-elect), Irene Sprecher (Ex-Officio), Nicholas Koch, Greg Hendrickson, Trae Menard, Jordan Jokiel, Eva Blumenstein, Seana Walsh, Bart Potter, Jennifer Higashino, Olu Campbell

Staff: Tanya Rubenstein, Marissa Chee, Katie Friday (U.S. Forest Service)

Guests: Mathew Cocking (NRCS), Raquel Dow, Riley Fujisaki (for Representative Sylvia Luke), Raquel Dow, Asta Miklius, Tracy Regan, Amber Herzog Lyman, Jacob Williams, Andrea Dean, Mary Lock, Sonnet Coggins

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 9:00am.

2. Welcome and Introduction

Members and guests were welcomed and introduced.

3. Review and Approval of February 28, 2020 Meeting Minutes

- The Forest Stewardship Advisory Committee (FSAC) reviewed the meeting minutes from the February 28, 2020 meeting.

Motion to approve the February 28, 2020 FSAC meeting minutes. Moved by Member Koch; seconded by Member Hendrickson.

Approve: Britt, J.B. Friday, Sprecher, Koch, Hendrickson, Menard, Jokiel, Blumenstein, Walsh, Potter, Campbell; Oppose: none; Abstain: Higashino.

Motion Passed.

Forest Legacy Program (FLP)

4. Proposals

4.1 Kealakekua, South Kona, Hawaii County

- Member Sprecher introduced this project which was previously submitted for Fiscal Year (FY) 20 funding but likely did not score high enough. This is a fee acquisition for just over 1,000 acres which are surrounded by an existing conservation easement with Kealakekua Mountain Reserve (KMR). The area has some existing forest and some large areas of pasture which present opportunities to invest in growing koa and sandalwood. Due to the state's budget limitations, the state has some reservations regarding the ability to come up with money for match or management.
- Member Potter asked if management of sandalwood would be sustainable given that oil may not be extracted for several decades. Member Sprecher said that there is no existing sandalwood on site so it would need to be established. The project could inform silvicultural and long-term management needs of sandalwood.
- Member J.B. Friday commented that the threat is evident by the coffee farms moving upslope. He noted that other landowners in the area are doing reforestation work.

- Member Sprecher said that there is access to the property, but it is not open to the public. There are opportunities to do a management or access easement.
- Member Hendrickson added that there is legal access that could be used by visitors. There are potential additional access opportunities the state can pursue with acquisition. Regarding There is not much information on the age when *Santalum paniculatum* produces viable oil. Data for *Santalum album* indicates viable oil can be harvested at 15 years.
- Member Blumenstein asked for clarification on Doterra and the state's role in the project. Member Sprecher explained that the property would be added to the forest reserve system (FRS) and present opportunities for the state to do restoration and generate revenue to help with management of property. The project also presents opportunities to develop public and private partnerships. More work would need to be done to develop what the partnership with Doterra would look like.
- Staff K. Friday asked if KMR is interested in acquiring the easement instead of the state due state's budget constraints. Member Hendrickson said that has not been discussed, but KMR is interested in improving the neighborhood and feel the state would be a good owner.
- Member Menard commented that it would be good if this project can be aggregated with the other carbon project on Maui.

4.2 Hawaii Koa Forest, North Hilo, Hawaii County

- Member Rubenstein introduced the 13,000-acre project that was previously submitted for FY21 funding. At that time, the state had prioritized the Na Wai Eha project which ranked high enough for funding. The Hawaii Koa project ranked 18 out of 29, so there is a chance it will get funded. The state will not be informed if it is funded until after FY22 submissions are due, so the state is resubmitting just in case. The property is strategically located next to Hakalau Wildlife Refuge and Hilo Forest Reserve. There is high quality stream habitat in the upper portions, while the lower portion is weedy and zoned agriculture. Koa could be harvested off the lower portion, however the terrain is difficult and much of the property is inaccessible. Funding support is lined up increasing the project readiness.
- Member Jokiel asked for more details on the harvesting of koa by the state. Member Sprecher said that harvesting would not be a large component of management, except for potential salvage. The state does have the authority to generate and collect revenue from products in the FRS. This revenue gets deposited into a special fund account for FR management.
- Member Koch added that extracting timber would be difficult due to the access and terrain. He also noted that the property has high watershed value.
- Member J.B. Friday was concerned that the state would be acquiring a large weedy area that will not have much active management due to inaccessibility.
- Member Jokiel noted that the project is strategically located but questioned how threatened it is. Staff Rubenstein said there have been attempts to do logging in conservation zoned land in the area. Most of the parcel is not highly threatened, but there have been potential buyers for the lower portion. Member Koch added that a road could be built, but there are not much timber resources.
- Member Higashino pointed out that this project highlighted the most threatened and endangered (TE) species. She asked if there would be access from Hakalau and if the state or its partners have the capacity to manage the TE species. Member J.B. Friday said there is

no access from Hakalau and that management would likely consist of building fenced enclosures around small populations of rare plants via helicopter.

- Member Menard asked if there is a threat from development. Member Koch said the lower edge could be developed, but the landscape is very wet and difficult to access and building roads would be costly. He felt the threat is moderate since Hamakua is seeing an increase in development.

4.3 Kaneohe Pali, Honolulu County

- Staff Rubenstein introduced this new project which is a 9,048-acre fee acquisition in Kaneohe. It is primarily comprised of steep cliffs that are not highly threatened, though the lower parcel is developable. The property has a high number of TE, critical habitat, strong community interest in managed access, and several sensitive cultural sites. The Trust for Public Land is a partner and \$700,000 in state legacy land funding has been secured.
- Member Jokiel asked where the TE species are located and if those areas are considered threatened. Staff Rubenstein said that most of the TE plants are in the cliff sections, though there are some endangered stream fauna in the lower portion that is more threatened.
- Member Higashino asked for clarification on zoning. Member Rubenstein said all of the parcels are zoned conservation. There was a proposal to develop parcel 3, which was narrowly defeated on the city council level.
- Member J.B. Friday asked what the current vegetation is on parcel 3. Member Rubenstein said it is primarily non-native, though there may be scattered hala. Member Sprecher added that there are opportunities for recreation and community stewardship given the number of cultural features and sites.
- Member Koch commented that the property is not highly threatened due to the current conservation zoning.

4.4 Hana Highway Coastal Rainforest, Maui County

- Staff Chee introduced this new project on the northeast coast of Maui. It is a fee acquisition of 1,047 acres owned by Alexander & Baldwin. The Maui DOFAW Branch is highly supportive of acquisition, as the parcels would be added to the Koolau Forest Reserve. The Branch also seeks to create coastal recreation opportunities and is interested in acquiring other parcels to the east as part of an initiative to protect more lands in east Maui.
- Member Britt commented that this project is expensive at \$9,551/acre. She felt that much of importance lies along coast.
- Member Sprecher said that this is a good project, but the narrative needs to be developed more.
- Member Blumenstein stated that she strongly supports the project because it is significantly threatened, and the public benefit is high. Much of the large agricultural zoned land in the area has been subdivided and off the grid living is highly sought after. She added that most of the critical mauka watersheds on Maui are protected, so this is a unique opportunity to protect coastal lands.
- Member Koch added that coastal lands sell quickly and are attractive for development.
- Staff Rubenstein added that the Branch is interested in connecting mauka and makai areas for management including restoration and recreation.

- Member Higashino said that the project offers a critical undeveloped flyway for the endangered Hawaiian Petrel from Haleakala National Park which has one of the biggest populations.
- Member Menard liked the opportunity for recreation access and asked who would be managing that. Staff Rubenstein said those conversations have not happened yet, but the Branch likely envisions it will be managed by DOFAW.
- Member Walsh commented that she felt some of the projects were more important but did not score as high based on the scoring guidance.

FSAC Scores:

Kealahou

FSAC Member	Score
Janet B.	81
JB F.	74
Greg H.	78
Jordan J.	75
Jennifer H.	81
Irene S.	70
Olu C.	79
Nick K.	75
Eva B.	79
Seana W.	79
Bart P.	62
Trae M.	71
Total	904
Average	75.3

Hawaii Koa

FSAC Member	Score
Janet B.	70
JB F.	44
Greg H.	69
Jordan J.	39
Jennifer H.	76
Irene S.	78
Olu C.	66
Nick K.	69
Eva B.	60
Seana W.	68
Bart P.	70
Trae M.	67
Total	776
Average	64.7

Kaneohe Pali

FSAC Member	Score
Janet B.	69
JB F.	69
Greg H.	69
Jordan J.	60
Jennifer H.	66
Irene S.	65
Olu C.	71
Nick K.	60
Eva B.	70
Seana W.	70
Bart P.	74
Trae M.	61
Total	804

Hana Highway

FSAC Member	Score
Janet B.	73
JB F.	68
Greg H.	65
Jordan J.	69
Jennifer H.	57
Irene S.	56
Olu C.	61
Nick K.	79
Eva B.	77
Seana W.	69
Bart P.	77
Trae M.	66
Total	817

Average	67.0		Average	68.1
Project		Average Score	Ranking	
Kealakekua		75.3	1	
Hana Highway		68.1	2	
Kaneohe Pali		67.0	3	
Hawaii Koa		64.7	4	

Motion to approve all four projects as Forest Legacy Projects. Moved by Member J.B. Friday; seconded by Member Walsh.

Approve: Britt, J.B. Friday, Koch, Hendrickson, Sprecher, Higashino, Menard, Jokiel, Blumenstein, Walsh, Potter, Campbell; Oppose: none; Abstain: none.

Motion Passed.

Continued discussion:

- Member Sprecher commented that while there is hope that Hawaii koa will get funded, Hawaii Koa has the most substantial existing forest resources. Although the threat is not as strong, the existing resources help elevate the project.

Motion to submit all four projects as ranked. Moved by Member Blumenstein; seconded by Member Jokiel.

Approve: Britt, J.B. Friday, Koch, Hendrickson, Higashino, Menard, Jokiel, Blumenstein, Walsh, Potter, Campbell; Oppose: Sprecher; Abstain: none.

Motion Passed.

5. Haloa Aina Conservation Easement, South Kona, Hawaii County

- Staff Rubenstein explained that this is an existing FLP project in the process of drafting the conservation easement. In the original FLP proposal, the intention was to match the Forest Service funding with state funding, however the state Capital Improvement Program funding was taken away. The project received support from the Hawaii County Public Access, Open Space and Natural Resources Preservation Commission (PONC), who ranked Haloa Aina highly in their process. The state is now working with PONC as partners on the project. Approval from the committee is needed to allow PONC to be a co-holder of the conservation easement.
- Chair Britt commented that if PONC is involved, they are eligible to apply for stewardship funding which is a great opportunity to take advantage of.
- Staff Rubenstein explained that another change from the original proposal is that managed public access will be a larger component. Discussions are on-going with Hawaii Island Land Trust who may also have a role in managing public access.

Motion to approve Hawaii County PONC as co-holder of easement. Moved by J.B. Friday. Seconded by Member Higashino.

Approve: Britt, J.B. Friday, Koch, Hendrickson, Higashino, Menard, Jokiel, Blumenstein, Walsh, Potter, Campbell; Oppose: Sprecher; Abstain: none.

Motion Passed.

Forest Stewardship Program

6. Proposals

6.1 Dow, Puna District, Hawaii County

- Member Higashino, who visited the property, introduced the 3-acre project located in the Volcano Farm Lots. There are patches of native forest in the back of the property which is dominated by ohia and hapuu. Some invasive species such as Himalayan raspberry and ginger are present. The applicant has infrastructure for growing plants and a background in native propagation. The applicant has also submitted an EQIP application to fence and replant 2 acres in the middle of the property which has been affected by previous clearing.
- Guest Dow explained that the structures on the adjacent property appear to be greenhouses, but they are unsure if they are in operation or what they are used for. They are proposing to fence the whole property because the back contains native forest patches, the front has large ohia, and they want to protect the remaining ohia from ROD. She added that the proposed trail is needed for access to do the work.
- Member Koch commented they have several restoration projects in area. This area generally has a lot of native forest components and weed management is doable. He added that Forest Solutions bid on the project so he will be abstaining.
- Member Walsh asked for clarification if cost estimate for the proposed fencing is for the entire property or just the stewardship area.
- Member J.B. Friday recommended expanding on the community involvement and benefit, in terms of working with other neighbors to install a fence around the whole community. He commented that the neighborhood does have ROD, and that they've been finding that approximately 100 times more trees die outside fenced areas than inside.
- Member Campbell asked if there is a plan to fence the whole subdivision. Staff Rubenstein said the Dow and Miklius projects are aware of each other and that Guest Miklius works with the Farm Lots Association who supports a larger pig fencing project. Guest Miklius explained that the Association is interested in getting cost-share assistance to fence the Ku boundary of the farm lots. Both Staff Rubenstein and Guest Miklius said this project would be complex to get the funds together and remove the pigs once complete.
- Member Menard agreed that while installing one boundary fence would be more cost effective, he recommends smaller more management units due to the complexity of working with so many landowners.
- Member J.B. Friday noted that there are other landowners in the area who are interested in protecting native forest, such as the Mamaki Tea Farm is located a few properties down.
- Member Sprecher felt it would be beneficial for the Dow and Miklius projects to work together during management plan development and potentially come up with a strategy for more effective implementation. Member JB Friday added that the Mamaki Tea Farm should be included in the discussions.

Motion to approve the proposal and have staff encourage the Dow and Miklius projects to work together. Moved by Member Blumenstein; seconded by Member Menard.

Continued discussion:

- Member Campbell asked if proposals need to be prioritized based on state funding issues.

Staff Rubenstein explained that FSP has an adequate budget for planning. Project applicants have been made aware that funding for project implementation may not be available.

- Member J.B. Friday commented that there is value in assisting landowners with planning, even if the program cannot provide funding support for implementation. Member Koch added that plans are also valuable for tax incentive purposes because there was a recent change to the county tax code that includes two new native forest dedications that would allow landowners with approved management plans to receive reduced property tax rates for native forest restoration.

Approve: Britt, Hendrickson, Higashino, Menard, Jokiel, Blumenstein, Sprecher, Walsh, Potter, Campbell; Oppose: none; Abstain: J.B. Friday, Koch.

Motion Passed

Motion to approve cost share support with the final amount approved by staff who will work with the landowner and others in the area to make planning as cost effective as possible. Moved by Member Sprecher; seconded by Member Potter.

Approve: Britt, Hendrickson, Higashino, Menard, Jokiel, Blumenstein, Sprecher, Walsh, Potter, Campbell; Oppose: none; Abstain: J.B. Friday, Koch.

Motion Passed

6.2 Miklius, Puna District, Hawaii County

- Member Higashino introduced the Miklius project which is located near the Dow project. The property is 30 acres with 20 acres proposed for FSP. The property was previously a tomato farm and the landowner wants to maintain some acreage in the front of the property for a home and farming activities. The downhill portion of the property is in relatively good shape considering past activities. There is a trail leading to the forested section however raspberry growth made parts of the property difficult to access. The Maunaloa side of the property was only partially fenced and there was pig sign present. This parcel is adjacent to DLNR land where there is severe ROD and pig issues. The landowner has greenhouse and is propagating native species.
- Guest Miklius commented that the Shaka Tea Farm property, which is not currently fenced, could install fencing to reduce pig problem. Member J.B. Friday added that Shaka Tea Farm is doing agroforestry and may be interested in fencing.
- Member J.B. Friday added that the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources is part of the Farm Lots Association.

Motion to approve the proposal and have staff encourage the Dow and Miklius projects to work together. Moved by Member Blumenstein; seconded by Member Menard.

Approve: Britt, Hendrickson, Higashino, Menard, Jokiel, Blumenstein, Sprecher, Walsh, Potter, Koch, Campbell; Oppose: none; Abstain: J.B. Friday.

Motion Passed

Motion to approve cost share support for the development of a management plan, with the final amount determined by who the landowner selects to work with. Staff is recommended to work with the landowner and others in the area to make planning as cost effective as possible. Moved by Member Sprecher; seconded by Member Koch.

Approve: Britt, Hendrickson, Higashino, Menard, Jokiel, Blumenstein, Sprecher, Walsh,

Potter, Koch, Campbell; Oppose: none; Abstain: J.B. Friday.

Motion Passed

6.3 Regan, Hamakua District, Hawaii County

- Member J.B. Friday previously visited the property and introduced the project. The property is makai of Kukaiau Ranch and had been grazed for a long time. There is a remnant ohia overstory, some open areas, and pasture grasses. There are some koa and other plants in gulches. The landowner also has a couple of donkeys. The landowner has is a teacher who has good horticultural experience and a vision for land. There are opportunities for community collaboration with at least 7 nearby ranchettes doing native forest restoration. The property also has a perimeter fence.
- Guest Regan said that several of her neighbors would be interested in collaborating which would encompass up to 300 acres. The property is generally an “open canvas” as there is not a lot of guava cover, mostly pasture areas with some ohia overstory. She is interested in adding more small native trees and shrubs to make it more diverse. She also has about 200 koa seedlings, aalii, other natives started in green house.
- Member Menard asked if there are endangered species on the parcel. Guest Regan said there are bats and birds, but no plants.
- Member Sprecher commented that the landowner may want to consider a koa production component for the project. Other forest products could also be utilized.

Motion to approve the proposal and provide cost share support for the development of a management plan, with the final amount determined by who the landowner selects to work with. Moved by Member Hendrickson; seconded by Member Higashino.

- Member Potter felt that the plan would be stronger if there was a utilization component in addition to restoration. There is an opportunity for koa production.
- Member Koch felt that the requirement to do an Environmental Assessment would not be worth it on this size of a parcel. Member Sprecher added that if the landowner is not interested in production, a stronger community engagement component would also strengthen the project.

Approve: Britt, Hendrickson, Higashino, Menard, Jokiel, Blumenstein, Sprecher, Walsh, Potter, Campbell; Oppose: none; Abstain: J.B. Friday, Koch.

Motion Passed.

6.4 The Merwin Conservancy, Makawao District, Maui County

- Member Blumenstein, who visited the property, introduced the 18-acre project. The primary objectives are to maintain the palm collection by removing invasive species, installing fencing, conducting pest management, expanding and diversifying the collection, and improving outreach and education infrastructure. The lower 8-acre section is a dense palm forest and hala forest, and the upper 10 acres have scattered invasive trees and grasses where they intend to do slow and incremental restoration.
- Guest Coggins explained that the Conservancy recently assumed official stewardship of the property. Guest Lock added that the palms came from seeds collected in the early 1980s from International Palm Society.
- Member JB Friday said that the project is very interesting but questioned if it fits under the

purpose of the program and if it is something the committee would support funding.

- Guest Lock explained that the property is more of a forest rather than a botanical garden.
- Member Sprecher commented that although the program has not supported this specific type of project in the past, DOFAW has worked with the National Tropical Botanical Garden in the past. Those projects were more focused on forest restoration and management than managing the rest of their botanical assets. Member Sprecher felt that providing support for planning is a positive thing. There would likely be components of the plan that could be considered for cost-share support for implementation, and some would not. Since projects implementation funding is now a competitive process, it will depend on what the plan says.
- Guest Coggins said that planning will help them determine what management in the unplanted area will look like.
- Member Koch added that the committee has encouraged plan development in the past, even if the project was not a perfect fit.
- Member Potter asked if they would consider planting species such as koa or other native forest components in the unplanted area. Guest Coggins said that they are looking at focusing their work more on the palm area, but a plan would help them with management activities in the unplanted area.
- Member Potter asked if there is a risk of the palms cross pollinating. Guest Lock said that most of the palms in the collection are not known to cross pollinate. Member Walsh added that Pritchardia do readily cross between species and recommended that if they are using seeds from particular Pritchardia, they control pollination by bagging flowers before they open and be strategic to keep pollinators from cross pollinating.
- Member Hendrickson commented that FSP does support projects that are experimental and/or unique. He is interested in seeing how the plan develops.
- Member Walsh said that if they recreate a Pritchardia native forest with other co-occurring native species, that may be more aligned with FSP. She also sees the potential for expanding outreach and education in the community. Guest Coggins added that they are currently in the planning process of balancing stewardship and public access for outreach and education
- Member Jokiel commented that he believes there is potential for the project to tie more closely with the objectives of FSP. He recommended that the plan be written to more explicitly support Hawaii specific conservation and forestry goals.

Motion to approve the proposal. Moved by Member Koch; seconded by Member Hendrickson.

Continued discussion:

- Member Sprecher said that the FSAC will be looking for the project to tie more closely with FSP objectives in the management plan. That will influence the committee's recommendation on implementation funding.

Approve: Britt, Hendrickson, Higashino, Menard, Jokiel, Blumenstein, Sprecher, Walsh, Potter, Campbell, Koch; Oppose: none; Abstain: J.B. Friday.

Motion Passed.

Motion to approve cost share support for the development of a management plan, with the final amount determined by who the landowner selects to work with on their plan. Moved

by Member Koch; seconded by Member Sprecher.

Approve: Britt, Hendrickson, Higashino, Menard, Jokiell, Blumenstein, Sprecher, Walsh, Potter, Campbell, Koch; Oppose: none; Abstain: J.B. Friday.

Motion Passed.

6.5 Herzog, Hana District, Maui County

- Member Rubenstein explained that Member Wellsheim was able to visit property located in Hana, Maui and provided a report. The property is 148 acres and 114 acres are proposed for FSP. The landowner is interested in doing agroforestry and silvopasture in the lower portion, and forest management in the upper portion. The project area would be mixed use with a small agroforestry component as well as native components. There are 3 horses in small pasture near highway and the rest of the property is free of grazing. There are small plots of intact fern and hapuu. Member Wellsheim felt that the crew is up to the task and well equipped. He added that fencing is key to success.
- Guest Herzog said they are 18 months into ownership of the property, and they are looking make a multigenerational investment to restore ecological potential of site through restoration, invasive species control, soil health improvement, and watershed protection.
- Member Blumenstein asked if the Maui Invasive Species Committee (MISC) or landowner has been removing miconia. Guest Williams said they have been managing invasive on the property since they took ownership. Regarding miconia, they are doing what they can and MISC is aware it is there.
- Member Koch said the project is interesting. The project area appears to be wet, so species selection is essential. He recommended they test different species ahead of time and added that he does not think teak will do well at the site.
- Member Sprecher asked if timber will only be used for personal use. Guest Herzog said that are hesitant in engaging in large scale timber production at this time. The upper portion has access issues. Member Sprecher said that the purpose of planting timber needs to be clear in the plan.
- Member J.B. Friday cautioned against having too many different agroforestry species growing. This may lead to not having a high enough quantity of individuals you want to sell. He said there is a disconnect in saying they want to plant timber but not harvest. He felt that if they are not going to harvest, they should grow other things.

Motion to approve the proposal. Moved by Member Sprecher; seconded by Member Blumenstein.

Approve: Britt, Hendrickson, Higashino, Menard, Jokiell, Blumenstein, Sprecher, Walsh, Potter, Campbell, Koch; Oppose: none; Abstain: J.B. Friday.

Motion Passed.

Motion to approve cost share support for the development of a management plan, with the final amount determined by who the landowner selects to work with on their plan. Moved by Member Sprecher; seconded by Member Potter.

Approve: Britt, Hendrickson, Higashino, Menard, Jokiell, Blumenstein, Sprecher, Walsh, Potter, Campbell, Koch; Oppose: none; Abstain: J.B. Friday.

Motion Passed.

7. Kona Hema Management Plan Revision

- Staff Rubenstein explained that this a minor proposed management plan revision for Kona Hema Preserve that needs to be approved by the FSAC but not by the Board of Land and Natural Resources. Member Menard explained that The Nature Conservancy (TNC) is doing carbon project in Kona Hema through the American Carbon Registry (ACR). To be verified in the registry, the project needs to have an approved Forest Management Plan that addresses the carbon project. The current FSP plan is acceptable to the ACR since no harvesting is proposed. The plan is a 40-year commitment generating an estimated 120,000 carbon credits over the first 10 years. They are also looking to add additional landowners to the project over the first five years. He added that if FSP projects have a carbon component, they should include that upfront so they do not need to revise the plan later.
- Member Higashino asked if there is a certain acreage that would make it worth it for other landowners to be involved in the project. Member Menard said it is worth it if multiple smaller parcels join together since spending money is upfront.

Motion to approve the management plan revision. Moved by Member Blumenstein; seconded by Member Jokiel.

Approve: Britt, Hendrickson, Higashino, Jokiel, Blumenstein, Sprecher, Walsh, Potter, Campbell, Koch, J.B. Friday; Oppose: none; Abstain: Menard.

Motion Passed.

8. FSAC New Members

- Staff Chee reminded the committee that there are going to be 4 open seats at the end of the year. There are 5 applicants and Member Hendrickson and Member Wellsheim are rotating off.
- Member Campbell highly encouraged having Kalena Blakemore on the FSAC because she represents the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) and that representation is needed on the FSAC. He added that OHA is supportive of forest and conservation issues and having them aware of FSP will bring support to broader conservation efforts.\
- Member Higashino added that Kalena Blakemore has a lot of great skills and would be an excellent addition. Member Potter felt that she has a broad skillset and background.
- Member J.B. Friday said that Zach Mermel is a young consultant who has expertise in agroforestry. Member Sprecher felt it would be good to have his expertise on the FSAC.

FSAC Voting:

FSAC Member	JB Friday	Trae Menard	Kalena Blakemore	Zach Mermel	Malia Nanbara
Janet Britt	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
JB Friday	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Greg Hendrickson	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Jordan Jokiel	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Jennifer Higashino	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Irene Sprecher	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Olu Campbell	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes

Nick Koch	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Eva Blumenstein	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Seana Walsh	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Bart Potter	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Trae Menard	Abstain	Abstain	Abstain	Abstain	Abstain

Applicant	Total “yes” votes
Trae Menard	11
J.B. Friday	11
Kalena Blakemore	9
Zach Mermel	2
Malia Nanbara	11

Motion to accept Trae Menard, J.B. Friday, Kalena Blakemore, and Malia Nanbara to the FSAC. Moved by Member Koch; seconded by Member Higashino.

Approve: Britt, Hendrickson, Higashino, Jokiel, Blumenstein, Sprecher, Walsh, Potter, Campbell, Koch, J.B. Friday; Oppose: none; Abstain: Menard.

Motion Passed.

9. Ongoing Forest Legacy Project Update

- Staff Rubenstein announced that Kamehamenui, a 3,000-acre project in Kula, Maui, has been acquired successfully. She thanked the FSAC for their participation in getting that project approved.

10. Forest Stewardship Program Funding Update

- Staff Rubenstein explained that given uncertainty of the state’s budget, staff is going to wait until the 3rd quarter to make decisions about implementation funding.

11. Announcements and Travel

- Staff Chee will send a doodle poll at a later time to schedule the next FSAC meeting.

12. Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 1pm