

The meeting was opened at 2:06 pm at the State DOH Conference Room in Lihu‘e.

PRESENT:

Directors: Ed Kawamura, Jr., (Presiding); Leonard Vierra; Arryl Kaneshiro

Associate Directors:

Others: Paul Togioka, County of Kaua‘i; Jenna Dunn, NRCS District Conservationist; Rebekah Magers, District Assistant

REVIEW OF AGENDA: (ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/CHANGES):

Addition: OTHER BUSINESS: C. Credit Card for Districts

MINUTES: Arryl motioned/Leonard seconded to approve the July 8th Minutes; the motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Leonard presented the Treasurer’s Report for 8/13/18 to be placed on file.

CORRESPONDENCE: Ed distributed the correspondence folder.

NEW BUSINESS

A. NRCS REPORT: Jenna offered her report for July/August 2018

1. General

- a. Maui DC- Selection made. Not sure if offer was accepted.
- b. Waimea DC- Position was advertised.
- c. Area Resource Conservationist (ARC)- Interviews were held.

2. Farm Bill Programs

- a. FY18 EQIP- All 12 applications that were selected for funding are now officially EQIP contracts. Total obligated was \$400,211.00. (295 acres covered)
- b. FY18 AMA- Two applications were selected for funding. Total to be obligated is \$34,117
- c. CSP- Conservation Stewardship Program- we have 2 applications totaling \$11,072.00
- d. WLWL- Working lands for wildlife. 1 application to enhance and protect Nene habitat.

3. Outreach

- a. Piggeries- 2 sessions, one on the east/north side one on the west side. J.W. will be the lead. Focus will be on promoting deep and dry litter systems on small scale operations. Tentative dates are Sat 9/15 on the westside & Sun 9/16 on the east side
- b. Thai cropland farmers- Tentative date of 9/27 @ 5pm. No venue yet, looking into OCET room at KCC. Focus will be on promoting Farm Bill programs and increasing technical knowledge of windbreak, irrigation, and high tunnel systems. DC will be the lead.

A. CONSERVATION SPECIALIST REPORTS:

1. Jenni Scotti - 8/13/2018

Trainings / Meetings / Learning

Conservation Planning boot camp training in Nebraska (**See pictures**)

- Trainees and instructors came from 21 states

- Enjoyed seeing the perspective from different planning areas as well as the different strategies for various resource concerns
- Thank you to HACD, East and West Kauai SWCD, NACD and NRCS

Plans / field visits

Planning

- Site visits with 1 client
- Planning and follow up with 5 clients

Outreach

POSTER CONTEST

- Information packet has been sent to the principals, e-mail to past participating teachers will be sent this week
- State contest will be held in October, so the deadline is end of September. If no other island jumps in this year, then we will push the deadline back a month.
- Pre-judging will take place October 8th-12th
- Final judging will take place Tuesday October 16th at 2:30pm at NTBG before the West Kauai meeting. All are invited and snacks will be provided!

CAP CONEST

- Letters have gone out the principals, and an e-mail has been sent to specific teachers and potentially interested groups.
- Advisor informational meeting will be Wednesday August 29th.
- Contest will be November 2nd
 - We will be working on sites for the contest and logistics in September
 - We will be looking for volunteers to help with the contest
- State contest is November 16th

Misc/News/upcoming events/future projects/goals

- Working on continued planning, catching-up on CTA planning, Practice check-outs for 2018.
- Farm Fair and other outreach prep

2. John Nelson – 8/13/18, no report from John at time of meeting. Report was emailed after meeting.

- Working on Piggery outreach and meetings
- Few more visit tasks/checkouts and client meetings
- Completed one more AgLearn assignment
- Working on client folders and producer packets
- Working on site visits with the regional engineer and Jenni Scotti
- Calling potential clients and setting up site visits for primary contact.

REVIEW & APPROVAL OF CONSERVATION PLANS & COOPERATOR AGREEMENTS: none

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Garden Island RC&D Report:** report in correspondence
- B. Grading Ordinance:** no report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. Newspaper ad/Article:** Rebekah to look into quotes from For Kaua‘i and Midweek for ad.
- B. EWKSWCD Website:** Rebekah to continue creating website.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- A. Water Conservationist of the year 2018:** Directors considering cooperators for nomination.
- B. Award Recognition Dinner Planning – November:** It was reported that last year’s dinner was at Puakea Grove Farm. East Kaua‘i SWCD agreed that it was a great location and wanted to do it there again. Rebekah to contact Puakea to reserve venue for dinner. Date: Thursday or Friday, 2nd week in November.
- C. Credit Card for Districts:** Leonard reported about First Hawaiian credit card with no service fee, 15K limit, and multiple card holder possibility. It was decided that there will be one card for both districts. Peter, Leonard, and Rebekah will be approved cardholders.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. Farm Fair** – 8/16-8/19
- B. Annual Picnic** – 9/29

NEXT MEETING DATE: Monday, September 10, 2018 at State Department of Health Conference Room, 3040 Umi St, Lihue

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 2:40 pm, written by Rebekah Magers, District Assistant.