

MINUTES
PUNA SWCD DIRECTOR'S BOARD MEETING
June 13, 2018
9:30a.m. - W.H. Shipman Office - Keaau

The board meeting of the Puna Soil and Water Conservation District was called to order by Chairman Oliver English at 9:36 a.m. @ the W.H. Shipman office in Keaau.

Present:

Directors: Oliver English, Aileen Yeh, Atto Assi, Dave Schell, Leanne Okamoto

Others: Spencer Nagata, Acting District Conservationist; Nanea Babila, NRCS Student hire; Chris Corley, BIRCD Community Representative; Jennifer Reavis, District Secretary/Conservation Aide;

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING (9:36a)

Meeting minutes circulated and placed on file. Approved. AY/OE

TREASURER'S REPORT (9:37a)

Circulated and placed on file. AY/OE

CORRESPONDENCE (9:38a)

1. FSA report
2. FSA program update
3. Resource Magazine
4. NACD info.
5. Emergency info re: assistance due to volcano eruption

CONSERVATION PLAN APPROVAL (9:57a)

1. Donovan Kamau- deferred.
2. James Ross - deferred.
3. Alexandra Haben - deferred.
4. Matthew Bernier - deferred.
5. Clayton Tremaine - 10 acres. Plans for pasture. Approved. DS/AA
6. Robin Michael - deferred.

CONSERVATION PLAN UPDATE (9:59a)

1. Diamond Head Papaya - 30.9 acres. Cooperator cancellation, no longer has control of the land. Will transfer back to owner (W.H. Shipman). Cooperator cancelled. DS/LO
2. W.H. Shipman - 30.9 acres. Land and conservation plan transferred back to owner.

Reviewed and approved. DS/LO

3. Marcelino Galamay - 14.4 acres. Cooperator cancellation, no longer has control of the land. Will transfer back to owner (W.H. Shipman). Cooperator cancelled. DS/LO

4. W.H. Shipman - 14.4 acres. Land and conservation plan transferred back to owner. Reviewed and approved. DS/LO

5. Tropical Hawaiian Products - 160 + acres. Cooperator cancellation, no longer has control of the land. Will transfer back to owner (W.H. Shipman). Cooperator cancelled. DS/LO

6. W.H. Shipman - 160+ acres. Land and conservation plan transferred back to owner. Reviewed and approved. DS/LO

7. James Twigg-Smith - 168.3 acres. Cooperator cancellation, no longer has control of the land. Will transfer back to owner (W.H. Shipman). Cooperator cancelled. DS/LO

8. W. H. Shipman - 168.3 acres. Land and conservation plan transferred back to owner. Reviewed and approved. DS/LO

REPORTS (10:17a)

A. D.C. Report (10:17a) - (1) Spencer gave the monthly report for the Hilo Field office. Updates, upcoming training and personnel changes was explained in detail. Kori is on leave from June, returning in July.

B. FSA Report (10:19a)- (1) All info that Lester sent via email is circulated at today's meeting. Aileen gave an update and explained the upcoming program dates in detail.

C. BIRCD Report (10:21a) - (1) Jen spoke about a potential Yurt housing community project BIRCD may be interested in pursuing to help the people who lost homes. (2) Chris gave an update on the different grant projects for fire ant control. (3) Aileen spoke about funds

D. HACD Report (10:30a) - (1) Annual meeting will be held in Kona in June. Aileen & Atto will be attending all 3 days, Leanne will attend the 1st day. (2) Atto Assi will be the 2nd voting delegate at the conference along with Aileen. Approved. DS/AY (3) It was suggested to bring up this question at the HACD conference "What is Puna SWCD Director's role in the current situation with the volcano eruption being that it is in our district?"

E. Reports (10:37a) - (1) An update was given on the SWCD Soil Conservationist/HACD Conservation Specialist position. The SWCD Con position was offered to Ryan Belcher and he accepted. The HACD Con Specialist position was offered to Meghan Mulley and she accepted it. There security clearance packet was sent in completed & they both have appointments at the NPS in Kona to register as an Affiliate to get their credentials.

OTHER BUSINESS (10:50a)

A. Other New Business (10:50a)

1. Issues (10:50a) - (a) Discussion on "knowing what to do in our district for the people who is being affected due to the volcanic eruption".

2. New Directors/Associates needed (10:59a) - Aileen Yeh was elected for another 3year Elected directors term ending June 30, 2021. Accepted and approved. LO/OE The slate of officers are as stated: Oliver English, Chairman; Aileen Yeh, Vice Chair; Dave Schell, Sec./Treas; Atto Assi, Director; Leanne Okamoto, Director. Accepted and approved. OE/LO

3. Subdivision Review (11:05a)

a. Mark Nakashima - no comments sent to the County.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:06 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/DAVID SCHELL

Secretary

Recording Secretary: Jennifer Reavis