

WAIAKEA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Monthly Board Meeting
June 15, 2018

The monthly board meeting was called to order by Chairperson Leslie Takayama at 9:30a.m. @ the Hilo Federal Building Conference Room 302.

Present were: Leslie Takayama (LT), George Mikami (GM), Harry Toki (HT), Amy Bugado, Spencer Nagata, Acting District Conservationist; Nanea Babila, NRCS Student hire; Jennifer Reavis, Conservation Aide/District Secretary.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING 9:30a

Circulated and placed on file. GM/AB

TREASURER'S REPORT 9:31a

Accepted and approved, placed on file. HT/GM

CORRESPONDENCE 9:32a

1. Forestry Notes
2. FSA info
3. NACD Resource Magazine
4. Cooperative Extension service info.
5. Emergency program info for disaster

CONSERVATION PLAN APPROVAL 9:33a

1. Christopher Brillhante - Deferred till the next meeting.
2. Sheldon Otsuka - 3acres. Plans for pasture establishment. Approved. AB/ GM

COOPERATOR AND PLAN CANCELLATION 9:38a

1. Milton Iopa - 10 acres. Cooperator is deceased. Cooperator and Plan Cancelled. HT/GM

OLD BUSINESS 9:42a

- A. District Employee Report 9:42a – (1) Jen is working on the Annual report for the island. (2) Ryan Belcher was hired as the Soil Conservationist and Meghan Mulley was hired as the HACD Conservation Specialist. We are waiting on the approval of their security clearance so they can begin work.

NEW BUSINESS 9:48a

- A. D.C. Report 9:54a - (1) Spencer gave the monthly report for the Hilo Field Office. This was explained in detail, circulated and placed on file. He gave an update on personnel changes, upcoming events, workshops, program deadlines, etc. (2) Spencer introduced Nanea Babila

who is the new student intern hire. (3) Spencer gave an emergency update and notice of what our office will be doing with the natural disasters going on.

B. FSA Report 9:59a - (1) Info was sent to directors via email and circulated in correspondence.

C. CES Report 10:00a - Jen will call the CES office and see who is the agent and if they want to attend our meetings.

D. HACD Report 10:01a - (1)The upcoming Annual Meeting this year will be held in Kona in June 20,21,22, 2018. George and Amy will attend. They will also be the voting delegates.

E. RC&D Report 10:09a - (1) Jen spoke about a possible project that the Puna Reps will introduce to BIRCD on building yurts to assist in the housing for the people that lost their homes due to the latest eruption.

F. Other New Business 10:10a

1. Subdivision Review 10:10a

a. Jennie Silva - comments sent to the County “Portion is in Flood Zone A. Therefore, please address any drainage concerns with appropriate engineering designs.”

b. Chris Igawa - comments sent to the County “Portion is in Flood Zone A. Therefore, please address any drainage concerns with appropriate engineering designs.”

2. Other New Business 10:14a - (1) Leslie Takayama was elected for a 3 year Elected Directors term expiring June 30, 2021. Approved. HT/GM..... George Mikami was elected for a 3 year Elected Directors term expiring June 30, 2021. Approved. HT/AB Harry Toki was appointed for a 3 year Appointed Directors term expiring June 30, 2021. Approved. GM/AB (2) The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be held on Friday, July 20th, 2018.

Meeting adjourned at 10:26 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ George Mikami
Secretary

Recorder: Jennifer Reavis