



Mauna Kea Soil & Water Conservation District

District Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday September 26, 2018

Time: 4:00PM-6:00P.M.

Place: USDA-NRCS Waimea Field Office, 67-1185 Mamalahoa Hwy. Suite H-148, Kamuela, HI 96743

Call to Order 4:06pm

Attendance: Pono von Holt, Chairman
Brad Lau, Treasurer
Charlie White, Secretary
Alyssa Fujii, MKSWCD
Kathy Manuel, Puukapu Farmer
Jessica Schmelz, NRCS
Alex Gerken, NRCS-CREP

- I. **Approval of Agenda** Approved w/ edits
- II. **Review/Approval of Minutes 07/12/2018** Approved
- III. **Treasurer's Report** Approved Lau
- IV. **Chairman's Report** None von Holt
- V. **Committee Reports** None
- VI. **Farm Dwelling Review** None
- VII. **Sub Division Reports** None
Cooperative Agreements All Approved & signed
Kapanaiia Farms
Savor the Journey LLC
Richard T. Nakamoto
Island Bioenergy, LLC
Ahu Lani Retreat Center LLC
West C. Hawthorne
Add- Kohia Ranch
Add- Burt Bonk
Plan Approval All Approved, non- intrusive practices
Alvin Chong III
Chalida McCann (Crop)
Chalida McCann (High Tunnel)
Charla Lindsey- Crabbe
Chrystal Murray- Thornton
Jane L.P. Asing
Kiohuohu Farm LLC (Piggery)
Margaret Piaskoski- Wills
Plan Revision
Hui O Mana LLC- Approved
Reports, Correspondence and Announcements
NRCS Schmelz



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- Waimea DC position to close tomorrow, 9/27. Someone should be in office in about 2.5 months
- Cultural Resource Specialist: Ben Barnette retired unexpectedly, possibly hiring contractor/ detail? Denise from California to come & help with Section 106 compliance process.
- No Farm Bill yet, February 14th 2019 anticipated app deadline for EQIP
- Early EQIP sign-up, disaster fund applications due October 12th. Practices are limited (ex: Access Road)
- Program Support Specialist: Destiny Abilla for Waimea, Kealahou & Hilo.

Conservation Specialist/ Admin Assistant

Fujii

- Boot Camp: great experience! Got to use new tools for planning & some of which PIA will adapt this year which I think will help improve the streamlining of parts of the planning process.
- Soil Health Training: Tentative for November 27, 28, 29 on Oahu. Everyone has to take for certified planner status.
- Taste of the Hawaiian Range Outreach event this Saturday September 29th
- Hawaii Cattlemans Council Annual Meeting: November 16 & 17, I would like to attend but need to check with Jen if they need help with CCAC first.

VIII.

Old Business

Sunshine Law Changes

HACD Annual Conference Registration & Hotel Reimbursement

HACD Annual Conference Presentation

New Business / Discussion

Cooperator of the Year 2017 Party & Workshops

- Mini presentation today instead, couldn't coordinate for party. Gift to each cooperator: 1 Taste of the Range ticket each.
- Reimburse Jill for Taste of the Range tickets, \$50 each, \$100 total-
Approved

County Conservation Awareness Contest- Already paid to Puna SWCD

Farm Bureau Membership- \$93 annual membership, approved & paid

Cooperator Agreement Form Edits- Add email on form, approved

Open Discussion

Outreach Items:

- Help promote our District & our services. Rain Gauges, Chip Clip Magnets, Pens, Post-Its, maybe T-Shirts. Alyssa to look into different options, maybe for rain gauges get stickers to stick on if cannot find somewhere to get it printed on for MKSWCD & logo.

IX.

Adjournment

End 4:51pm



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Next MKSWCD Meeting October 11, 2018 4:00-6:00 P.M. at USDA/NRCS Waimea Field Office.

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