

The meeting was opened at 2:18 pm at the State DOH Conference Room in Lihū‘e.

PRESENT:

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

Associate Directors: Darren Tamekazu

Others: Paul Togioka; Jenna Dunn, District Conservationist; Jenni Scotti, Conservation Specialist; Rebekah Magers, District Assistant

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

MINUTES: Arryl motioned/Eric seconded to approve the October 15th Minutes; the motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Leonard could not present a printed Treasurer’s Report for 10/15/18 due to the power outage. He will present at next month’s meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE: Ed distributed the correspondence folder.

NEW BUSINESS

A. NRCS REPORT: Jenna’s October/November 2018 report was in the correspondence.

1. General

- a. Maui DC- person selected for Maui backed out. Will be re-advertised.
- b. Waimea DC- Position will be advertised.
- c. Area Resource Conservationist (ARC)- MorriAnn began as the PIA ARC on 10/29/18

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- Both applications totaling \$11,072.00
- d. WLWL- Working lands for wildlife. 1 application to enhance and protect Nene habitat.
- e. EQIP Disaster – short sign up offering limited practices to be held. Aim is to address impacts from recent disasters.
- f. EQIP FY19 – Sign up deadline will be 12/21/2018

3. Outreach

- a. International Soil Health Day
- b. Arbor Day

4. Other

- a. Requirements of a conservation plan/office workload priority
- b. Conflict of Interest Letter

B. CONSERVATION SPECIALIST REPORTS:

Jenni Scotti – 11/5/18

- **Trainings / Meetings / Learning**

- **Plans / field visits**
 - o Planning
 - Site visits with 3 clients
 - Planning and follow up with 13 clients
 - General assistance with 4 people
 - Completed/close to completed 3 plans
- **Outreach**
 - o Pink Pineapple Day
 - Planted pineapples with girls from grades 2-8
 - o Working on Soils Day (December)
 - o POSTER CONTEST
 - Please vote for the State contest, if you did not get the e-mail let us know and we can forward it to you.
 - We will be hanging them up at Kukui Grove next week.
 - Presentation with the students end of the month, we will send and invite to directors once we have the date
 - See correspondence
 - o International Soils Day
 - December 1st at the KCC Farmers Market
 - Soils Texture, Soil Health Info, Painting with Soils, CAP Contest Info
 - o CAP CONEST
 - Spring Soils Day (March)
- **Misc/News/upcoming events/future projects/goals**
 - o Participating in a couple of outreach events and Girl Scouts STEM day

John Nelson – 11/5/18, there was no report at the time of meeting.

REVIEW & APPROVAL OF CONSERVATION PLANS & COOPERATOR AGREEMENTS: It was reiterated that the client or a representative must be present at the corresponding District meeting to present Conservation Plan before it can be signed. Leonard made a motion to approve Tian Sheng Lian's plan/Eric seconded. Ed signed Tian Sheng Lian Conservation Plan. Michael Fernandes' Conservation Plan was postponed until next meeting when he or a representative can be present.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. **Water Conservationist of the year 2018:** Jenni suggested nominating the community of Kauai because of the difficulty in selecting a single organization or person. An organization that could accept the award is the Kauai Emergency Management Agency (KEMA), who was recognized nationally for their efforts during the 2018 floods. Rebekah will talk to the West Kauai SWCD District to see if they are interested in having a joint award from both Districts.

B. New Community Involvement Projects: Rebekah distributed a brief packet with listed topics and ideas that were brainstormed as new projects for the Districts. The Directors will respond to 2 questions on the back of the packet to help narrow down activities for next month's meeting. The 2017 Local Working Group responses were shared to give insight on priorities of the community.

OTHER BUSINESS:

A. Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) – East Kauai Water Users' Cooperative: Jenna reported what the RCPP is and how funds are distributed. She presented collaborating with the EKWUC to help convert existing open ditches to buried pipeline. The Directors will be emailed more information the program.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A. Annual Award Dinner – November 30, 6:30pm at Ho'okipa, Lihue

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

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 3:15 pm, written by Rebekah Magers, District Assistant.