

The meeting was opened at 2:03 pm at the State DOH Conference Room in Lihu‘e.

PRESENT:

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

Associate Directors: Darren Tamekazu, Jerry Ornellas

Others: Jenni Scotti, Conservation Specialist; Rebekah Magers, District Assistant

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

MINUTES: Leonard motioned/Arryl seconded to approve the August 13th Minutes; the motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Leonard presented the Treasurer’s Report for 9/10/18 and 10/15/18 to be placed on file. The OED grant did not provide funding for FY19.

CORRESPONDENCE: Ed distributed the correspondence folder.

NEW BUSINESS

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

1. General

- a. Maui DC- Celie Borndal will report for duty on Maui soon.
- b. Waimea DC- Position was advertised incorrectly and will be re-advertised.
- c. Area Resource Conservationist (ARC)- Offer has been made and offer accepted. No word on who the new person will be

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 FY19 – Sign up deadline will be sometime in February 2019

3. Outreach

- a. Piggeries- 2 sessions, one on the east/north side one on the west side. Turnout was low but those who came were engaged and participated in discussion.
- b. Thai cropland farmers- 9/29 @ 4pm in the Grove Farm conference room. 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:

Jenni Scotti - 10/15/2018

1. Trainings / Meetings / Learning

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

2. Plans / field visits

- a. Site visits with Carl (NRCS engineer)
 - i. Presented completed designs and inventory for upcoming designs for 5 contracted plans
 - ii. Inventory for 3 potential upcoming applications
- b. Planning
 - i. Site visits with 6 clients
 - ii. Planning and follow up with 16 clients
 - iii. Practice completion documents for 1 client
 - iv. Work with 3 new clients

3. Outreach

- a. Project Wet
- b. Helped develop slides for Thai workshop
- c. POSTER CONTEST
 - i. School presentations - 5 visits with a total of 24 classes and over 425 students
 - 1. 22 classes have officially signed up with 357 students
 - ii. 222 total submissions
 - iii. State contest will be held in November
 - iv. Pre-judging took place last week, with help from 5 people thank you!
 - v. Final Judging
 - vi. Talked to Kukui Grove, they want to work with us again this year
 - 1. Hopefully we will have a presentation after the posters are up
 - 2. Posters will most likely be up the week before Thanksgiving.
- d. CAP CONEST
 - i. The new Kauai High teacher has decided not to participate this year.
 - ii. There will be no county contest
 - iii. We hope to do a Soils Day event in the Spring

4. Misc/News/upcoming events/future projects/goals

- a. Participating in a couple of outreach events, pink pineapple festival and Girl Scouts STEM day.

John Nelson – 10/15/18, there was no report at the time of meeting.

REVIEW & APPROVAL OF CONSERVATION PLANS & COOPERATOR AGREEMENTS: Ed signed two cooperator agreements, Hui Kahili, LLC & Robert Bartolo.

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: Ed to discuss nominees with Jenna.

- B. Newspaper ad/Article:** Rebekah went over ad pricing for Midweek, For Kauai, KKCR and the Garden Isle. It was decided that an article would be better to stir up interest. The Districts will send press releases for all upcoming events for free publicity.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- A. New Community Involvement Projects/Workshops:** New community event ideas were presented. Ed requested a printed list of ideas and a survey sent out to the Directors to narrow down ideas. World Soils Day is December 5 and it was planned to have a booth at the KCC Farmer's Market to celebrate on December 1. Rebekah will contact Laurie Ho regarding space at the market.

Ed made a motion for a \$150 budget for materials for World Soils Day, Arryl seconded. Unanimous vote.

- B. Funding/Grants:** Grants from the OED and Water Department were discussed, as well as the new budget from Public Works.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. Poster Contest Judging** – October 16 at WK SWCD Meeting, NTBG Education Room, 2:30pm.
- B. Annual Award Dinner** – November 30

NEXT MEETING DATE: Monday, December 20, 2018 at State Department of Health Conference Room, 3040 Umi St, Lihue

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm, written by Rebekah Magers, District Assistant.