

KONA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

November 8, 2018

Directors Present: Greg Hendrickson, Jeff Knowles, Pepe Miranda, Rick Robinson

Associate Directors:

KSWCD Staff: Mary Robblee

NRCS Staff: Jessica Schmelz;

Guests:

MSCU* (R. Robinson/J. Knowles) Minutes for the October 11, 2018 meeting approved.

1. Reports:

A. **Treasury Report: MSCU* (J. Knowles/R. Robinson)**

Treasurer requests that, due the board's inability to provide Robblee a pay increase in over 10 years, and that she has reduced her hours as insurance costs have climbed, a motion be made to offer Robblee a bonus of \$2,000 to be paid from the savings account.

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B. **NRCS Report:**

Director Thomason visiting Waimea FO on Nov. 14 and the Kealahou FO on Nov. 15 and attending the Hawaii Cattlemen's Council Conference on Nov. 16.

PIA is moving ahead obtaining applications for assistance in anticipation of a farm bill being passed soon, though as of this meeting there is none.

A detail position for a Cultural Resource Specialist has been posted.

There is a State Technical Advisory Committee meeting on 11/14. All board members are welcome to participate.

C. **NACD/HACD Report:** No report available

D. **BIRC&D Report:**

There are concerns about the Mobile Slaughter Unit. It is still not fully operational, the DOH has to approve their Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP) therefore is not generating income though there are still expenses. The unit was purchased with public funding so if it came to having to sell it, that cannot be done.

E. **Monthly & Conservation Assistant's Report:**

Conducted three site visits for assisting in determining resource concerns. One of them, on Manako Rd., does have a flooding issue from S. Kona Watercourse #12.

Participated in an outreach event hosted by Big Island Bees and Oahu RC&D where we provided soils information and tropic lalo sprigs

Completed a site visit for research on chicken tractors for an upcoming newsletter article

Provided Aloha Kuamo'o Aina with pili grass hay for their reforestation work.

Robblee requests a motion to purchase buckwheat and sunn hemp seed. **MSCU* (J.**

Knowles/R. Robinson)

F. **New Cooperators:**

TMK: 7-3-025:019-0002, one acre of a 2-acre parcel in the Kaloko ahupua`a. A residence is being established. The vegetation is predominately invasive species. The cooperator will landscape with native species.

MSCU* R. Robinson/T. Greenwell

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G. Subdivision Reviews:

None in N. or S. Kona for this meeting

2. **Old Business:** None

3. **New Business:** Applied to Big Island RC&D for funds to reprint resource booklet. Funds will come from county to us via BIRC&D because county officials require the recipient have a letter from the IRS indicating they are a 501c3 non-profit organization. We do not have such a letter though as a government entity we are a non-profit. Robblee wants something in writing to present the county. Chair Hendrickson advised he would prepare something. Setting up a 501c3 would be unnecessary.

Annual work plan is the Plan of Work submitted to the county when renewing the contract. J. Knowles was advised he is welcome to help with that next July.

Long range work plan tabled.

NACD survey is to be completed by Robblee.

Secretary

Date

*MSCU – Moved, Seconded, Carried Unanimously