



## West Oahu Soil and Water Conservation District Board Meeting

January 22, 2019 - 12:30 p.m.

Nutrien (formerly Crop Production Services) Conference Room,  
Kunia Village 92-1770 Kunia Road, Kunia HI 96759

Directors: Alan Gottlieb (AG), Larry Jefts (LJ), Joe Para (JP), Peter Gibson (PG), John McHugh (JM),  
Associate Director(s): Mike Glidden (MG) and Kalani Fronda (KF)  
Secretary: Michelle Gorham (MGo)

Present: Marie Faatuala (MF), Richard Ogoshi(RO), Stephanie Mock (SM), Frankie Koethe (FK), Miranda Foley (MF), Rick Chavez (RC), Jean Brokish (JB)

**1. Call to Order**  
12:34

**2. Reports**

- Treasurer's Report (December and current)
- Secretary's Report – December 11 meeting minutes. AG move to approve. JP second. Motion Carried.
- Treasurer's Report  
JM move to approve. PG second. Discussion: acceptance subject to modifications noted by the Directors. Motion carried.

**3. Discussion and Possible Action with Cooperators and on Conservation Plans**

**Conservation Plan**

JP recused himself from this process. SM and JP presented an updated conservation plan for 2150 acres on TMK 9-2-001-001 (por) 9-2001-005, 9-2-004-009. JM move to approve. AG second. Motion carried.

**Cooperator Agreement**

RO and RC presented a Cooperator Agreement for 1 acre on TMK 9-2-001-011-0000 (portion). AG move to approve. JM second. Motion Carried

**4. Partner Updates**

- NRCS Field Office Report
  - MF presented
- Oahu RC&D Report

- National women farmers conference – brought 5 women from Hawaii.
  - Ulu Production workshop
  - Chinese Basil Grower workshop
  - SM and FK have been working with NRCS to develop skills with ‘Toolkit’
  - Healthy Soils Hawaii – exploring feasibility of following the Healthy Soils California
- HACD
    - Shadowing Marie and Brandon with farm visits
    - Developing two conservation plans
5. New Business
- Cooperator Form updated, disseminated, and on website.
  - KSBE partnership with TWF – exploring what that might look like
  - Exploring bringing TWF statewide: Hawaii Kai, Waimanalo, and Kona are interested.
  - FYI - Healthy Soils Hawaii – partnership btwn UH, HARC, and Oahu RC&D
  - “Three wishes” for ag – invitation to share with potential funding partner looking to support – confidential at this time. Think broad impact for industry.
- Some ideas from audience: more respect for farmers, increased profits, realistic legislative mandates and funding/capacity for follow through of existing mandates, sustainable local food production – grow and produce in Hawaii what we need and want to consume. What we lack is certainty for land, water, politics, etc. The individual has too much risk to make farming attractive to new people.
- New intern – Danielle Kapeliela: January 9 – April 30. 120 hours. Student at UH West Oahu. She will be working mostly on Thursdays.
6. Old Business
- FSA process – no meeting due to furlough
7. Set next meeting date
- February 26, 2019
8. **Executive Session:** Board anticipates going into an executive session pursuant to section 92-5(a)(2), Hawaii Revised Statutes.
9. Adjourn  
2:26

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