

West Oahu Soil and Water Conservation District Board Meeting

May 26, 2020 - 12:30 p.m.

**Location**: ZOOM Virtual Meeting

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Directors Present: John McHugh (JM), Alan Gottlieb (AG), Larry Jefts (LJ), Joe Para (JP)

Associate Director Present: Mike Glidden, Kalani Fronda

Secretary: Michelle Gorham (MGo)

Meeting Attendees: Janice Staab (JS), Esau Vakameilalo (EV), Gavin Jennings (GJ), Island Green Produce, Kevin Mcquoid (KM), Marie Faatuala (MF), Mel Manivong (MM), Sean Fong (SF), Susan Kubo (SK), Tamara Sato (TS), David Chan (DC).

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1. Call to Order: 12:31
2. Approval of the Minutes

JM Move to accept the minutes as presented. AG Second. Motion carried.

1. Discussion and Possible Action with Cooperators and on Conservation Plans

**Oahu RC&D**

TMK: 7-1-001-002 (portion)

Conservation Plan on Presented by HH with support of BP, JM move to approve Conservation Plan as presented. JP second. Motion carried.

TMK:  7-1-001-002 (portion)

HH shared a Conservation Plan with DC Island Green Produce. Irrigation Pipeline will change from a final practice to a proposed practice. JM Move to approve the conservation plan with irrigation language amendments. JP second. Motion carried.

* MGo will provide LJ copies for signature.

**NRCS**

TMK: (1) 9-4-005:048 (por.) MF presented with SF. JM made a motion to approve the Conservation Plan with

Hawaiian Turfgrass. AG Second. Motion Carried.

**Independent**

8-4-020-010-0000

JM move to approve the Cooperator agreement (40 acres). JP Second. Motion Carried.

Post vote, MF shared that EV is working with NRCS on the ensuing conservation plan.

1. Partner Updates
   1. NRCS Field Office
      1. KM – Experience with irrigation – Animal Waste Management Systems, Wetland restoration
      2. SK – Funding opportunity through FSA – Relief payment.
      3. SK – Checked in on the status of the NRCS MOU and working agreement.
   2. Oahu RC&D
      1. HH – No updates at this time.
   3. HACD - Staff recruitment
      1. LJ – Michelle Watkins reached out that the recruitment generated a substantial amount of interests. Is anyone interested in supporting the hiring process?
2. New Business
   1. Mike Walker shared that Wildland Urban Interface monies will open up soon for folks who have wildfire management needs. Contact him at: [Michael.J.Walker@hawaii.gov](mailto:Michael.J.Walker@hawaii.gov)
   2. LJ – Need to add voting onto the agenda for June 2020.
3. Old Business
   1. Need to add the MOU to June Agenda
4. Reports
   1. Finance –
      1. No change on finances at this time. Even with Covid -19 our funding partners remain supportive.
   2. Programs
      1. TWF funding looking strong for year three
      2. TWF grant program allocated 11 farmer direct mini grants and 1 scholarship
      3. Economic Development page on OahuACA.org page may be a valuable resource for West Oahu clients.
5. Adjournment

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