

KA'U SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MEETING MINUTES
November 20th, 2019

The monthly board meeting of the Ka'u Soil and Water Conservation District was called to order by Chairperson John Cross at 8:30 a.m. at the Ka'u Valley Farms Office & the Hilo Federal Building conference room.

Present were: John Cross, Tyler Johansen, Lee Segawa, Alexander Williams, Directors; Kori Hisashima, District Conservationist; Ryan Belcher, Soil Conservationist; Meghan Mulley, Conservation Specialist; Jennifer Reavis, District Secretary/Conservation Aide; Kaohi Mokuahali'i, Bill Petrie, Lani Petrie others.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING (8:34a)

Minutes was circulated and placed on file. LS/AW

TREASURER'S REPORT (8:41a)

Circulated and placed on file. JC/LS

CORRESPONDENCE (8:42a)

1. FSA Info
2. NACD Resource info.
3. Forestry Notes

CONSERVATION PLAN APPROVAL (8:43a)

1. Kapapala Ranch - 30,000 acres. Plans for pasture management, native forest. Approval pending Cultural Resources clearance. TJ/LS

OLD BUSINESS (8:51a)

- A. District Employee Report (8:51a) – (1) Ryan reported. This was circulated and placed on file.
(2) There was a discussion about the letter that was written to Astor regarding not receiving our grant award after being told everything was approved and a go.

B. Other Old Business (8:54a)

- (1) Water Revocable Permit Update - John gave an update on the Water revocable permits. Land owners are receiving long term revocable leases/permits for water.

NEW BUSINESS (8:59a)

- A. D.C. Report (8:59a) - (1) The monthly report for the Hilo Field office was given by Kori. She gave updates, personnel changes, deadlines, project info, presentations, training, emergency programs, etc. This was circulated and placed on file.

B. FSA Report (9:03a) - (1) All correspondence forwarded to Directors via email. (2) John spoke about a meeting he attended regarding macadamia nuts.

C. BIRCD Report (9:04a) - (1) There was a meeting held several weeks back. John reported and gave an update on the different on-going programs.

D. HACD Report (9:06a) - (1) The NACD Annual Meeting will be held in Las Vegas in February 2020. (2) The HACD Annual Meeting will be held on either Oahu or in Hilo on June 17, 18, 19, 2020.

E. Open Forum (9:07a) - (1) Kori brought to the attention of the board as a FYI the new agriculture tax exemption restrictions. This was discussed.

F. Other New Business (9:08a)

1. Subdivision Review

- a. Kathleen & Joseph Atwater - no comments sent to the County.
- b. Gordon & Joan McDonald - no comments sent to the County.

2. Annual Christmas Dinner Meeting - will be held at Coconut Grill Restaurant on Friday, December 13th @ 5:30p.m.. It was agreed for Jen to purchase the gifts and invoice the district. The district will pay for the directors and spouses to attend. Accepted and approved by the board.

3. Naalehu Debris Basin Inspection - this will be held on Wednesday, January 8th, 2020 at 9:45a.. Lunch and meeting to follow at the Naalehu office.

4. New Director/new slate of officers - It was accepted and approved for Kaohi Mokuhalii to fill Brenda Iokepa-Moses' unexpired directors term ending June 30, 2021. Kaohi has been accepted and approved to be the Treasurer for the Ka'u SWCD board. Kaohi Mokuhalii, John Cross, and Tyler Johansen will replace the current signatory's Brenda Iokepa-Moses, Amos Meyer, and Michelle Galimba. They will change the address to have the Ka'u SWCD bank account monthly statement sent to P.O. Box 276 Naalehu HI 96772. Kaohi, John & Tyler will go to CU Hawaii & make these changes to the Ka'u Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) bank account. This was Accepted and approved. TJ/LS

The Meeting was adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Tyler Johansen
Secretary

Recorder: Jennifer Reavis