

KA'U SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MEETING MINUTES
September 2, 2020

The monthly board meeting of the Ka'u Soil and Water Conservation District was called to order by Chairperson John Cross at 8:36 a.m. at the Ka'u Valley Farms Office in Naalehu.

Present were: John Cross, Ka'ohi Mokuahali'i, Alexander Williams, Directors; Kori Hisashima, District Conservationist; Ryan Belcher, Soil Conservationist; Meghan Mulley, Soil Conservationist; Jennifer Reavis, District Secretary/Conservation Aide;

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING (8:36a)

Circulated and placed on file. KM/AW

TREASURER'S REPORT (8:38a)

Circulated and placed on file. KM/AW

CORRESPONDENCE (8:41a)

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

*sent via email

CONSERVATION PLAN/PLAN REVISION APPROVAL

1. Three Mountain Alliance Foundation – 19.2 acres. Plans for Forestry & wildlife habitat. Plan Revised. KM/AW
2. Merle Becker – 130 acres. Plans for pasture & coffee orchard. Plan Revised. KM/AW
3. Jason Signes – 203 acres. Plans for pasture. Plan Approved. KM/AW
4. Kuahiwi Contractors LLC (Waikapuna) – 1203 acres. Plans for pasture establishment & improvement. Plan Approved. KM/AW
5. Lori Kim AhSan – 10 acres. Plans for coffee orchard. Plan Approved. KM/AW
6. Nainoa Herbst – 2 acres. Plans for coffee orchard. Plan Approved. KM/AW
7. Windmill GP LLC (AMA) – 23 acres. Plans for irrigation system/ mamaki & vegetable crop. Plan Approved. KM/AW
8. Windmill GP LLC (EQIP) – 23 acres. Plans for mamaki & vegetable crop. Plan Approved. KM/AW

OLD BUSINESS (8:45a)

- A. District Employee Report (8:45a) – (1) Ryan & Meghan gave a report. This was circulated

and placed on file.

B. Other Old Business (8:46a)

(1) Water Revocable Permit Update – no activity since February.

NEW BUSINESS (8:47a)

A. D.C. Report (8:47a) - (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. (2) Due to the Covid-19 rise in Hilo we are currently Teleworking, going into the office as needed and to obtain vehicle use. (3) HACD hired a new planner Alina Abramovich. She will be on board on September 28th. (4) On September 15th @ 1pm, Travis will share his vision re: Farm Bill program resource concerns in the district, etc. This will be held via Microsoft Teams. Jen will forward you the link.

B. FSA Report (8:50a) - (1) All correspondence forwarded to Directors via email. (2) Lester Ueda has retired. Debbie is acting and Kiesen is in training for Lester's position.

C. BIRCD Report (8:50a) - (1) There was a meeting held in person, with social distancing. (2) They are looking into a grant to establish a Lo'i system and educational aspect to educate students in Ka'u. (3) BIRCD is still requesting potential Ka'u projects.

D. HACD Report (8:53a) - (1) New hire working out of the Hilo Field Office, see D.C. report.

The Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Tyler Johansen
Secretary

Recorder: Jennifer Reavis