



Mauna Kea Soil & Water Conservation District

Date: Thursday August 13, 2020

Time: 4:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.

Place: USDA-NRCS Waimea Field Office: 67-1185 Mamalahoa Hwy Suite H-148, Kamuela, HI 96743

Due to COVID-19 entry into office permitted upon these questions:

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Call to order: 4:18pm

I. Approval of Agenda- Approved

II. Review/Approval of minutes- 6/10/2020-Approved

III. Treasurer's Report

Lau

- New bank account is up and running
- Transferrers between accounts for proper placement of funds
- Approved

IV. Chairman's Report

von Holt

-None

V. Committee Report - None

VI. Farm Dwelling Review- None

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VII. Sub-division Review- **None**

VIII. Agreements/Contracts Approvals

a. Cooperative Agreement

- Thomas Friel

- Property is 15 acres
- Challenge is that property is mainly on a Pu`u with a little bit of somewhat flat ground on bottom near the road
- Will be grazing to start off and add crops
- Approved

b. Plan Approval

- Thomas Friel

- Property not in production, cooperators will be installing a perimeter fence to contain goat and possibly sheep
- Not a federal nexus thus fence does not have to follow NRCS fence standards, but it is recommended that NRCS standards are followed
- Approved

c. Plan Update- **None**

d. Plan Revision- **None**

e. Plan Cancellation- **None**

IX. Reports, Correspondence, and Announcements

a. NRCS

Cook

- Program update

- NRCS mentoring program for new NRCS employees. Employees will work with farmers/ranchers to learn about their operations
 - a. Mentioned that the county workers in Waimea area could be a good mentor
- FSA program for COVID
 - a. Covers most operations
 - b. Due date 9/11/2020
 - c. FSA can help producer's operations that have been affected by COVID
- Contracts will be signed by 9/14/2020



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a. 17 contracts

- b. Conservation Specialist/Administrative Assistant Fernandez
- See handout
 - Few intake meetings
 - Working on CTA that is ready for submission to SHPD
 - Attended HACD meeting
 - County and DLNR reports are due
 - No upcoming events

X. Old Business

- Agreements with contractors were approved
- Back in office but clients and visitors by appointment only
- Brad's term renewed for 3 years

XI. New Business

- Waiting for signatures for agreements from contractors
 - Waiting for TNC
- NWQI update
 - Still writing assessment. Behind schedule.
 - Requested NWQI funding to pay contractors but contractors not paid because assessment not completed. Payments are made when deliverables are completed.
 - Resource concern section of assessment is the hold up since the resource concerns that were identified doesn't all fit for the Kawaihae watershed, thus creating a survey for the public to take to determine what other resources concerns may apply to the watershed.
 - MKSWCD is the entity that receives the funds and funnel it out to the contractors
- Working on CTA plan with Island Harvest
- Vehicle Liability Insurance
 - Beehive working to see what can be done
 - SWCD and HACD needing to have their own individual D&O liability (having own powers under Ch. 180) trying to work on a way to cover liability portion for vehicle coverage
 - Until then all SWCD & HACD will need to look at possibly having to get own vehicle liability



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- a. Vehicle liability insurance through NRCS for SWCD employees doesn't really exist because the MOA doesn't state that
- b. Maybe looks at RCUH and what they do for vehicle liability
- c. Check with personnel car insurance if they cover other vehicle liability while operating someone else's car.

b. Open Discussion

- For next board meeting
 - CRP- FSA program for a cooperator to keep grazing land as is rather than develop it. High management grazing for 15 years. FSA handles the cultural resource side but they want the board to sign plan first but board doesn't sign plans until cultural resources are cleared. The FSA date is 9/11/2020 for this plan.
 - Since one of the board members can't vote on this plan, will need the remaining board members to be present and vote, possibly taking vote by email if there is no quorum for the next scheduled board meeting.

XII. Adjournment

5:21 PM

Next MKSWCD Meeting September 9, 2020 4:00-6:00 P.M. at USDA-NRCS Waimea Field Office. Individuals requiring special assistance or auxiliary aid or services (e.g., sign language interpreter, wheel chair accessibility, or parking designated for the disabled) at the Mauna Kea Soil and Water Conservation District meeting, please contact staff at least 72 hours prior to the meeting at 808-885-6602 ext.102 so that arrangements can be made.