



Mauna Kea Soil & Water Conservation District

Date: Wednesday September 9, 2020

Time: 4:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.

Place: 1) USDA-NRCS Waimea Field Office: 67-1185 Mamalahoa Hwy Suite H-148, Kamuela, HI, 96743

2) Private Residence-Home

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Call to order 4:06 pm

- I. **Approval of Agenda- Approve**
- II. **Review/Approval of minutes- 8/13/2020- Approve**
- III. **Treasurer's Report** Lau
- Payroll and NWQI funding
- IV. **Chairman's Report- None** von Holt
- 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

- Gail Byrne Baber

- Growing Hemp. Has all necessary license to be funded under NRCS
- Making CBD oil
- Would like to install windbreak and high tunnel
- Approve

b. Plan Approval

- Ponoholo Ranch

- Went over plan in last month meeting.
- CRP program through FSA to keep rangeland in production rather than develop land, incentive program to not develop land
- Prescribe grazing for 15 years
- NRCS does the technical and certification work. Cultural resources is done through FSA and FSA makes the decision. Since it is a non-intrusive practice CR was cleared.
- Pono abstained from discussion and vote, since it is his plan and Brad gave proxy to Charlie
- Approve

- Island Harvest Inc.

- Establishing a Mac Nut orchard
- Property currently not in production but does have livestock. Livestock will be removed once work starts
- Practices applying: site prep, windbreak, cover crop, tree/shrub establishment, deep tillage
- Broke up property into two fields since only able to work on 20 acres of bare soil at a time per the Ch. 25 grading and grubbing ordinance. This was brought to Nicole's attention when working on this plan, checked with the county engineering division to confirm.
- Using cover crop to address soil erosion concern
- Approve



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- Z Bar Ranch LLC
 - Applying herbaceous weed treatment to control fire weed and prescribed grazing
 - Second contract doing the herbaceous weed treatment to control fire weed. Waiver to apply herbaceous weed treatment to treat noxious weeds as long as on CTAHR noxious weed list up to three times in a contract period.
 - Approve

c. Plan Revision

- Maluhia Pomaikai LLC
 - Active contract but extending herbaceous weed treatment to control fire weed.
 - 300 acres, finished the cross fencing.
 - Herbaceous weed control will be for 3 years, 1st year will be intensive followed by spot treatments in the 2nd and 3rd year.
 - Approve

d. Plan Cancellation- None

IX. Reports, Correspondence, and Announcements

a. NRCS

Cook

- Program update
 - Programs- about done with applications, got one more application in bringing total to 17 applications. Spent all money.
 - Next year
 - a. Long range plan
 - i. Target different resource concerns
 - ii. Deadline February 2020
 - iii. Work out contribution agreements- 20% of district time
 - iv. Matching funds
 - v. Outreach materials
 - vi. Working with local working group and ag. producers
 - b. Strategic plan
 - i. Building partnerships
 - ii. Districts- creating contracts and increasing technical assistance



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b. Conservation Specialist/Administrative Assistant

Fernandez

- Since last board meeting, only 3 intake meetings
- Activities/trainings on hold due to COVID

X. Old Business

- Waiting for signatures for agreements from contractors
- NWQI update
- Vehicle liability insurance

XI. New Business

- Received last contract signature
- NWQI update
 - Writing assessment
 - Sent out survey to stakeholders to determine what type of resource concerns are important. Survey is open for two weeks. Compile survey data and use to write resource concern section. Nicole needs to finish NRCS section. Two sections left for assessment.

b. Open Discussion

- Spittle bug update
 - 10 miles from Waikii Ranch south boundary and 12 miles from Parker
 - 176,000 acres total from below Pu`u Anahulu and south of Keokea
 - Since 2019 gained 33,656 acres
 - 2017- 69,441 acres; current: 176,124 acres
 - Know of a fungus that may affect the spittle bug but hard to reproduce in laboratory
 - Carolyn Wong and team are putting together an informative video
- Fire weed seems to be an issue in Waimea, possibly workshop on how to control fire weed

XII. Adjournment

End 5:12 pm

Next MKSWCD Meeting October 14, 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.