

OLINDA-KULA SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT MEETING
FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 2020

I. Meeting Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:40 p.m., at the USDA NRCS Kahului field office.

Present

Directors: Clark Hashimoto, Neil Nakamura, and Alan Nago

SWCD Staff: Jason Hew, and Maggie Kramp

USDA-NRCS District Conservationist Jill Ficke-Beaton

II. Minutes of September 6, 2019

Alana Nago moved to accept the minutes of September 6, 2019, seconded by Neil Nakamura, motion carried.

III. Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report was emailed to OKSWCD directors.

Alan Nago moved to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Neil Nakamura, motion carried.

IV. Correspondence – none

V. County Grading/Grubbing Permit Plans

1. 200 Kamaole – Phase 2 (revised plan); TMK: 2-2-001: 008 and 059

VI. Cooperative Agreements/Conservation Plans

Jason Hew presented a 1.9 acre, crop rotation/cover crop mix, CTA plan for grading/grubbing purposes to open fallow land. The cooperator, Solvate Services is leasing 4.4 acres on Omaopio Rd. The goal is no till for a sunn hemp operation.

Alan Nago moved to accept Solvate Services conservation plan, seconded by Neil Nakamura, motion carried.

VII. USDA-NRCS

- NRCS Memorandum of Agreement

The agreement was emailed to all Maui SWCD directors for review. West Maui SWCD had some concerns about the agreement and wants to consult with HACD and possibly DLNR.

- Report from Jill Ficke-Beaton, NRCS Kahului FO DC
 - Staffing
 - Jill thanked the SWCD for hiring Becky Diven, Conservation Specialist and Makana Naeole, Program Support Specialist
 - NRCS Management and Strategy Team is Understaffed
 - Kahana Stone, Lead Planner is on leave due to torn meniscus
 - Hiring DC for Hoolehua field office, GS 9/11
 - Farm Bill 2020 Roll Out – allocation is less than prior years
 - Other office management – vehicles, supplies, training etc.

VIII. National Association of Conservation Districts

Maui is hosting the NACD Southwest and Pacific Region meeting, September 15 – 17, 2020, at Royal Lahaina Resort

IX. District Director Positions

Chair	Clark Hashimoto	Jun-21	Elected
Vice Chair	Garret Hew	Jun-22	Appointed
Secretary/Treasurer	Neil Nakamura	Jun-20	Appointed
Director	Alan Nago	Jun-22	Elected
Director	Justin Teixeira	Jun-21	Elected

X. Personnel

New SWCD Employees:

- Becky Diven, CS – recently moved into full-time, DLNR funds to HACD

- Makana Naeole, Part-Time Program Assistant, funds from NACD to HACD

The Maui SWCDs need to hire one more conservation specialist for the new NRCS Contribution Agreement. A Doodle Poll was sent to Maui SWCD directors for a meeting with Adam Reed regarding the new agreement.

I. CAP Land Judging Contest

Baldwin High School Ag Team will be representing Hawaii at the National Land Judging Contest, May 4-8, 2020, Oklahoma City. Jason Hew is their coach, and Leo Tomita is the ag teacher. We currently have \$7279.67 in the bank for travel expenses.

Neil Nakamura moved to contribute \$500 for travel expenses if needed, seconded by Alan Nago, motion carried.

II. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:18 p.m. The next Olinda-Kula SWCD meeting is scheduled for March 27, 2020, 1:30 p.m.

Submitted by
/s/ Neil Nakamura
Secretary-Treasurer

Meeting Recorder: Maggie Kramp