

OLINDA-KULA SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT MEETING  
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2019

- I. The meeting was called to order 1:30 p.m., at the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Kahului field office.

Present

Directors: Clark Hashimoto, Garret Hew, Neil Nakamura, Alan Nago, and Justin Teixeira  
Associate Director: Robin Shimabuku  
USDA NRCS: Jill Ficke-Beaton, DC  
Maui SWCD Staff: Jason Hew, and Maggie Kramp

- II. Minutes of June 28, 2019

Garret Hew moved to accept the minutes of June 28, 2019, seconded by Alan Nago, motion carried.

- III. Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report was emailed to OKSWCD Directors  
Balance of treasury is \$25,692.60

- IV. Correspondence

1. Certification from DLNR for the following director positions:

- Justin Teixeira, elected for the term ending June 2021
- Alan Nago, elected for the term ending June 2022
- Garret Hew, appointed for the term ending June 2022

2. CTAHR Workshops

- V. County Grading/Grubbing Permit Plans

There is one outstanding plan, Hawkins Residence; TMK: 2-3-00: 217, which is is not adequate. James Ino made several attempts in contacting Jake Freeman to discuss concerns but was not able to make contact to resolve issues. James suggests submitting initial concerns to DSA when he is unable to resolve concerns with engineering firm and/or applicant in a timely manner.

Neil Nakamura moved to allow the developer to respond within 2 weeks to discuss plans with deficiencies, otherwise comments on inadequacy of the plan will be submitted to DSA – seconded by Garret Hew, motion carried.

On another note -- According to Mae Nakahata, Office of Information Practice (OIP) may not approve SWCD procedures in reviewing and commenting on grading/grubbing plans. Comments on the County grading/grubbing plans have always been circulated via email.

#### VI. Cooperative Agreements/Conservation Plans

Jason Hew will have plans to present at the next OKSWCD meeting.

#### VII. NRCS

Jill Ficke-Beaton gave an overview on end of the fiscal year procedures, Farm Bill updates, Kahului field office management and procedures, training, and personnel.

Jill also highly recommend the SWCD directors, farmers and ranchers to participate in the Local Working Group, September 17, 2019 to discuss resource concerns and needs.

#### VIII. Other Business

##### A. Lai'e Watershed

The board accepted a letter of support drafted by Jason Hew for OKSWCD regarding Lai'e Watershed to Vernon Kalanikau.

##### B. Personnel

Interviews will be scheduled for September 10<sup>th</sup> for a part-time program assistant and part-time planner. Both are SWCD employee positions.

A district director expressed interest in applying for the vacant SWCD positions. This person is overqualified for program assistant/clerical position.

The four Maui SWCD Chairs will be on the interview and hiring panel.

C. Conservation Awareness Program – Land Judging Contest, October 22, 2019

Expenses are usually split between the 4 Maui SWCDs. Justin Teixeira moved to cost-share approximately \$250.00 for contest expenses, seconded by Neil Nakamura, motion carried.

Robin Shimabuku is planning on retiring the end of next year. Someone from CTAHR will be needed to replace Robin, either Kylie Tavares or Rosemary Gutierri. It should be someone that wants to be involved in the Conservation Awareness Program. Kylie is not interested in the program, and Rosemary is.

IX. The meeting adjourned at 2:28 p.m.

Submitted by  
/s/ Neil Nakamura  
Secretary-Treasurer