

MINUTES
PUNA SWCD DIRECTOR'S BOARD MEETING
September 9, 2020

9:30a.m. – NRCS Hilo Field Office Conf. Rm. 102 & via Microsoft Office Teams

The board meeting of the Puna Soil and Water Conservation District was called to order by Chairman Oliver English at 9:35a.m. via Microsoft Office Teams.

Present:

Directors: Oliver English (OE), Aileen Yeh (AY), Leanne Okamoto (LO)

Others: Kori Hisashima, District Conservationist; Kanoë Malani, Soil Conservationist; Ryan Belcher, Soil Conservationist; Meghan Mulley, Soil Conservationist; Jennifer Reavis, District Secretary/Conservation Aide; Chris Corley, others.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING (9:35a)

Meeting minutes was circulated and placed on file. Approved. OE/AY

TREASURER'S REPORT (9:36a)

Report given and circulated. No changes. Approved. OE/AY

NEW COOPERATOR APPROVAL (9:37a)

1. Lacyann Matsumoto – 20 acres. Plans for forestry/Agro Forestry. Accepted. AY/LO
2. Brandon Iranon – 20 acres. Plans for ranching/wildlife habitat. Accepted. AY/LO
3. James Ferrell – 3 acres. Plans for High Tunnel System. Accepted. AY/LO
4. Kaipo Dye – 6 acres. Plans for pasture. Accepted. AY/LO
5. Roberta Mendes – 41 acres. Plans for pasture. Accepted. AY/LO
6. Jeanette Ayers-Kawakami – 48 acres. Plans for pasture. Accepted. AY/LO
7. Stephen Tarek – 3 acres. Plans for native forest, wildlife habitat. Accepted. AY/LO
8. Karin Schlappa – 3 acres. Plans for wildlife habitat. Accepted. AY/LO
9. Anthony Laglia - 29 acres. Plans for diversified farm. Accepted. AY/LO
10. Michelle McClellan – 6.95 acres. Plans for diversified farm. Accepted. AY/LO
11. Josaiah Jones – 5 acres. Plans for Agroforestry. Accepted. AY/LO
12. Ernestine Enomoto – 29.44 acres. Plans for forestry. Accepted. AY/LO
13. Cory Edging – 3.5 acres. Plans for forestry. Accepted. AY/LO
14. David Dow – 30 acres. Plans for forestry. Accepted. AY/LO
15. Steven Bergfeld – 20 acres. Plans for pasture. Accepted. AY/LO
16. Luther Belmes – 1 acres. Plans for piggery. Accepted. AY/LO
17. Ruth Olds – 12 acres. Plans for orchard, livestock grazing. Accepted. AY/LO
18. Ken Yeo – 32 acres. Plans for orchard. Accepted. AY/LO

PLAN APPROVAL (9:50a)

1. Emily Taaroa – 32 acres. Plans for composting facility, high tunnel system, agroforestry. Approved. AY/LO
2. Emilita Diza – 3 acres. Plans for high tunnel system (AMA) Plan Revised. AY/LO
3. W.H. Shipman – 1,203 acres. Plans for reservoir, critical areal planting. (Oliver English recused his vote) Approved. AY/LO
4. Elmer Solis – 6 acres. Plans for high tunnel system, vegetable crops. Approved. AY/LO

5. Clive Cheetam – 73 acres. Plans for pasture. Approved. AY/LO
6. Brandon Iranon – 20 acres. Plans for pasture management, grassed waterway, prescribed grazing, brush management. Approved. AY/LO
7. John Miller – 9 acres. Plans for mulching, fruit orchard. Approved. AY/LO
8. Alexandra Haban (AMA) – 3 acres. Plans for high tunnel system. Approved. AY/LO
9. Alexandra Haban (EQIP) 3 acres. Plans for conservation cover. Approved. AY/LO
10. Atto Assi – 23 acres. Plans for irrigation system, reservoir. Approved. AY/LO
11. Luther Belmes – 1 acre. Plans for piggery. Approved. AY/LO
12. Shaka Forest Farms – 29 acres. Plans for diversified ag. Approved. AY/LO
13. Oscar Jaitt – 24 acres. Plans for irrigation system and management. Approved. AY/LO
14. Josiah Jones – 5 acres. Plans for reforestation, wildlife habitat, brush management. Approved. AY/LO
15. Ryan Cochran – 21 acres. Plans for wildlife habitat. Approved contingent upon cultural resources approval. AY/LO

CORRESPONDENCE (10:03a)

Circulated via email.

REPORTS (10:04a)

A. D.C. Report (10:04a) - (1) A monthly report for the Hilo Field office was given & circulated. This included updates, upcoming training, special projects, personnel changes and Farm Bill info. This was placed on file. (2) Maximum telework for the Hilo Field office as needed due to current Covid-19 situation. (3) A new HACD Conservation Specialist was hired for the Hilo Field Office. She is Alina Abramovich and will come on board on September 28th pending security clearance. (4) Travis will be holding a meeting for partners re: conservation planning/vision that will be held on Sept. 15th @ 12p. Jen will send you the link.

B. FSA Report (10:12a) - (1) All info that Lester sent via email is circulated at today's meeting. (2) Lester Ueda retired. Debbie Jitchaku is acting. (3) Aileen gave the deadlines for the different programs.

C. BIRCD Report (10:14a) - (1) There was a meeting, however all matters were tabled due to lack of quorum.

D. HACD Report (10:15a) - (1) New hire for the Hilo F.O. See D.C. report.

E. Reports (10:16a) - (1) District Employee Report. This was given by Ryan and Meghan. It was circulated and placed on file.

OTHER BUSINESS (10:17a)

A. Other New Business

- 1.. Subdivision Review – Jaren Donald & Maribel Simeon Moore - no comments sent to the County.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:18a.m

Respectfully submitted,

/s/LEANNE OKAMOTO
Secretary

Recording Secretary: Jennifer Reavis