

WAIAKEA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Monthly Board Meeting
September 18, 2020

The monthly board meeting was called to order by Chairperson Leslie Takayama at 9:35a.m. @ the Hilo Federal Building Conference Room 302.

Present were: Leslie Takayama (LT), Susan Litteral (SL), Amy Bugado (AB), Directors; Kori Hisashima, District Conservationist; Kanoë Malani, Soil Conservationist; Ryan Belcher, Soil Conservationist; Meghan Mulley, Soil Conservationist; Jennifer Reavis, Conservation Aide/District Secretary;

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING 9:37a

Minutes was accepted and approved. Circulated & placed on file. SL/LT

TREASURER'S REPORT 9:40a

Circulated and placed on file

*Accepted and approved to pay Farm Bureau Dues.... LT/SL

CONSERVATION PLAN APPROVAL 9:43a

1. Robert X. Chi – 23 acres. Plans for biomass planting, fence, pipeline/trough. Approved. LT/SL
2. Karen Kochenbach – Plans for orchard, natives, orchard crops, tea production. Approved. LT/SL
3. Andy Trang – 2.7 acres. Plans for irrigation system. Approved. LT/SL
4. Ronney Keawekane Jr. – 3 acres. Plans for piggery. Approved. LT/SL

CORRESPONDENCE 9:50a

*Sent via email...

OLD BUSINESS 9:50a

- A. District Employee Report 9:50a – (1) District reports circulated and placed on file. This was explained in detail by Ryan & Meghan.
- B. Other Old Business 9:52a - (1) Kori and the County Engineer did a site inspection of the Piionua berm. This is complete.

NEW BUSINESS 9:54a

- A. D.C. Report 9:54a - (1) The monthly report for the Hilo Field Office was given by Kori. This included an update on personnel changes, upcoming events, workshops, training sessions, program deadlines, emergency programs, farm bill info, etc. It was circulated and explained in detail. (2) Due to the uptick in Covid -19 cases in Hilo, the Hilo field office is maximizing Telework procedures.
- B. FSA Report 10:02a - (1) Info was sent to directors via email and circulated in correspondence. (2) Lester Ueda

retired. Debbie Jitchaku is acting in his place.

C. HACD Report 10:05a - (1) HACD hired Alina Abramovich for the Conservation Specialist working in the Hilo Field Office. She will be onboard on September 28th or as soon as her Security/background check is cleared.

D. RC&D Report 10:06a - (1) Les gave an update on the different projects.

E. Other New Business 10:08a

(1) Subdivision Review

- a. Noel, Keevil, Joy Ide - no comments sent to the County.
- b. GHC Family - no comments sent to the County.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10a

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ George Mikami
Secretary

Recorder: Jennifer Reavis