

The meeting was opened at 3:05 pm online using Zoom Meeting

- I. **PRESENT: Directors:** Howard Greene; David Smith; Blaise Boyle, Jon Ching
Associate Directors: Umi Martin
Others: Jenni Scotti, Conservation Specialist; Jenna Dunn, NRCS District Conservationist; John Nelson, HACD Conservation Specialist; Paul Togioka, County of Kauai
- II. **REVIEW OF AGENDA (ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/CHANGES):** No additions or changes.
- III. **REVIEW OF MINUTES: Motion:** Blaise made a motion to accept the minutes, David second. Motion was accepted unanimously.
- IV. **TREASURER’S REPORT:** David offered the treasurer’s report for August 18, 2020. July statement has not been received. Received a letter from Kauai independent food bank thanking for the donation. **Motion:** Howard made a motion to accept the treasurer’s report, Blaise second. Motion was accepted unanimously.
- V. **CORRESPONDENCE:** Information and flyers were e-mailed
- VI. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - A. **NRCS REPORT:** Jenna Dunn, NRCS Conservation Specialist provided her report for 8/18/2020
 1. **General**
 - a. American Samoa DC- To be announced. Jocelyn Bamba, DC in Guam is acting
 - b. Kona DC- Laura Nelson has been selected.
 - c. Maui DC- Gerald Gregory has been selected. David Komorowski is acting until Gerald starts
 - d. Molokai DC- Kanaha Stone will be acting
 - e. State Programs- Jill Ficke-Beaton and Morri-Ann Nagata have joined that division.
 - f. State Engineer- Susan Kubo is Acting.
 2. **Farm Bill Programs**
 - a. EQIP FY20-
 - i. 10 applications have been pre-approved totaling \$626,197.13
 - b. CSP FY20- 3 obligated contracts totaling \$57,010.00
 3. **CAMP**
 - a. NRCS is looking for farmers to volunteer as mentors for new employees (Steven)
 4. **Next meeting we will cover IWM**

Discussion: CAMP is Conservation and Agriculture Mentoring Program in which recruitment of farmer involvement is voluntary. It is for new employees of NRCS to learn about agriculture and conservation on the island. Steven Heisey is the new employee in the office a few hours a week. Volunteers can be any ag operation on the island including directors and can contact NRCS if they are willing to be a participant

B. CONSERVATION SPECIALISTS’ REPORTS:

1. **Jenni Scotti** gave her report for 8/18/2020:
 - a. **Trainings / Meetings / Learning**
 - i. NRCS Engineer Irrigation Training
 - b. **Plans / field visits**
 - i. Planning
 1. Planning and follow-up with 8 clients

2. 3 Site visits
 3. Completed 2 plans
 - c. Outreach**
 - i. POSTER CONTEST
 1. Working on letters to Schools
 - ii. CAP CONTEST
 1. Letters to teachers to see if interested in contest this year
 - d. Misc/News/upcoming events/future projects/goals**
 - i. Annual Report
 - ii. CTA Planning
2. **John Nelson**: gave his report for 8/18/2020:
- a. Trainings / Meetings / Learning**
 - i. NRCS CART/Conservation DeskTop.
 - ii. Continue working on 2020 Conservation Plans.
 - b. Plans / field visits**
 - i. Planning
 1. Site visit check-out
 2. Site visits with 4 clients, 2 new
 3. Planning and follow-up with 6 clients
 - c. Outreach**
 - i. All outreach postponed due to pandemic
 - d. Misc/News/upcoming events/future projects/goals**
 - i. New EQIP plans 2020/2021
 - ii. FEDS FEED FAMILIES-August.

Discussion: Donations accepted through the end of August. Fresh produce can be accepted throughout the month

VII. REVIEW NEWCOOPERATOR AGREEMENTS & CONSERVATION PLANS:

New West Kauai Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) Cooperators: None

Conservation Plans for presentation: None

VIII. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Garden Island RC&D: In correspondence

B. Grading Ordinance: No changes

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Water Conservation of the Year

Discussion: No new options offered since last meeting. David reminded that photos and summary should be sent. Jenni shared that voting needs to take place in September. Defer voting to next month. David will send pictures to be shared before next meeting.

X. OTHER BUSINESS:**A. Annual Dinner**

Discussion: Jenni shared that it usually held in November, with last year taking place in December. She asked for initial discussion for dates and location. Howard offered that it is challenging in today's time. Jenni offered that it could be moved to January if needed. Discussion deferred to next month.

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS / EVENTS: None

NEXT MEETING DATE: Monday September 15, 2020 TBD. Information will be posted on the online state calendar. <http://calendar.ehawaii.gov/calendar/html/event>

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:32 pm, written by Jenni Scotti, Conservation Specialist