

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

- I. **PRESENT: Directors:** Howard Greene; David Smith; Adam Killermann; Blaise Boyle, Jon Ching
Associate Directors: Umi Martin; Richard Loero
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 July 21, 2020. Received semi annual allotment check from DLNR. Blaise made a motion to accept the treasurer’s report, Howard 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 7/21/2020
 1. **General**
 - a. American Samoa DC- To be announced. Jocelyn Bamba, DC in Guam is acting
 - b. State Engineer- Susan Kubo is Acting.
 - c. State Agronomist - Jason Hanson started 7/5/2020
 - d. State Forester - Matthew Cocking started 6/21/2020
 2. **Farm Bill Programs**
 - a. EQIP FY20-
 - i. 10 applications have been pre-approved totaling \$626,197.13
 - b. CSP FY20- 4 applications
 3. **LWG**
 - a. Successful sub-committee meeting
 4. **Next meeting we will cover IWM**

Discussion: Jenna shared that the office is working on obligation for this year’s applications. Jenna is looking forward to a streamlined discussion for the LWG meeting. Kauai does not have a partner agreement for funding for the local working group meetings, targeted delivery proposal or a long-range strategic planning she suggested the SWCDs to work towards an agreement/grant for this funding in the future.

Jenna shared that she would like to provide information on different practices that are used for conservation. Next meeting, she will cover Irrigation Water Management. Jenna also noted that in the future she would like to provide more information on streams and ditches, aka riparian restoration, moving from ditch to pipeline, hillside erosion, etc. Jenna requested that Directors e-mail her for topics that they are interested in her presenting in the future.

B. CONSERVATION SPECIALISTS' REPORTS:**1. Jenni Scotti** gave her report for 7/21/2020:**a. Trainings / Meetings / Learning**

- i. NRCS weekly program information meetings
- ii. HACD Quarterly Meeting
 1. NRCS Strategic Plan shared
 2. Discussion regarding challenges during COVID-19
 3. Online CAP contest Discussion

b. Plans / field visits

- i. Planning
 1. Planning and follow-up with 15 clients
 2. 6 Site visits
 3. Check-out site visits for 2 client
 4. Completed 4 plans

c. Outreach

- i. Go Farm Kauai
 1. Support Panel Online Meeting

d. Misc/News/upcoming events/future projects/goals

- i. 2020 Applications
- ii. Annual Report
- iii. Local Working Group meeting

Discussion: Quarterly meeting agenda has been sent through the correspondence. Jenni shared the meeting regarding CAP contest and having it in the spring as well as possibly doing something through online or kits to the schools.

2. John Nelson: gave his report for 7/21/2020:**a. Trainings / Meetings / Learning**

- i. Weekly Teleconference roll-out
- ii. NRCS CART
- iii. Continue working on 2020 Conservation Plans

b. Plans / field visits

- i. Planning
 1. Site visit check-out
 2. Site visits with 3 clients, 2 new
 3. Planning and follow-up with 5 clients

c. Outreach

- i. All outreach postponed due to pandemic

d. Misc/News/upcoming events/future projects/goals

- i. New EQIP plans 2020/2021

Discussion: John shared that the engineer will be on Kauai next week to present plans and going on site visits with clients. David asked what kinds of plans John has been working on. John shared that for 2020 he has one livestock and one irrigation plan.

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:** No report
- B. Grading Ordinance:** No Report

Discussion: Jenni shared that Garden Island RC&D will attempt to have a ZOOM meeting in August

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**A. Annual Picnic**

Discussion: Jenni Shared that this is usually hosted in August or September, but with the quarantine going to the end of August, she shared that it is uncertain what will happen over the next few months. Jenni shared that Kauai County has allowed for larger groups with distancing and masks. Howard recommends canceling the picnic this year. Discussion around hosting the picnic this year and who hosts the event next year took place, but general consensus is to cancel for this year. Howard made a motion to cancel the annual picnic for 2020. Blaise second. Motion was accepted unanimously.

X. OTHER BUSINESS:**A. Water Conservationist of the Year**

Discussion: David offered Steve Gnazzo for this catchment and micro irrigation as well as fertilization program. Howard requested more information especially as a site visit is challenging. David asked what the directors would like. Blaise confirmed that they would like some images to showcase work that has taken place. Jenni offered that we may have other conservationists as well, Blaise requested same information to be provided to the directors. Jenni reminded the directors that the Water Conservationist does not need to be a cooperator to be recognized.

B. Upcoming Monthly meeting

Discussion: Jenni offered to discuss with Michelle about information from OIP. Jenni shared that after physical meetings resume, that it would be good to encourage continued participation by offering ZOOM for future meetings. Officially, the directors are required to attend the physical meeting, but others could call in. Jenni asked the directors if they would like to provide that as an option. The topic is tabled until future guidance from the state takes place.

C. HACD Quarterly Meeting Summary

Discussion: Jenni offered information during conservation specialist report and in the correspondence.

D. Local Working Group subcommittee update

Discussion: Discussed during Jenna’s report. Jenna also shared that she would like input from the directors in how to reach out to producers who do not speak English as their primary language. An example, for Thai farmers Jenna is working with Emilie (CTAHR) to develop information and the survey. Jenni will send the notes from the meeting to subcommittee individuals.

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS / EVENTS: None

NEXT MEETING DATE: Monday July 21, 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 3:35 pm, written by Jenni Scotti, Conservation Specialist

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