

The meeting was opened at 3:15 pm online using Zoom Meeting

- I. **PRESENT: Directors:** Howard Greene; David Smith; Adam Killermann; Blaise Boyle
Associate Directors: Greg Williams; Umi Martin; Richard Loero
Others: Jenni Scotti, Conservation Specialist; John Nelson, HACD Conservation Specialist; David Burney, Makauwahi Cave Reserve (MCR); Lida Burney, MCR; Tess Sprawson, MCR; Amanda Skelton, MCR
- II. **REVIEW OF AGENDA (ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/CHANGES):** No additions or changes.
- III. **REVIEW OF MINUTES: Motion:** Blaise made a motion to accept the minutes, Adam second. Motion was accepted unanimously
- IV. **TREASURER’S REPORT:** David offered the treasurer’s report for May18, 2020. 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 report was shared by Jenni;
 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 & State Forester- Selections made, start date in June and July
 - d. Kauai/Oahu FO engineer- Kevin Macquoid from Oregon has been selected, helping with Kauai workload remotely during the mandatory 14 day quarantine
 - e. Kauai Soil Con- Steven Heisey, first day will be June 8th. Will work from home during the mandatory 14 day quarantine
 2. **Farm Bill Programs**
 - a. EQIP FY20-
 - i. Working on High priority applications. Ranking and cost estimates are due by Friday 5/15/2020
 - B. **CONSERVATION SPECILAISTS’ REPORTS:**
 1. **Jenni Scotti** gave her report for 5/19/2020:
 - a. **Trainings / Meetings / Learning**
 - i. HACD meeting
 - ii. NRCS weekly program information meetings
 - iii. NRCS Grant meeting with Adam
 - iv. Met our engineer
 - v. NRCS Cultural Resources Specialist on island for site visits
 - b. **Plans / field visits**
 - i. Planning
 1. Planning and follow-up with 20 clients
 2. Site visits with 5
 3. Check-out for 1 client

4. Completed 1 plan
- c. **Outreach**
 - i. All outreach on hold
- d. **Misc/News/upcoming events/future projects/goals**
 - i. 2020 Applications
 - ii. Annual Report
 - iii. Still continuing to work from home

Discussion: Because the HACD annual meeting is not taking place, we have a couple more weeks to work on the Annual Report.

2. **John Nelson:** gave his report for 5/19/2020:
 - a. **Trainings / Meetings / Learning**
 - i. Weekly Teleconference roll-out
 - ii. NRCS CART
 - iii. NRCS Conservation Workload Prioritization Worksheet
 - iv. Virtual meeting with Army Corps of Engineers
 - b. **Plans / field visits**
 - i. CTA Plan – Gay & Robinson
 - ii. Planning
 1. Site visits with 2 clients, 0 new
 2. Planning and follow-up with 4 clients
 - c. **Outreach**
 - i. All outreach postponed due to pandemic
 - d. **Misc/News/upcoming events/future projects/goals**
 - i. CTA and new EQIP plans
 - ii. Army Corps of Engineers virtual site visit

3. **Summary of HACD Quarterly Meeting:**

Discussion: The agenda for the HACD quarterly meeting was sent in the correspondence. Jenni Shared that there is a new HACD president Michael Silva from Maui, as Brenda had taken a new position with Rural Development. There was a general reduction of the budget for HACD from the State of Hawaii funds. Jenni also shared that the HACD annual meeting is cancelled and that the NACD regional conference that was to be held on Maui has also been cancelled. Additionally, the Conservation Awareness Program (CAP) Contests will be canceled due to the uncertainty of how schools will be operating in the fall. The June meeting will be a teleconference.

VII. **REVIEW NEWCOOPERATOR AGREEMENTS & CONSERVATION PLANS:**

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

GAY & ROBINSON INC.

Discussion: John and Howard presented Gay & Robinson plan for clearing an area for future taro loi lessees along the Waimea River. Previously the site was used for sugar cane and taro. David made a motion

to accept the plan, Blaise second. Motion was accepted unanimously. Howard recused himself from the vote.

GARDEN ISLAND RC&D: MAKAUWAHI CAVE RESERVE

Discussion: David Burney presented Makauwahi Cave Reserve’s conservation plan for creating wetlands and native wildlife habitat in Mahaulepu. The site was previously a quarry, and previously it was the site of a coastal pond. Howard asked for clarification regarding the runoff from storms and if it would be captured, David noted that Grove Farm has fixed most of the water flooding onto the site and the ponds will help address the sheet erosion that takes place on the site. Richard asked about the material being dug and David clarified that it is all fill and that it will not hit the existing water table. Howard made a motion to accept the Makauwahi Cave Reserve conservation plan, Blaise second. Motion was accepted unanimously. Adam recused from the vote.

Umi asked if the directors could visit the site. Lida said to set it up through either them or Tess.

Discussion: Howard asked if there is a possibility to have a map showing the location of future plans. Jenni offered that there are location maps that might be able to be provided. She also noted that the plans and maps should include TMKs which can be used to locate the projects.

VIII. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Garden Island RC&D: No report

B. Grading Ordinance: No Report

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

X. OTHER BUSINESS:

A. County of Kauai Office of Economic Development.

Discussion: Jenni contacted the new ag specialist (Martin Amaro) to see if he would be willing to attend a meeting to introduce himself in which he then requested information about Ag projects, needs, and interests from the Districts or that the Districts would like to get involved with from the County. Howard shared that there is money that is being proposed for projects on Kauai. There may be future information and request for input.

B. E-mail Plans

Discussion: Jenni shared that it is an option to provide conservation plans through e-mail. Though, physical copies would still be available as an option. The plans would have a unique password each time and the plan would need to be deleted/shredded (if printed) once the meeting has taken place to go over the plan. Howard has noted that it is probably safer to have an electronic copy versus a hard copy. Jenni said that if a director prefers it to be mailed then it will be noted for future plans to still be mailed. All attending the meeting are good with receiving e-mailed plans.

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS / EVENTS:**A. Annual Report:**

Pictures needed by June 5th for a collage for this year. Options for the picture include an action shot or a head shot. Articles due May 29th.

B. Annual HACD Meeting was canceled

Discussion: David asked if we could have a physical meeting in June. Jenni offered that it may depend upon State guidelines, for example, there would need to be less than 10 and we would still need to offer the option through zoom for those that would need to attend that way. Howard agreed, and next meeting will still be offered through Zoom unless state guidelines change.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Monday June 16, 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 4:15 pm, written by Jenni Scotti, Conservation Specialist