

WEST MAUI SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2020

I. Meeting Call to Order

The meeting was called to order 3:07 p.m. via Zoom.

Present

- Directors: Jay Nobriga, Pomaikai'i Kaniaupio-Crozier, Kimo Falconer, Ian Swezey, and Kainoa Casco
- Associates: Wes Nohara, and Eric Yamashige
- County of Maui: Ty Takeno, Mike Kehano, and Kristi Ono
- NRCS: Jill Ficke-Beaton, and Susan Kubo
- West Maui Watershed Coordinator: Tova Callender

II. Minutes of April 15, 2020

Pomaikai'i Kaniaupio-Crozier moved to accept the minutes of April 15, 2020, seconded by Ian Swezey, motion carried.

III. Correspondence - none

IV. Treasurer's Report

Pomaikai'i Kaniaupio-Crozier moved to accept the treasurer's report that was emailed to directors, seconded by Ian Swezey, motion carried.

V. Lahaina Watershed

A. PL566 – Flood Control Project – Susan Kubo, NRCS; Ty Takeno, County

1. Puamana

The lower channel, owned by Puamana Association, is not in good condition and is connected to the Lahaina Flood Control Project. Volume of water that flowed through Puamana in the past will remain. Additional runoff is not expected to go through.

If Puamana cooperated in the beginning stage, additional work would have not been necessary, and the project would've been completed. Adjusting the project to put Puamana back on will cause further delays and additional cost.

Pomaika'i Kaniaupio-Crozier moved to proceed without adjustments to the project, seconded by Ian Swezey and Kimo Falconer, motion carried.

2. Land Acquisition

The County Public Works will need more information on land acquisition before going to Council.

Susan Kubo mentioned that Mae Nakahata had questions/concerns regarding land titles. Wes Nohara will talk to Mae.

3. Size of Channel

West Maui Land Company had concerns about the size of the channel. Any questions regarding design may be referred to Ty Takeno.

4. Next Step -- Project Phases

- Reaffirming the Feasibility Study
- Alternatives and Design
- Construction

B. Temporary Flood Control Project – Kainoa Casco/Wes Nohara

Upon inspection of the temporary flood control system, survey markers were noted. West Maui Land Company acknowledged that the survey markers are theirs and appreciate avoiding disturbance of the survey pins.

West Maui Land Company is also interested in doing maintenance work on the temporary flood control system like they did in the past. Wes Nohara will be contacting Dave Minami.

The Lahaina Watershed Project will cut right through the Temporary Flood Control Project. Mitigation measures will be taken care of by the County Public Works.

A new firebreak road cut through the lower diversion. The berm was over constructed and Wes Nohara thinks it should be okay. According to Kimo Falconer, Truth Excavation is leasing that land and mentioned that they could make adjustments if needed.

C. Lahainaluna Diversion – Kainoa Casco/Wes Nohara

Wes Nohara and Kainoa Casco surveyed the Lahainaluna diversion. Sediment deposit was noted in one section, and recommendations were sent to Bruce Moore.

VI. Watershed Project Proposals

A. RFP - National Water Quality Initiative, West Maui

The NWQI – watershed assessment proposal was emailed to the board and presented by Tova Callender and Susan Kubo. Project timeline is within a year.

Kimo Falconer suggested to move forward with the project.

Pomaika'i Kaniaupio-Crozier requested to discuss the RFP in executive session.

B. Honokowai Dam #8 Remedial Work

Susan Kubo submitted a proposal for remedial work on Honokowai Dam #8 and will keep the board informed on its progress.

VII. NRCS – SWCD Memorandum of Agreement

The MOA was circulated and discussed during a HACD Zoom Meeting. According to Michelle Watkins, HACD the MOA is okay to sign.

Kimo Falconer moved to accept the MOA, seconded by Pomaika'i Kaniaupio-Crozier, motion carried.

VIII. Conservation Plans/Cooperator Agreements - None

NRCS planners are busy with ranking Farm Bill applicants, which is due tomorrow.

IX. District Director and Associate Director Positions

Jay Nobriga term expires June 30, 2020 as WMSWCD Director. Ian Swezey moved to reappoint Jay Nobriga to continue serving on the board until June 2023, seconded by Kimo Falconer, motion carried.

Jay Nobriga also has a list of potential associate director.

X. Other Business

A. Announcement of Cancellations Due to CoVID19:

- June 2020 HACD Annual Conference
- September 2020 NACD Pacific and Southwest Region Conference. NACD asked if we would like to do it 2021. To be on the safe side, we opted to host September 2022

B. Jill Ficke-Beaton gave a brief report on NRCS staffing updates and farm bill applications.

XI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:02 p.m.

Submitted by
/s/ Ian Swezey
Secretary

Meeting Recorder: Maggie Kramp