

HANA SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT MEETING
Wednesday, May 20, 2020

I. Meeting Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m., via Zoom

Present

Directors: Benjamin Villiarimo, Frank Oliveira, Haunani Collins, and Iwalani Poaipuni

HACD: Michelle Watkins

USDA-NRCS: Jill Ficke-Beaton, and David Komorowski

Hana Ranch: Duane Lammers

II. Minutes of January 29, 2020

Board approval of minutes was tabled for the next Hana SWCD meeting.

III. Treasurer's Report

There were no new transactions since last meeting

IV. Correspondence -- none

V. Cooperator Agreements/Conservation Plans

A. Hana Ranch Plan

In Range and Forest: remove woody and herbaceous invasive species and treat woody residue generated from weed removal to reduce wildfire hazard and improve access. Establish permanent vegetation in exposed areas. In cropland: clear site prior to planting, plant trees, mulch trees to improve plant diversity and composition.

- Ag Associated Land, Tract 2129 -- Brush Management, Herbaceous Weed Treatment, Woody Residue Treatment
- Crop, Tract 624 -- Brush Management, Mulching, Tree/Shrub Establishment, Tree/Shrub Site Preparation
- Forest, Tract 771 -- Brush Management, Herbaceous Weed Treatment, Woody Residue Treatment
- Range, Tract 624 -- Brush Management, Conservation Cover, Herbaceous Weed Treatment, Woody Residue Treatment

Duane Lammers mentioned Hana Ranch had an archeological study done to address cultural resource concerns. He vowed that he and his employees are very conscientious about not disturbing significant areas.

Iwalani Poaipuni moved to accept the Hana Ranch conservation plan, seconded by Haunani Collins, motion carried.

Other items of discussion that are not on the conservation plan were fencing, walking trails, and the bridge and streambed. Duane will develop a document of future projects for the board to review and comment.

VI. County Grading/Grubbing Permit Plans

No new plans.

Comments were submitted to the County regarding Kawaipapa Subdivision, December 31, 2019.

VII. USDA-NRCS Memorandum of Agreement Between USDA-NRCS and Hana SWCD

Haunani Collins reviewed the MOA. Board approval was tabled for the next Hana SWCD meeting to allow more time for other board members to review the MOA.

VIII. Hana SWCD Director Positions

The following director terms expires June 30, 2020. All three are elected positions.

- Benjamin Villiarimo
- Haunani Collins
- Frank Oliveira

IX. USDA NRCS

Report from Jill Ficke-Beaton, District Conservationist was emailed to directors. David Komorowski, Resource Conservationist is assisting Jill until borders open up for travel to Pohnpei.

X. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

The next Hana SWCD meeting is scheduled for June 17, 2020, 5:00 p.m., via Zoom.