



# Mauna Kea Soil & Water Conservation District

Date: Wednesday October 14, 2020

Time: 4:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.

Place: 1) USDA-NRCS Waimea Field Office: 67-1185 Mamalahoa Hwy Suite H-148, Kamuela, HI, 96743

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**Meeting Started at 4:01 P.M.**

- I. Approval of Agenda- Approved**
  - Added in a sub-division review that came in day of meeting
- II. Review/Approval of minutes- 9/9/2020- Approved**
- III. Treasurer's Report** Lau
  - Report back to normal, no transferring of funds due to the new Federal bank account
  - Payroll and NWQI are the only deductions
  - Bought stamps with petty cash
- IV. Chairman's Report** von Holt
  - None
- V. Committee Report**
  - None



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## VI. Farm Dwelling Review

- None

## VII. Sub-division Review

- Added the sub-division to the meeting
- Kremkow Properties, Inc will be sub-dividing into 3 lots in Waikii
- Blue line stream running through section of property
- Stream running downhill on property
- Property is very grassy, erosion may not be a concern
- No comment on the sub-division, see no problem in sub-dividing

## VIII. Agreements/Contracts Approvals

### a. Cooperative Agreement

- Charles Lindsey
  - Came in years ago to start plan but didn't finish. Came back in to pick up where left off
  - Cooperative agreement could not be found
  - Property has many Pu`u
  - Not sure what will be doing but will be adding infrastructures
  - Approved
- Paul Andrade
  - Came in years back to start plan but plan didn't go anywhere
  - Has a grazing operation
  - Remove iron wood to open up pasture and prevent trees from falling on fence line.
  - Interested in cross fencing and water
  - Approved

### b. Plan Approval

- Gail Byrne Baber
  - Producing hemp to CBD oil
  - Will be installing high tunnels for the hemp
  - Gutters added to high tunnels for erosion control
  - Adding in windbreak (ulu, milo, a`ali`i), cover crop (alfalfa, sun hemp, sweet clover)
  - Approved



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- Elizabeth Gallagher
  - Crop type are flowers
  - Installing high tunnels and multi-story windbreak (mamane, kauila, a`ali`i)
  - Kauila one of the plants for windbreak, it is an endangered plant, concern of needing permit to plant tree
  - Approved
- Robert Terukina
  - Installing high tunnels
  - Approved
- c. Plan Revision- None
- d. Plan Cancellation- None

### IX. Reports, Correspondence, and Announcements

- a. NRCS Cook
  - Program update
    - Alyssa report for Scott, Scott on vacation until 10/26
      - a. DC on Kauai acting DC for Waimea and week of the 19<sup>th</sup> DC on Pompei will be acting
    - No application deadlines has been announced for FY2021
      - a. Currently 7 application and 20 people on running list
    - RCPP deadline extended to November 30<sup>th</sup>
    - Hawaii Cattleman's Conference will be virtual
    - Adam Reed is leaving PIA
    - Local working group resource concerns to be determined by end of December. Surveys will be created and emailed or mailed out. Meeting will be virtual. Instead of specific resource concerns it will be broad. Alyssa and Nicole will be working on the survey
    - Contribution agreement
      - a. Unfunded contribution agreement same as unfunded cooperative agreement
      - b. Vehicle usage was an issue, contribution agreement has vehicle usage for district workers. Currently, NWQI covers vehicle usage
      - c. When NWQI is over unfunded contribution agreement will take over
      - d. Board members agreed to sign the contribution agreement



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- b. Conservation Specialist/Administrative Assistant Fernandez
- Every Friday's are NWQI meeting
  - Two intake meetings since last board meeting
  - Met with Carolyn Stewart and Scott Cook on how NWQI can fit into the NRCS programs
  - Siglo site visit
  - County report and NWQI semi-annual report is due
  - Using comp time for holidays
- X. Old Business**
- Received last contract signature
  - NWQI update
- XI. New Business**
- NWQI update
    - Payment for Lynker for deliverable 1 was sent out
      - a. So far, paid two contractors for deliverable 1
      - b. 2 remaining payments for deliverable 1. Waiting for TNC to send invoice and MCSI will invoice us when deliverable 1 is met which is when the draft is completed
    - Assessment should be done at end of October
    - Survey results are back in and got more responses than expected and resource concerns that were picked were the along the lines of what we thought
  - NRCS vehicle usage
    - Currently, covered under the NWQI contract to use the work trucks (until June 2021)
      - a. Once NWQI expire, unfunded contribution agreement will roll over
- b. Open Discussion
- Pathway internship for soil conservationist opened up on USA jobs
- XII. Adjournment**

End 4:53 P.M.



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