

KA'U SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MEETING MINUTES
November 4, 2020

The monthly board meeting of the Ka'u Soil and Water Conservation District was called to order by Chairperson John Cross at 8:38 a.m. via Microsoft Teams & @ the NRCS Hilo Field Office Conf. Room.

Present were: John Cross, Ka'ohi Mokuahali'i, Alexander Williams, Tyler Johansen Directors; Kori Hisashima, District Conservationist; Spencer Nagata, Soil Conservationist; Nanea Babila, Soil Conservationist; Ryan Belcher, Soil Conservationist; Jennifer Reavis, District Secretary/Conservation Aide;

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING (8:39a)

Circulated and placed on file. AW/KM

TREASURER'S REPORT (8:40a)

Circulated and placed on file. AW/TJ

CORRESPONDENCE (8:42a)

Sent via email.

CONSERVATION PLAN APPROVAL (8:43a)

1. Gregory Smith – 3 acres. Plans for hemp farm. Approved. TJ/KM
2. Alan Martins – 309 acres. Plans for pasture. Approved. TJ/KM
3. Alexander Williams (AMA) – 1.3 acres. Plans for high tunnel system. Approved (Alex Williams recused his vote) TJ/KM
4. Midge Louaillier – 21.2 acres. Plans for native reforestation. Approved. TJ/KM

PLAN CANCELLATION (8:50a)

1. Loreto Obra – 12 acres. (no longer have control of the land) Plan cancelled. TJ/KM

OLD BUSINESS (8:51a)

- A. District Employee Report (8:51a) – (1) Ryan gave a report. This was circulated and placed on file.
- B. Other Old Business (8:52a)
 - (1) Water Revocable Permit Update – nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS (8:53a)

A. D.C. Report (8:53a) - (1) Kori reported that due to the Covid-19 restrictions, we are unable to have a Local Work Group meeting, aside from it being a virtual meeting. Therefore, NRCS will be sending out a survey for the directors to look over and rank resource concerns within the district. There was a lengthy explanation and discussion about resource concerns in our district. A Long Range Plan was reviewed and the Directors opted to choose this with “food security issues” for our island in mind. They will also forward this to others explaining the concerns within the district.

B. FSA Report (9:09a) - (1) All info is forwarded via email.

C. BIRCD Report (9:09a) - (1) There was a meeting held last Friday. Discussion was mainly on Big Island Invasive Species funding & the Ulu Coop that continues in Hilo and Kona.

D. HACD Report (9:10a) - (1) There will be a virtual meeting in mid November.

E. Other New Business (9:11a)

1. Election/Appointment of Officers – it was accepted and approved to reappoint Tyler Johansen for a 3year Appointed directors term expiring June 30, 2023. Accepted and approved.
KM/AW

The Meeting was adjourned at 9:12 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Tyler Johansen
Secretary

Recorder: Jennifer Reavis