



Mauna Kea Soil & Water Conservation District

Date: Tuesday November 10, 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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Start time 4:04 pm

- I. **Approval of Agenda- Approved**
-Adding Kalani Kaniho as new cooperator
- II. **Review/Approval of minutes- 10/14/2020- Approved**
- III. **Treasurer's Report** Lau
-Farm bureau payment
-Payroll
-NWQI payment for one contractor
- IV. **Chairman's Report- None** von Holt
- V. **Committee Report- None**
- VI. **Farm Dwelling Review- None**
- VII. **Sub-division Review- None**



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VIII. Agreements/Contracts Approvals

a. Cooperative Agreement

- Na Pua Mana LLC

-high tunnel-approximately 2

-no crop in ground yet but will have before the application deadline

-provided list of contractors for high tunnel

-grazing goat on a section but not part of planned area

-Approved

- Kalani Kaniho

-added to agenda during meeting

-DHHL lease

-Interested in gorse removal. Gorse is bad on property

-Approved

b. Plan Approval- None

c. Plan Revision- None

d. Plan Cancellation- None

IX. Reports, Correspondence, and Announcements

a. NRCS

Cook

- Program update

-Civil rights

-information to board on civil rights

- board responsibility to meet civil rights

-Source water

-board of water supply (BOW) ID critical water areas to address quantity and quality

-NRCS practice to support source water protection

-for the Kohala ditch area

-priority money to address source water for practices

-part of survey for the resource concern

-question was asked on how BOW choose areas

-Answer: not sure but NRCS will treat base on need

For the applied practice

-NRCS got approached about working on the Kohala ditch but out of NRCS realm b/c infrastructure repair and management not part of programs offered



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-Application deadline for programs is Dec. 15

- Local working group resource concern survey
 - online survey
 - choose top 3 resource concern
 - went out to community members such as cooperators
 - Resource concerns will be used for upcoming applications to be ranked

b. Conservation Specialist/Administrative Assistant

Fernandez

- HEL refresher training for NRCS
- few intakes
- PIA & NWQI meetings
- county & NWQI semi-annual report were due

X. Old Business

- NWQI update
- NRCS vehicle usage
 - Currently, covered under the NWQI contract to use the work trucks (until June 2021)

XI. New Business

- NWQI update
 - assessment to finish by Nov. 20
 - move on to implementation part
 - Sharon and Susan will join next meeting on Nov. 20
- Michelle asked if vacant position on board will be filled
 - think should fill spot
 - no one has asked to join
 - would consider a person
- Meetings via Microsoft teams
 - teams easy to use
 - board prefers to meet in person in office

b. Open Discussion

- fencing for NRCS
 - riparian area or native plant area
 - use a tree tube if doesn't meet the environment sensitive area
- non-funded contribution agreement signed and finalized
 - start after NWQI



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XII. Adjournment

End 4:49 PM

Next MKSWCD Meeting December 9, 2020 4:00-6:00 P.M. at USDA-NRCS Waimea Field Office. Individuals requiring special assistance or auxiliary aid or services (e.g., sign language interpreter, wheel chair accessibility, or parking designated for the disabled) at the Mauna Kea Soil and Water Conservation District meeting, please contact staff at least 72 hours prior to the meeting at 808-885-6602 ext.102 so that arrangements can be made.