

MINUTES
PUNA SWCD DIRECTOR'S BOARD MEETING
November 18, 2020
9:30a.m. - W.H. Shipman Office - Keaau

The board meeting of the Puna Soil and Water Conservation District was called to order by Chairman Oliver English at 9:33am. @ the W.H. Shipman office in Keaau.

Present:

Directors: Oliver English (OE), Aileen Yeh (AY), Leanne Okamoto (LO), Elton Mow (EM)

Others: Kori Hisashima, District Conservationist; Ryan Belcher, Soil Conservationist; Meghan Mulley, Soil Conservationist; Jennifer Reavis, District Secretary/Conservation Aide; Chris Corley, others.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING (9:34a)

Meeting minutes was circulated and placed on file. Approved. OE/AY

TREASURER'S REPORT (9:36a)

Report given, circulated & placed on file. Accepted and Approved. OE/AY

CONSERVATION PLAN APPROVAL (9:37a)

1. Lacyann Matsumoto - 20 acres. Plans for native forest/wildlife. AY/LO

CORRESPONDENCE (9:40a)

*sent via email

REPORTS (9:40a)

A. D.C. Report (9:40a) -(1) A monthly report for the Hilo Field office was given & circulated. This included updates, upcoming training, special projects, personnel changes and Farm Bill info. This was circulated and placed on file. (2) Alina Abramovich, HACD Conservation Specialist is onboard working out of the Hilo Field Office.

B. FSA Report (9:52a) - (1) All info that FSA sends via email is forwarded to SWCD directors. (2) Kori reported that Kristen Kiriu is the new acting CED for FSA.

C. BIRCD Report (9:53a) - (1) BIRCD held a meeting. An update on different grants was explained, ex. Food to Farm Calabash grant. Larry asked for ideas as far as RC&D getting involved in food security, etc. (2) Chris is working with John Cross on the water situation in Ka'u. (3) Aileen gave a Mobile slaughter house update - it was decided to forgive the funds, therefore RC&D will not have to pay.

D. HACD Report (9:58a)- (1) There will be a virtual quarterly meeting held on Thursday. Ollie and Jen will attend.

E. Reports (10:00a) -(1) District Employee Report. This was given by Ryan and Meghan. It was circulated and placed on file.

OTHER BUSINESS (10:03a)

A. Other New Business

1. Issues - Hilo County Farm Bureau started the East Hawaii Farm produce “Farm-to-Car” program, trying to give the farmers a boost!! This has been working well.

2. Subdivison Review

a. Lava Ocean Tours, Inc. - no comments sent to the County.

b. Warren Jefferson Cranch/Kumi Alice Leilani Lida - no comments sent to the County.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:14a

Respectfully submitted,

/s/LEANNE OKAMOTO
Secretary

Recording Secretary: Jennifer Reavis