

KA'U SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
MEETING MINUTES  
January 13, 2021

The monthly board meeting of the Ka'u Soil and Water Conservation District was called to order by Chairperson John Cross at 8:30 a.m. via Microsoft Teams & @ the NRCS Hilo Field Office Conf. Room.

Present were: John Cross, Ka'ohi Mokuhalii, Alexander Williams, Directors; Jennifer Reavis, District Secretary/Conservation Aide;

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING (8:32a)

Circulated and placed on file. KM/AW

TREASURER'S REPORT (8:33a)

Circulated and placed on file. AW/JC

CORRESPONDENCE (8:34a)

Sent via email.

Conservation Plan Update/Cancellation (8:34a)

1. Olson Trust #2 – 13 acres in Pahala. Cooperator still actively farming. Reviewed and approved.
2. Ohia Ranch – 1080 acres. Cooperator still actively ranching. Reviewed and approved.
3. Anthony Oliveira – 4.1 acres. No current contact info. No reply to letter. Cooperator & Plan cancelled

OLD BUSINESS (8:38a)

- A. District Employee Report (8:38a) – (1) The district planners are in a field training session today. (2) Jen reported that there was a statewide increase in Unemployment insurance due to the claims received during the covid-19 pandemic. Altres will keep us informed of that increase and when this will take place.

NEW BUSINESS (8:42a)

- A. D.C. Report (8:42a) - (1) The monthly report for the Hilo Field Office was given. Updates on personnel changes, deadlines, project info, presentation, training, emergency programs, etc. was reported & placed on file. (2) Kori is trying to put together a Targeted Conservation Delivery round table, maybe Wednesday January 20<sup>th</sup>. An update will be sent out. (3) Jen reported, per Kori that due to the attack last week in Washington D.C., she is having the Hilo F.O. employees telework the day of the Presidential inauguration as a precautionary measure it may have on Federal Buildings.

B. FSA Report (8:44a) - (1) All info is forwarded via email.

C. BIRCD Report (8:44a) - (1) Next meeting was January 29<sup>th</sup>. (2) The “Friends feeding Friends” grant proposal from the Kohala Center to help find a market for farmers, ranchers and fishermen was not funded.

D. HACD Report (8:50a) – (1) At the last HACD qtly meeting, Vehicle insurance as well as Liability insurance for district employees was discussed. Michelle is currently obtaining a quote. There may be federal grant funds to help with this premium cost.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:54 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Tyler Johansen  
Secretary

Recorder: Jennifer Reavis