

The meeting was opened at 2:13 pm online using Zoom Meeting

- I. **PRESENT: Directors:** Ed Kawamura, Jr. (Presiding); Arryl Kaneshiro, Brad Seymour; Eric Hansen  
**Associate Directors:** Darren Tamekazu; Jerry Ornellas; Will Lydgate  
**Others:** Jenni Scotti, Conservation Specialist; Martin Amaro, County of Kauai
  
- II. **REVIEW OF AGENDA (ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/CHANGES):** No additions or changes.
  
- III. **MINUTES: Motion:** Arryl made a motion to accept the minutes for 12/14/2020, Brad second. Motion was accepted unanimously
  
- IV. **TREASURER’S REPORT:** Leonard offered the Treasurer’s report and it was e-mailed to the directors. Arryl made a motion to accept the treasurer’s report for 12/14/2020 and 1/11/2021, Brad second. Motion was accepted unanimously
  
- V. **CORRESPONDENCE:** Information and flyers were e-mailed  
  
**Discussion:** Jenni shared that links will be provided for correspondence when possible in one document to reduce the size of the e-mails. She pointed out that National Conservation Planning Partnership with NACD is looking for input through a survey from agricultural individuals around the country regarding conservation planning. The 2021 NACD annual meeting is virtual online this year in February and is \$50 to register. There is information regarding COVID vaccinations for agricultural workers with a deadline by Wednesday. Marty shared that this is for agricultural workers whom have been determined to be essential workers as they are important for food security. He clarified that it is not a mandatory program and that it is up to individuals if they choose to participate. It is free and the excel sheet needs to be filled out to include first name, last name and a unique e-mail for each individual on the list. Will shared that the process was quick, and he feels that this is a great opportunity for agricultural workers to participate. He appreciates that Kauai County has been on top of the distribution. Ed asked if entities that support agriculture could participate and Marty clarified that they could as due to the importance of that support.
  
- VI. **NEW BUSINESS:**
  - A. **NRCS REPORT:** No report
  - B. **CONSERVATION SPECILAISTS’ REPORTS:**
    1. **Jenni Scotti** gave her report for 1/11/2020:
      - a. **Trainings / Meetings / Learning**
        - i. Water Awards on Zoom
        - ii. Practice trainings (mostly review for me)
      - b. **Plans / field visits**
        - i. Planning
          1. Planning and follow-up with 14 clients
          2. 10 Site visits/online meetings – many clients have been taking advantage of having meetings online.
          3. Worked on 2 practice check-outs
        - ii. 2021 applications
      - c. **Outreach/Education**

- i. Hopeful for a few events this year
- ii. 2021 Topic
  1. Healthy Forests, Healthy Communities

**d. Misc/News/upcoming events/future projects/goals**

- i. CTA Planning
- ii. 2021 Plans and Applications

**Discussion:** Jenni shared that Conservation Stewardship Program application deadline is January 15, 2021

- C. 2020 Cooperator of the Year:** We will need to vote by March. The office will do their best to offer a few names.

**VII. REVIEW & APPROVAL OF CONSERVATION PLANS & COOPERATOR AGREEMENTS:**

**New Kauai Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) Cooperators:** None

**Conservation Plans:** None

**VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- A. Garden Island RC&D:** No Report

**Discussion:** Ed shared that there hasn't been much except for a couple of projects continuing work.

- B. Grading Ordinance:** No Updates

**IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**X. OTHER BUSINESS:**

**XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS / EVENTS:**

- A. District Assistant update:** Ed shared that he is reviewing the applications from the previous posting and will call someone by Friday.

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** Monday February 8, 2021 location TBD. Information will be posted on the online state calendar. <http://calendar.ehawaii.gov/calendar/html/event>

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:27 pm, written by Jenni Scotti, Conservation Specialist