

KA'U SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MEETING MINUTES
February 10, 2021

The monthly board meeting of the Ka'u Soil and Water Conservation District was called to order by Chairperson John Cross at 8:31 a.m. via Microsoft Teams & @ the NRCS Hilo Field Office Conf. Room.

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

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING (8:32a)

Circulated and placed on file. TJ/AW

TREASURER'S REPORT (8:33a)

Circulated and placed on file. TJ/AW

CORRESPONDENCE (8:34a)

Sent via email.

Conservation Plan Approval (8:34a)

1. Olson Trust – 309 acres. Plans for 2 million gallon water pond. (John Cross abstain from voting) Approved. TJ/KM.

OLD BUSINESS (8:38a)

- A. District Employee Report (8:38a) – (1) The district planners are busy working on farm bill applications.
- B. Water Revocable Permit (8:39a) – nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS (8:39a)

A. D.C. Report (8:39a) - (1) The monthly report for the Hilo Field Office was given by Kori. Updates on personnel changes, deadlines, project info, presentation, training, emergency programs, Farm Bill Application detail, etc. was reported & placed on file. (2) There was a Targeted Conservation Delivery round table that was held. Kori will look over this discussion and report back to the district.

B. FSA Report (8:44a) - (1) All info that FSA sends via email is forwarded to SWCD directors. (2) Kori reported that due to the recent volcanic activity, people are reporting that their fencing is showing signs of vog corrosion. If anyone is being affected by this, please report it to FSA. FSA may

be willing to open up the ECP program.

C. BIRCD Report (8:44a) - (1) There was a meeting last month. Different grants/projects were discussed.

C. HACD Report (8:50a) – (1) nothing to report.

D. Other New Business (8:51a)

1. Flooding complaint – There was discussion of a complaint we received from cooperators Dane & Terri Shibuya regarding water/flooding coming from their neighbor's property entering at the top part of Shibuya's property. This is most likely a diversion ditch located on the neighbor's property that was installed by the plantation years ago that was never maintained causing it to blow out. This was discussed in detail... Tyler will contact Lloyd (representative for the owners of the property) to discuss repairing it.. He will report to Jen once he speaks to Lloyd and go from there.

The Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Tyler Johansen
Secretary

Recorder: Jennifer Reavis