

MINUTES  
PUNA SWCD DIRECTOR'S BOARD MEETING  
January 13, 2021  
9:30a.m. - W.H. Shipman Office - Keaau

The board meeting of the Puna Soil and Water Conservation District was called to order by Vice Chairman Aileen Yeh at 9:35am. @ the W.H. Shipman office in Keaau.

Present:

Directors: Aileen Yeh (AY), Leanne Okamoto (LO), Elton Mow (EM), Atto Assi.

Others: Jennifer Reavis, District Secretary/Conservation Aide; Chris Corley, others.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING (9:35a)

Meeting minutes was circulated and placed on file. Approved. EM/AA

TREASURER'S REPORT (9:35a)

Given by Leanne. Circulated and placed on file. AA/AY

CONSERVATION PLAN UPDATE (9:36a)

1. Koji Okamura dba Diamond Head Papaya (Keaau) – 118 acres. Cooperator still actively farming. Plan updated. AA/LO
2. Koji Okamura dba Diamond Head Papaya (Opihikao) – 10 acres. Cooperator still actively farming. Plan updated. AA/LO
3. Glenn Okuda – 40 acres. Cooperator no longer has control of the land. Plan cancelled. AA/LO
4. Lonn Ohigashi – 5 acres. No current contact information, no reply to letter. Cooperator and plan cancelled. AA/LO

CORRESPONDENCE (9:39a)

\*sent via email

REPORTS (9:40a)

A. D.C. Report (9:38a) -(1) The monthly report for the Hilo Field Office was given. Updates on personnel changes, deadlines, project info, presentation, training, emergency programs, etc. was given. (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 relayed from 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 (9:42a) - (1) All info that FSA sends via email is forwarded to SWCD directors. (2) Kristen Kiriou is the acting CED for FSA. (3) Michelle Galimba is the new County Committee Member.

C. BIRCD Report (9:43a) - (1) The next BIRCD meeting will be held on January 29<sup>th</sup>.

D. HACD Report (9:45a)- (1) There is a NACD Annual meeting that is held virtual this year. Registration is online (\$50) and will be reimbursed by the district. It was accepted and approved to pay for Chris Corley's registration cost to attend the NACD Annual Meeting.

E. Reports (9:48a) -(1) District Employee Report. The district planners are in a field session today.

OTHER BUSINESS (9:50a)

A. Other New Business

1. Issues – (a) HACD is still working on obtaining a Vehicle Insurance quote. This will be updated once we hear from Michelle.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:53a

Respectfully submitted,

/s/LEANNE OKAMOTO  
Secretary

Recording Secretary: Jennifer Reavis