

The meeting was opened at 2:04 pm online using Zoom Meeting

- I. **PRESENT: Directors:** Ed Kawamura, Jr. (Presiding); Leonard Vierra; Arryl Kaneshiro; Eric Hansen; Brad Seymour  
**Associate Directors:** Darren Tamekazu; Jerry Ornellas  
**Others:** Jenni Scotti, Conservation Specialist; John Nelson, HACD Conservation Specialist; Paul Togioka, County of Kauai; Martin Amaro, County of Kauai; Cody Brooks, public attendee
- II. **REVIEW OF AGENDA (ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/CHANGES):** No additions or changes.
- III. **MINUTES: Motion:** Arryl made a motion to accept the minutes for 2/08/2021, Leonard seconded. Motion was accepted unanimously
- IV. **TREASURER’S REPORT:** Leonard offered the Treasurer’s report for 3/8/2021 by e-mail to the directors.
- V. **CORRESPONDENCE:** Information and flyers were e-mailed  
**Discussion:** Jenni shared that there is a new emergency proclamation and some more information from OIP
- VI. **NEW BUSINESS:**
- A. **NRCS REPORT:** No report
- B. **CONSERVATION SPECIALISTS’ REPORTS:**
1. **Jenni Scotti** gave her report for 3/8/2021:
    - a. **Trainings / Meetings / Learning**
      - i. NRCS Programs meetings
      - ii. SHPD
    - b. **Plans / field visits**
      - i. Planning
        1. Planning and follow-up with 16 clients
        2. 7 Site visits/online meetings
        3. Worked on 4 practice check-outs
      - ii. NRCS archeologist for site visit
      - iii. NRCS Engineer for site visits with 5 clients
    - c. **Outreach/Education**
      - i. 2021 Topic
        1. Healthy Forests, Healthy Communities
    - d. **Misc/News/upcoming events/future projects/goals**
      - i. March 22<sup>nd</sup> CSP 2<sup>nd</sup> round applications due
      - ii. Annual Report Meeting
      - iii. CTA Planning
      - iv. 2021 Plans and Applications

**Discussion:** Jenni shared that she talked to the Kauai SHPD archeologist and that there may be some changes regarding the submission of the letter to SHPD. She also shared that many clients have taken advantage of the

online meeting resources that have been available, she feels that moving forward this will be an advantage for clients.

2. **John Nelson** gave his report for 3/8/2021:

a. **Trainings / Meetings / Learning**

- i. Multiple Trainings and Practice Updates.
- ii. Completed 2020 Conservation Plan(s).

b. **Plans / field visits**

- i. Planning
  1. Engineer site visit for 2021 clients
  2. (1) EQIP Checkouts.
  3. Multiple Site Visits for 2021 Potential Clients.
  4. HEL Determinations.

c. **Outreach**

- i. All Outreach Postponed due to Pandemic.

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

- i. New EQIP Plans 2021 (5 Potential).
- ii. New CSP Plan 2021 (3 Potential)

C. **Director End of Term 6/30/2021:** Leonard will be retiring. East Kauai will be looking for a new treasurer and director. Leonard shared that will be around to help as needed. Ed asked if anyone wanted to step up as a treasurer and if any associate directors are interested in being a director. Ed requested that interested individuals contact him or Jenni. Jenni shared that not all the directors are present, but we will need to determine who will take on the treasurer's roll. She also shared that the current associate directors are Jerry, Darren and Will along with Tommy who would have a potential conflict to being a director due to commitments to DLNR board. Ed shared that if there is anyone who is interested in participating with the district to share and request they attend.

D. **East Kauai Booking:** Leonard will continue to assist as needed.

E. **Combined East and West Kauai SWCD meeting:** The last meeting was in May 2019. Jenni reminded that we postponed last year's meeting but shared that with the zoom meetings we should be able to have a combined meeting this year. Ed asked to discuss with West Kauai. Jenni requested that if there are any topics directors would like to include to let her know and she will confirm with the chairs.

**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 RC&D have not had any meeting since December, though he knows projects have been taking place.

**B. Grading Ordinance:** No Updates

**IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**A. Cooperator of the year 2020**

**Discussion:** Jenni shared a recommended an idea from the office to highlight overall ag accomplishments in 2020 rather than focus on individuals. The article can highlight several activities and operations. Leonard asked about CSA efforts, Jenni shared that there were many different operations on island that successfully supported the local food resources. Jenni shared that if West Kauai wants to do the same, then it could be a combined article. Arryl made a motion to recognize agriculture island-wide as cooperator of the year for 2020. Leonard seconded. Motion was accepted unanimously

**B. 2021 Annual Report:** Zoom meeting March 18<sup>th</sup> at 10 am on ZOOM

**Discussion:** Jenni requested as many participants as possible. She also reminded that if directors do not want to be on the committee but would like to provide an article, the articles will be due May 10<sup>th</sup>. If anyone has specific articles they think should be included to please e-mail Jenni

**X. OTHER BUSINESS: none**

**XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS / EVENTS:**

- A. District Assistant update:** Ed asked if anyone had any comments. Jenni shared that if any other directors would like to participate, she will forward the resumes. Ed would like this position to filled by May.
- B. Hanalei Dam Breach:** The new dam that was built for the taro farmers, the last storm had a breach. There was a meeting regarding the dam, Ed will follow up with more information.
- C. NRCS Grant meeting:** This is not scheduled, but Jenni wanted to have it on the agenda to make sure directors are aware that it will be taking place. This is for the existing grant. Ed asked about the closeout of the old contribution agreement, the funds have not come in yet, but Leonard shared that things should be good and that Susan has been helpful in pushing this through. Jenni also shared that Susan has been amazing in helping with this process.

**NEXT MEETING DATE: Monday April 12, 2021 location TBD. Information will be posted on the online state calendar. <https://calendar.ehawaii.gov/calendar/>**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:34 pm, written by Jenni Scotti, Conservation Specialist