

KA'U SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
MEETING MINUTES  
March 3, 2021

The monthly board meeting of the Ka'u Soil and Water Conservation District was called to order by Chairperson John Cross at 8:35 a.m. via Microsoft Teams & @ the NRCS Hilo Field Office Conf. Room.

Present were: John Cross, Tyler Johansen, Ka'ohi Mokuhali'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 (8:35a)

Circulated and placed on file. TJ/KM

TREASURER'S REPORT (8:36a)

No changes. Circulated and placed on file. TJ/AW

CORRESPONDENCE (8:37a)

Sent via email.

New Cooperator Approval (new parcel) (8:38a)

1. Ka'u Mahi - acres. Plans to return the land to a productive state. for 2 million gallon water pond. (John Cross abstain from voting) Approved. TJ/KM.

OLD BUSINESS (8:40a)

- A. District Employee Report (8:40a) – (1) The district planners are busy working on farm bill applications as well as CTA applications.
- B. Water Revocable Permit (8:42a) – nothing to report.
- C. Flooding Complaint (Naalehu) (8:42a) – Tyler & Meghan reported. They are working with the land manager for this parcel and will design a plan to correct this problem.

NEW BUSINESS (8:44a)

A. D.C. Report (8:44a) - (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. (3) Kori registered the Hilo Field Office to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

- B. FSA Report (8:49a) - (1) All info that FSA sends via email is forwarded to SWCD directors.

C. BIRCD Report (8:49a) - (1) There was a meeting last month. Different grants/projects were discussed.

D. HACD Report (8:50a) – (1) Jen will follow-up with Michelle on the liability insurance quote.  
(2) Jen will also speak to Michelle about the State funds for the district being in jeopardy

E. Other New Business (8:51a)

1. Hilo Farm Bureau doing farm-to-car program. However, they are looking for more farmers who want to sell their produce. If you know of any farmers, please have them go on the site and register.
2. John spoke about the sustainability summit . Jen will send the link to anyone interested who wants to sign up.
3. There was a discussion about Ka'u Mahi land that is being sold to the farmers.

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

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Tyler Johansen  
Secretary

Recorder: Jennifer Reavis