

WAIAKEA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Monthly Board Meeting
February 19, 2021

The monthly board meeting was called to order by Chairperson Leslie Takayama at 9:35a.m. via Microsoft Office Teams.

Present were: Leslie Takayama (LT), Susan Litteral (SL), George Mikami (GM), Amy Bugado (AB), Directors; Kori Hisashima, District Conservationist; Ryan Belcher, Soil Conservationist; Meghan Mulley, Soil Conservationist; Alina Abramovich, Conservation Specialist; Jennifer Reavis, Conservation Aide/District Secretary;

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING 9:35a

Minutes was accepted and approved. Circulated & placed on file. AB/SL

TREASURER'S REPORT 9:36a

No changes in report.

CORRESPONDENCE 9:36a

*Sent via email...

CONSERVATION PLANS/REVISIONS/UPDATES 9:36a

1. Benjamin Oili – 10 acres. Still actively farming. Reviewed and approved. GM/SL
2. Ronald Okazaki – 10 acres. Cooperator and plan cancellation. SL/GM

OLD BUSINESS 9:42a

- A. District Employee Report 9:42a – (1) District reports circulated and placed on file. This was explained in detail.
- B. Other Old Business 9:44a – (1) The Piihonua Berm is functioning properly per COH DPW Highways Dvn.

NEW BUSINESS 9:45a

- A. D.C. Report 9:45a - (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 send the meeting minutes out. (3) Kori spoke about the Hilo Bay Watershed. There were some interested partners. This may qualify as part of the NWQI initiative. (4) Kori coordinated the COVID-19 vaccine for the employees in the Hilo Field Office.
- B. FSA Report 9:51a - (1) Info was sent to directors via email and circulated in correspondence.
- C. RC&D Report 9:52a - (1) There was a meeting held last month.
- D. Other New Business 9:53a – (1) Harry Toki resigned as a director, however will remain as an associate director.

Accepted and approved. SL/AB (2) Sheldon Takajo as accepted to fill Harry Toki's unexpired directors term ending June 30, 2021. Accepted and approved. SL/AB (3) George asked to contact the County DPW Highways and ask for has jurisdiction of the sides of the river below the Piihonua bridge above the Kaikan. He explained the sides of the river in that area is eroding. Jen will follow-up and report to the board.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00a

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ George Mikami
Secretary

Recorder: Jennifer Reavis