

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

The monthly board meeting was called to order by Chairperson Leslie Takayama at 9:33a.m. via Microsoft Office Teams.

Present were: Leslie Takayama (LT), Susan Litteral (SL), George Mikami (GM), Amy Bugado (AB), Directors; Kanoe Malani, Acting 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 9:34a

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

TREASURER'S REPORT 9:36a

Report given by Amy. Circulated and placed on file. GM/SL

CORRESPONDENCE 9:36a

*Sent via email...

CONSERVATION PLANS/REVISIONS/UPDATES 9:36a

1. Wayne Suzuki – 38.6 acres. Pasture operation. (water situation discussed) Plan revised. Approved.
SL/AB

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. (2) In regards to the sides of the river that's eroding below the Piihonua bridge, above the Kaikan.... Jen researched & found that the County DPW only takes care of the area around and under the bridge. The Core of Engineers doesn't take care of that area either. DLNR is responsible for the island in the river above the bridge and advised me that DHHL has jurisdiction in that area. Jen left several messages for Nina Fischer at DHHL. She will also contact FEMA and EPA and obtain more information. Jen & Susan will do a site visit & take pics of the sides of the stream and report back to the board. We will also include Conrad Hokama or someone from the Piihonua Community Association. It was also suggested to educate the public by placing an article in the newspaper about "no dumping" in the streams of any sort, green waste, trash, rubbish, etc. Jen will work on this.

NEW BUSINESS 10:04a

- A. D.C. Report 10:04a - (1) The monthly report for the Hilo Field Office was given by acting D.C. Kanoe Malani. Updates on personnel changes, deadlines, project info, presentation, training, emergency programs, Farm Bill

Application detail, etc. was reported & placed on file. (2) Kori is working on the Targeted Conservation Delivery Long Range Plan. (3) Majority of the NRCS Hilo Field Office has received their first covid vaccination.

B. FSA Report 10:10a - (1) Info was sent to directors via email and circulated in correspondence. Jen will contact Debbie & Kiesen to make sure they are forwarding all program info. to keep the board informed.

C. RC&D Report 10:12a - (1) Nothing to report.

D. HACD Report 10:13a – (1) Michelle will be holding a quarterly meeting soon.

E. Other New Business 10:13a

1. Subdivision Reviews

a. James Matsumura – no comments sent to the County.

b. Honpa Hongwanji Mission – no comments sent to the County.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15a

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ George Mikami
Secretary

Recorder: Jennifer Reavis