

West Oahu Soil and Water Conservation District Board Meeting

September 29, 2020 - 12:30 p.m.

Nutrien (formerly Crop Production Services) Conference Room,
Kunia Village 92-1770 Kunia Road, Kunia HI 96759

Location: ZOOM Virtual Meeting

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Participants:

Directors: Alan Gottlieb (AG), Peter Gibson (PG), John McHugh (JM), Joe Para (JP),

Associate Directors: Mike Glidden (MG) Secretary: Michelle Gorham (MGo)

Community: Gavin Jennings (GJ), Hannah Hubanks (HH), Racquel Achiu (RA), Scott Enright (SE), Bobby Farias (BF), Amanda Upshaw (AU), Linda Lovan (LL), Mandy Chan (MC), Marie Faatuala (MF), Rick Barboza (RB), Alika Napier

(AN)

AGENDA

1. Call to Order: 12:33

2. Discussion and Possible Action with Cooperators and on Conservation Plans

ORCD:

TMK 6-8-003-045 (Paul Alston / Pueo Farm) - 7.9 acres.

Presented by HH on behalf of PA with 10 best management practice. Notable: HH and PA noted limited activity on Jacos sands due to potential for cultural significance and iwi kupuna. PG move to accept the plan for approval as presented. JM Second. Motion carried.

NOTE – AG, serving as Chair in the absence of Larry Jefts, West Oahu SWCD Chair, authorized for all files approved by the board his digital signature given COVID consistent with the past West Oahu SWCD meeting and COVID authorizations.

TMK 9-1-031-001 (Hawaii Meats) – 110 Acres

Conservation Plan for a surge facility presented by HH in collaboration with SE and BF with 8 proposed best management practices. NOTE: HH noted critical habitat for T&E species and the value of forage and biomass planting and vegetative barriers to protect beachfront and critical habitat, as well as windbreaks for the prevailing winds to manage dust control – BMPS that are not included in this conservation plan.

PG noted that the property crosses the drain channel, which is perceived as Campbell Estate/Company property. BF indicated that this is the permitted TMK boundary, although it is an odd polygon. SE confirmed.

JM move to approve conservation plan as presented. PG second. No further discussion.

NRCS:

TMK: 860-03082:0000 – 4 acres.

RB presented a conservation plan for this TMK managed by Hui Ku Maoli Ola. Grant is part of the Maili watershed restoration initiative to prevent erosion that is taking place in a reservoir. Was designated as a critical site to mitigate runoff by Department of Health. Majority of effort will include geotextile work to manage for erosion during intermittent large rain events as well as creation of a bio swale outplanted with native species on roughly one strategic acre. Awaiting approvals for right of entry DHHL. Will impact a 45 acre abandoned reservoir. JM – Move to accept cooperator agreement subject to review of correspondence with DOH requiring a conservation plan. JP Second. No further Discussion. Motion Carried.

NOTE: RB indicated their office manager will send MGo correspondence from DOH that stipulates a conservation plan is required.

OTHER:

TMK: 6-5-05-02 Waialua HDOA lease on 136.6 acres

LL presented a Cooperator Agreement for her family farm. She serves as translator and interpreter for her father, owner. They are currently working with the Farm Service Agency, Jason Shitanishi, to develop a map and develop a conservation plan.

JM made a motion to accept the Cooperator. PG seconded. No further discussion.

Note: LL gave MGo approval to fill in the zoning designation section.

JP excused himself for another meeting.

TMK: 6-6-029:0110002 – Just over three acres.

RA presented a Cooperator Agreement for her parcel. Operation includes holding and raising livestock. PG made a motion to approve Cooperator Status. JM Second. Motion carried.

Note: RA gave MGo approval to complete the activity section.

3. Updates:

ORCD:

• New conservation planner Mandy Chen, who has experience with UH Extension and community engagement work. She will be working on Pro Bono plans under the guidance of Gavin Jennings at the NRCS office.

NRCS

- Obligated 10 EQUIP
- 2 CPP
- Introduced Amanda Upshaw who will be working with HACD under the guidance of Gavin Jennings.

Community:

• Corteva shared that they will be updating their existing conservation plan and removing practices.

4. Set next meeting date.

October 27, 2020

5. Reports:

a. Financial Update

JM move to accept treasurers report as presented. PG seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

b. Approval of Minutes from July 28, 2020

JM Move to accept the minutes as presented. PG seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

6. Adjourn: 1:48pm

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