



## West Oahu Soil and Water Conservation District Board Meeting

July 28, 2020 - 12:30 p.m.

**Location:** ZOOM Virtual Meeting

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Directors: Larry Jefts (LJ), Alan Gottlieb (AG), Joe Para (JP), John McHugh (JM), Peter Gibson (PG)  
Associate Directors: Mike Glidden (MG)  
Secretary - Michelle Gorham (MGo)

Participants: Gavin Jennings (GJ), Janice Staab (JS), Hannah Hubanks (HH), Dave Elliott (DE), Paul Alston (PA), Miranda Foley (MF)

Informal Discussion of the Elections:

Led by MGo

1. Informal update and invitation to participate in the election process coordinated by Michelle Gorham
  - open the floor for elections paperwork submission
  - Alan Gottlieb submitted paperwork nominating himself to be elected to serve the term of July 2020 – June 30, 2023.
  - Peter Gibson submitted paperwork nominating himself to serve the term of July 2020 – June 30, 2023.
  - MGo kept the floor open for other submissions – no other submissions.

1) CALL TO ORDER

LJ called the meeting to order at: 12:41

LJ Opened the floor for nominees

AG and PG formally submitted their paperwork to West Oahu SWCD Chair LJ.

LJ invited to receive a nomination by acclamation to receive nominees. JP made a motion to accept the nominees by acclamation. LJ Second. No Discussion. Motion carried.

AG move to appoint John McHugh to the West Oahu SWCD Board of Directors for the term of July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2023. PG seconded. No further discussion.

Process that guided remote elections for West Oahu SWCD.

HRS that guides Election and appointment process: [LINK](#)

Permission for remote Elections: In email correspondence dated June 23 and conversations on June 24 with M. Watkins.

Permission for remote meetings: Governors 9<sup>th</sup> Supplementary Proclamation

JM made a motion to retain the current officers of the West Oahu SWCD Board. AG seconded. No further discussion. Motion Carried.

2. Approval of the Minutes from June 23, 2020  
JP move to approve the minutes. AG second. Motion carried.
3. Discussion and Possible Action with Cooperators and on Conservation Plans

#### **Oahu RC&D**

- TMKs: 9-2-001-020 (por.), 9-2-004-009 (por.).

MF presented a plan on behalf of Monsanto/Bayer Inc. with project Manager JP. JP recused himself from the vote. AG moved to approve the Conservation Plan for Monsanto/Bayer, Inc. PG Second. No Further Discussion. Motion carried.

- LJ approved use of his digital signature based on the Governor's 10th proclamation for the updated conservation plan.
- LJ also approved use of his digital signature based on the Governor's 10th proclamation for updating the Monsanto/Bayer, Inc. Cooperator agreement, - strictly to update the TMK #, which was modified by the City and County of Honolulu.

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

HH presented a Cooperator Agreement on behalf of RA. RA Shared that this plan in support. JM move to accept the Cooperator Agreement. AG Seconded. No further discussion.

- LJ approved use of his digital signature based on the Governor's 10th proclamation.

#### **NRCS: None**

4. Partner Updates
  - NRCS Field Office: GJ presented a field office update  
No significant from NRCS.
    - Getting closer to the end of their contracting timelines. Working to execute the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP).
    - Morrie-Ann Nagata moved to Hilo and is no longer working for the Oahu field office.
    - Recently hired Tomoya Tisdale as a student intern.
  - Oahu RC&D: DE shared an organizational update.
    - Hired a full-time Conservation Planner who will be working at the NRCS field office. Onboarding in the first part of August. Details to be announced soon.
    - Engaged in long-range planning and supporting the local working group.

- Focusing on a project to support agricultural wetlands on Oahu's North Shore. Supporting land owners and land managers in the Waialua and Haleiwa area.
5. New Business
    - HACD Staff recruitment
      - JP noted that he, other District contacts and NRCS had the opportunity to review and interview candidates for the HACD Oahu Conservation Planner position. Selection has been made and will be announced shortly.
  6. Old Business
    - None
  7. Reports
    - Finance
      - Report submitted to the Directors, reviewed and approved.
  8. Adjournment
    - Time: 1:17
    - Next meeting August 25, 2020

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