

KA'U SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MEETING MINUTES
April 7, 2021

The monthly board meeting of the Ka'u Soil and Water Conservation District was called to order by Chairperson John Cross at 8:31 a.m. via Microsoft Teams & @ the NRCS Hilo Field Office Conf. Room.

Present were: John Cross, Tyler Johansen, Ka'ohi Mokuhali'i, Directors; Kori Hisashima, District Conservationist; Ryan Belcher, Soil Conservationist; Meghan Mulley, Soil Conservationist; Alina Abramovich, Conservation Specialist; Jennifer Reavis, District Secretary/Conservation Aide.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING (8:31a)

*Correction to the minutes, new minutes will read:

New Cooperator Approval – Ka'u Mahi LLC. – 150-200 acres. Plans to return the land to a productive state. (John Cross abstained from voting) Accepted. TJ/KM

Corrected and placed on file. TJ/KM

TREASURER'S REPORT (8:32a)

Given by Kaohi. Circulated and placed on file. TJ/AW
BIRCD dues paid. Accepted and approved.

CORRESPONDENCE (8:33a)

Sent via email.

COOPERATOR CANCELLATION (8:34a)

1. Leona Ortega – 5 acres. No plan done, no current contact info. Cooperator cancelled. TJ/KM
2. Franklin Orcino – 5 acres. No plan done, no current contact info. Cooperator cancelled. TJ/KM

OLD BUSINESS (8:35a)

- A. District Employee Report (8:35a) – (1) The district planners are busy working on farm bill applications as well as CTA applications.
- B. Water Revocable Permit (8:36a) – John gave an update.
- C. Flooding Complaint (Naalehu) (8:37a) – Meghan reported she reached out to NRCS engineer Drew Stout. However, Farm Bill is priority over CTA, because this is CTA, he may not be able to assist. She will follow-up on this.

NEW BUSINESS (8:38a)

A. D.C. Report (8:38a) - (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) Kori reported she has a new supervisor. He is James Eller, NRCS Director for Field Operations.

B. FSA Report (8:46a) - (1) All info that FSA sends via email is forwarded to SWCD directors.

C. BIRCD Report (8:47a) - (1) BIRCD dues were paid. No meeting scheduled.

D. HACD Report (8:49a) – (1) There was a discussion about vehicle insurance for our district employees. Jen requested a quote from several insurance companies, waiting on a reply. Michelle scheduled a quarterly meeting at the end of this month to discuss details. Meeting details will be sent out.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Tyler Johansen
Secretary

Recorder: Jennifer Reavis