

KA'U SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MEETING MINUTES
May 12, 2021

The monthly board meeting of the Ka'u Soil and Water Conservation District was called to order by Chairperson John Cross at 8:35 a.m. via Microsoft Teams & @ the NRCS Hilo Field Office Conf. Room.

Present were: John Cross, Alex Williams, Ka'ohi Mokuahali'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 (8:35a)

Minutes was circulated. Accepted and approved. AW/KM

Placed on file.

TREASURER'S REPORT (8:36a)

Circulated and placed on file. JC/AW

CORRESPONDENCE (8:36a)

Sent via email.

PLAN UPDATE (8:37a)

1. Edmund Olson Trust II – 300+ acres. Still actively farming coffee. Reviewed and approved.

OLD BUSINESS (8:38a)

- A. District Employee Report (8:38a) – (1) The district planners are busy working on farm bill applications as well as CTA applications. There will be UTV training held on Molokai in July. The district planners.
- B. Water Revocable Permit (8:39a) – no update.
- C. Flooding Complaint (Naalehu) (8:39a) – Meghan reported she & NRCS Engineer Drew Stout will meet with Terry and Dane Shibuya next week to discuss the flooding issue.

NEW BUSINESS (8:40a)

A. D.C. Report (8:40a) - (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 the Hilo Field Office continues to operate in the office at 50% capacity as well as telework . The Hilo field office can meet with clients in the office by appointment.

- B. FSA Report (8:46a) - (1) All info that FSA sends via email is forwarded to SWCD directors.
- C. BIRCD Report (8:46a) - (1) John circulated a list of BIRCD ongoing projects.
- D. HACD Report (8:47a) – (1) There was a quarterly meeting held last month. Highlights of the meeting: All SWCD employees now have vehicle and liability insurance; The individual SWCD's that recently applied for Directors liability insurance is put on hold until the insurance companies receive a quote from their underwriter. The issue is that the districts are an entity of the state, therefore the premium will be higher; The HACD Annual meeting will be a virtual meeting held on either June 17th or 18th, 2021 or both days. The SWCD's funding source will be invited to discuss financial planning. Jen notified Glen Sako from the County R&D to save the date.
- E. Other New Business (8:48a) - (1) John asked Mahina Lorenzo to serve as a director on the Ka'u SWCD board.

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

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Tyler Johansen
Secretary

Recorder: Jennifer Reavis