

MINUTES
PUNA SWCD DIRECTOR'S BOARD MEETING
April 14, 2021
9:30a.m. - W.H. Shipman Office - Keaau

The board meeting of the Puna Soil and Water Conservation District was called to order by Chairman Oliver English at 9:33am virtually via Microsoft Office teams.

Present:

Directors: Oliver English (OE), Aileen Yeh (AY), Leanne Okamoto (LO)

Others: Kori Hisashima, District Conservationist; Ryan Belcher, Soil Conservationist; Meghan Mulley, Soil Conservationist; Jennifer Reavis, District Secretary/Conservation Aide; Chris Corley, others.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING (9:33a)

Meeting minutes was circulated and placed on file. Approved. EM/AY

TREASURER'S REPORT (9:34a)

Given by Leanne and placed on file.

*Per Jen - check written to Ka'u SWCD for employee awards was deposited.

CORRESPONDENCE (9:34a)

*sent via email

COOPERATOR AND PLAN CANCELLATION (9:35a)

1. Dan Davis dba Ono Loa Orchards LLC – 28.4 acres. Cooperator and Plan Cancellation.
2. Jean Olson – 6.2 acres. Cooperator and Plan Cancellation.

REPORTS (9:37a)

A. D.C. Report (9:37a) -(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 update, etc. was given. (2) Kori reported she has a new supervisor. He is James Eller, NRCS Director for Field Operations. (3) The Hilo Field Office is now at 50% capacity as well as teleworking. We are now able to take appointments and have them come to the field office.

B. FSA Report (9:43a) - (1) All info that FSA sends via email is forwarded to SWCD directors. (2) Jen spoke to Kiesen from FSA who will be forwarding info via email to the SWCD's.

C. BIRCD Report (9:43a) - (1) The next BIRCD meeting will be held on April 30th. (2) They have applications for various grants available if anyone is interested.

D. HACD Report (9:43a)- (1) The quarterly meeting will be held on Friday, April 16th.

E. Reports (9:44a) -(1) District Employee Report. The district planners are busy working on Farm Bill plans.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:46a

Respectfully submitted,

/s/LEANNE OKAMOTO
Secretary

Recording Secretary: Jennifer Reavis