

MINUTES  
PUNA SWCD DIRECTOR'S BOARD MEETING  
May 12, 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), Atto Assi (AA)

Others: Kori Hisashima, District Conservationist; Ryan Belcher, Soil Conservationist; Meghan Mulley, Soil Conservationist; Alina Abramovich, Conservation Specialist; 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)

Deferred.

CORRESPONDENCE (9:34a)

\*sent via email

COOPERATOR AND PLAN CANCELLATION (9:35a)

1. Vicente Ortal – 2 acres. No current contact info, no reply to letter. Coop and Plan cancelled. OE/AY
2. Alvin Oyadomari – 1 acre. No current contact info, no reply to letter. Coop and Plan cancelled. OE/AY

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) The Hilo Field Office remains at 50% capacity as well as teleworking. We are now able to take appointments and have them come to the field office. (3) UTV training for SWCD employees will be held on July 8<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> on Molokai. There will be a PMC tour the 1<sup>st</sup> day and UTV training the 2<sup>nd</sup> day.

B. FSA Report (9:42a) - (1) All info that FSA sends via email is forwarded to SWCD directors.

C. BIRCD Report (9:42a) - (1) There was a meeting held on April 30<sup>th</sup>. BIRCD made a list of their projects and discussed them in detail. (2) There was a question about the whereabouts of the mobile slaughterhouse. Contact information was provided.

D. HACD Report (9:47a)- (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 17<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup>, 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. Reports (9:53a) - (1) District Employee Report. The district planners are busy working on Farm Bill plans. They have upcoming UTV training.

Other New Business (9:56a)

- A. Issues – (1) The mayor is looking for members to sit on an Agriculture Advisory Committee. Kori will forward the email to the directors. This was discussed in detail.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:02a

Respectfully submitted,

/s/LEANNE OKAMOTO  
Secretary

Recording Secretary: Jennifer Reavis