

WAIAKEA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Monthly Board Meeting
April 16, 2021

The monthly board meeting was called to order by Chairperson Leslie Takayama at 9:30a.m. via Microsoft Office Teams.

Present were: Leslie Takayama (LT), Susan Litteral (SL), George Mikami (GM), Amy Bugado (AB), Sheldon Takajo (ST) Directors; Kori Hisashima, District Conservationist; Ryan Belcher, Soil Conservationist; Meghan Mulley, Soil Conservationist; Alina Abramovich, Conservation Specialist; Jennifer Reavis, Conservation Aide/District Secretary;

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING 9:34a

Minutes was accepted and approved. Circulated & placed on file. GM/SL

TREASURER'S REPORT 9:36a

Report given by Amy. Circulated and placed on file. GM/SL

CORRESPONDENCE 9:36a

*Sent via email...

COOPERATOR AND PLAN CANCELLATION 9:36a

1. Yoshiyuki Ota – 10 acres. No correct contact info. Cooperator and plan cancelled. AB/SL

OLD BUSINESS 9:40a

- A. District Employee Report 9:40a – (1) District reports circulated and placed on file. This was explained in detail.
- B. Other Old Business 9:43a – (1) In regards to the sides of the river that's eroding below the Piuhonua bridge, behind the Kaikan..... Jen & Susan did a site visit of the area below the bridge and followed up with another site visit with George and the landowner with the concern. Pics were taken from the bridge as well as from the radio station. Jen also contacted Mark Yim from DHHL who has jurisdiction of this area. He works out of Oahu, but is willing to fly up take a look at the area in question to see if there is anything they can do to help. Jen will find out who owns the last house near the radio station on Manaolana Place (located below the erosion area, contact the County DPW Highways and have them reach out to the landowner to see who constructed the berm behind the house. George will also contact the landowner with the initial concern to see if he has any information about this constructed berm. We will report back to the board.
(2) It was agreed to publish the "no dumping" article that Jen wrote in the Tribune Herald to educate the public.

NEW BUSINESS 9:50a

- A. D.C. Report 9:50a - (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 meet clients at the field office.

B. FSA Report 9:58a - (1) Info was sent to directors via email and circulated in correspondence. Jen contacted Kiesen and requested all info be forwarded to keep the districts informed.

C. RC&D Report 9:59a - (1) The next meeting will be held on April 30th.

D. HACD Report 9:59a – (1) The HACD meeting will be held today at 10a.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00a

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ George Mikami
Secretary

Recorder: Jennifer Reavis