

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

The monthly board meeting of the Ka'u Soil and Water Conservation District was called to order by Chairperson John Cross at 8:30 a.m. virtual via Microsoft Teams.

Present were: John Cross, Alex Williams, Ka'ohi Mokuahali'i, Directors; Spencer Nagata, Acting District Conservationist; Jennifer Reavis, District Secretary/Conservation Aide.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING (8:30a)

Minutes was circulated. Accepted and approved. JC/AW

Placed on file.

TREASURER'S REPORT (8:33a)

Circulated and placed on file. JC/AW

CONSERVATION PLAN REVISION (8:35a)

1. Jeanette Kaniho – 900 acres. Plan revised. Approved. JC/AW
2. Kirk Derasin – 86.7 acres. Plan revised. Approved. JC/AW

CORRESPONDENCE (8:42a)

Sent via email.

OLD BUSINESS (8:43a)

- A. District Employee Report (8:43a) – (1) The district planners are on Molokai at UTV & PMC training. They continue to work on farm bill as well as CTA applications.
- B. Water Revocable Permit (8:44a) – Nothing new to report.
- C. Flooding Complaint (Naalehu) (8:44a) – Meghan & NRCS Engineer Drew Stout met with Terry and Dane Shibuya. Drew will design a plan to correct the situation.

NEW BUSINESS (8:45a)

A. D.C. Report (8:45a) - (1) The monthly report for the Hilo Field Office was given by Spencer. Updates on personnel changes, deadlines, project info, presentation, training, outreach, emergency programs, Farm Bill Application detail, etc. was reported & placed on file. (2) Spencer is Acting D.C. for the Hilo Field Office for 120 days while Kori is the Acting Assistant Director for programs. (3) Hilo Field office still operating at 50% capacity/telework.

- B. FSA Report (8:49a) - (1) All info that FSA sends via email is forwarded to SWCD directors.
- C. BIRCD Report (8:49a) - (1) Next meeting will be held on July 16th.
- D. HACD Report (8:50a) – (1) A virtual HACD annual meeting was held last month. The highlight was discussion on the vehicle insurance for the district employees. The policy does not cover the vehicle in the event of damage. Michelle is working with the underwriter on this.
- E. Other New Business (8:53a) - (1) It was agreed by all to change the Ka'u SWCD meeting day to the 1st Tuesday of every month at 8:30a.m. This was done due to conflicts in directors schedules.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:57 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Tyler Johansen
Secretary

Recorder: Jennifer Reavis