

MINUTES
PUNA SWCD DIRECTOR'S BOARD MEETING
June 9, 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 9:30am virtually via Microsoft Office teams.

Present:

Directors: Aileen Yeh (AY), Leanne Okamoto (LO), Atto Assi (AA), Elton Mow (EM)

Others: 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 (9:31a)

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

TREASURER'S REPORT (9:34a)

Given by Leanne.

Circulated and placed on file. AY/AA

CORRESPONDENCE (9:39a)

*sent via email

REPORTS (9:40a)

A. D.C. Report (9:40a) - (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 update, etc. was given. (2) Kori reported she will be on a 120 day detail as Acting Assistant Director for programs. Spencer will be acting D.C. during that time. Travis will also be on detail.

B. FSA Report (9:50a) - (1) All info that FSA sends via email is forwarded to SWCD directors.

C. BIRCD Report (9:51a) - (1) no changes.

D. HACD Report (9:51a)- (1) There will be a virtual HACD annual meeting held this month. Jen will forward details to join the meeting to the directors.

E. Reports (9:52a) - (1) District Employee Report. The district planners are busy working on Farm Bill plans. They have upcoming UTV training on Molokai July 8th-9th.

Other New Business (9:54a)

- A. Issues – (1) Aileen gave an update on the “Farm to Car” program.
- B. Other New Business – (1) It was accepted and approved to re-elect Aileen Yeh and re-appoint Leanne Okamoto for a 3 year directors term expiring 6/30/24. The slate of officers was accepted and approved as follows: Oliver English, Chairman; Aileen Yeh, Vice Chair; Leanne Okamoto, Sec./Treas.; Atto Assi, Director; Elton Mow, Director. All forms for director’s terms will be submitted to HACD and DLNR.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:03a

Respectfully submitted,

/s/LEANNE OKAMOTO
Secretary

Recording Secretary: Jennifer Reavis