

Hana SWCD Meeting
Wednesday, April 21, 2021

I. Meeting Call to Order

The meeting was called to order 5:06 p.m., via Zoom.

Present

Directors: Iwalani Poaipuni, Haunani Collins, and Claire Carroll
SWCD Staff: Kelly Butler, Jessica Talbot, James Ino, and Maggie Kramp
USDA NRCS: Gerald Gregory, and Jason Hew
Other(s): Gina Lind

II. Minutes of January 27, 2021

Claire Carroll moved to accept the minutes of January 27, 2021, seconded by Haunani Collins, motion carried.

III. Treasurer's Report

The board acknowledge receipt of the treasurer's report via email.

IV. County Grading/Grubbing Plans

1. Imperium Kipahulu Kai

James Ino reported the landowner originally received citations for grading/grubbing violations and the project is for agriculture. Revisions were also made to Imperium's grading/grubbing plan. James recommended the board's response to the County is to have Department of Public Works engineers review the plan and Hana SWCD have no further comments.

Haunani Collins moved to draft a letter to the County Development Services Administration as recommended by James Ino, seconded by Claire Carroll, motion carried.

Regarding conservation planning for this area, James Ino suggested USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to work on a 3-tier conservation plan with the landowner.

Jason Hew stated that the official grading/grubbing violation was issued May 4, 2018, which generated an after-the-fact permit plan. Since then, the landowner has worked on remedying the situation. The grading grubbing plan is only for the area, lower section of the property, that was in violation. The conservation technical assistance (CTA) plan is for the other 45 acres of the property.

V. Cooperative Agreements/Conservation Plans

1. Imperium Kipahulu Kai

Jason Hew worked on the Imperium Kipahulu Kai conservation plan in 2018 when he was the Maui SWCD conservation specialist. He is now a USDA NRCS planner.

Main documents -- conservation plan, plan map, and job sheets for each conservation practice of the Imperium plan were sent to the Hana SWCD board.

The conservation plan file also contains documentation with SHPD to address cultural resources. The final preservation plan was accepted by SHPD.

The 45-acre conservation plan will be under the grading/grubbing permit exemption. The conservation plan is not for development. Jason will conduct site visit(s) after the cooperator lets him know when the work is done to certify implementation of the conservation practices. If the plan is not being followed, the board can cancel the plan and advise the County.

A site visit was conducted with former Hana SWCD board members, Pueo Wright, James Ino, Maggie Kramp, and Jason Hew. As new members, the board requested a site visit prior to approving the conservation plan. The site visit is to proactively get a better understanding of the area. Jason will coordinate with the landowner on available dates.

2. Kelly Butler and Jessica Talbot, SWCD Conservation Specialists are each working on a conservation plan within the Hana district. The two plans are not ready to be presented to the board.

VI. Director Positions

Nominating petition form to elect Gina Lind was received. Haunani Collins accepted Gina Lind to serve on the Hana SWCD board for the term ending June 2024, seconded by Claire Carroll, motion carried. Notification and nomination forms will be processed with DLNR.

VII. SWCD Insurance

An email was sent to all Maui directors on the island of Maui. The SWCDs, statewide, are very much in need of general liability and non-owned/hired auto insurance. Purchase of this insurance is in addition to the director and officers' insurance.

HISCOX is requiring payment via debit/credit card. Central Maui SWCD is the only district with a card, so insurance for all 4 Maui districts was paid via CMSWCD. WM, OK, and Hana will reimburse CMSWCD. Cost of Hana SWCD's general liability is \$526.00.

Unfortunately, the portion of the general liability - non-owned vehicle insurance policy does not cover property damage. Michelle Watkins, HACD Executive Director is still looking for collision coverage.

VIII. USDA NRCS

Gerald Gregory met with Iwalani Poaipuni last week regarding updating NRCS conservation delivery program and application phase of the Farm Bill Program funds.

The NRCS Targeted Conservation Delivery Program (TCD) is focused on a geographically area, based on environmental benefit. Individuals, company, or nonprofit agencies may apply for cost-share projects. The AGI limit requirement for Farm Bill is \$93K.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:11 p.m. The next board meeting will be scheduled after the site visit of Imperium.