

KA'U SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
MEETING MINUTES  
August 3, 2021

The monthly board meeting of the Ka'u Soil and Water Conservation District was called to order by Chairperson John Cross at 8:32 a.m. virtual via Microsoft Teams.

Present were: John Cross, Alex Williams, Ka'ohi Mokuahali'i, Directors; Spencer Nagata, Acting District Conservationist; Kori Hisashima, Acting Assistant Director for Programs; Ryan Belcher, Soil Conservationist; Meghan Mulley, Soil Conservationist; Kyle Honda, Civil Engineer; Jennifer Reavis, District Secretary/Conservation Aide.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING (8:33a)

Minutes was circulated. Accepted and approved. JC/AW

Placed on file.

TREASURER'S REPORT (8:34a)

No changes. Circulated and placed on file. JC/AW

NEW COOPERATOR/PLAN REVISION/PLAN APPROVAL/CANCELLATION (8:35a)

1. Double N Ranch – 721 acres. Plans for pasture. Approved. KM/AW
2. Oliver English – Part of parcel is in Ka'u district, the other part is in Puna district. (Will take to both meetings for approval). Plans for pasture. Approved. KM/AW
3. Kuahiwi Ranch – 2152 acres. Plans for brush management. Plan revised. KM/AW
4. Kenneth Anderson – 20 acres. Plans for pasture. Accepted as a cooperator and plan Approved. KM/AW
5. Aileen Oyama – 25 acres. No plan done. Cooperator cancelled. KM/AW

CORRESPONDENCE (8:48a)

Sent via email.

OLD BUSINESS (8:49a)

- A. District Employee Report (8:49a) – (1) Employees are starting to work on intakes again, completing training, certifications etc.
- B. Water Revocable Permit (8:50a) – John gave updated.
- C. Flooding Complaint (Naalehu) (8:52a) – Meghan & NRCS Engineer Drew Stout will be going out again to meet with Terry and Dane Shibuya.

NEW BUSINESS (8:53a)

A. D.C. Report (8:53a) - (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. We are asked to wear masks in the office & government vehicles. There will be 2 new Engineers and 1 new Soil Conservationist coming on board at the Hilo Field office this month.

B. FSA Report (9:00a) - (1) All info that FSA sends via email is forwarded to SWCD directors.

C. BIRCD Report (9:00a) - (1) BIRCD working on ongoing projects.

D. HACD Report (9:01a) – (1) Nothing to report.

E. Other New Business (9:02a) - (1) Nothing to report.

The Meeting was adjourned at 9:02 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Tyler Johansen  
Secretary

Recorder: Jennifer Reavis