

MINUTES
PUNA SWCD DIRECTOR'S BOARD MEETING
July 21, 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 9:33am virtually via Microsoft Office teams.

Present:

Directors: Oliver English (OE), Aileen Yeh (AY), Elton Mow (EM)

Others: Spencer Nagata, Acting District Conservationist; Ryan Belcher, Soil Conservationist; Jennifer Reavis, District Secretary/Conservation Aide;

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING (9:33a)

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

TREASURER'S REPORT (9:34a)

Circulated and placed on file. AY/OE

CORRESPONDENCE (9:34a)

*sent via email

CONSERVATION PLAN APPROVAL/REVISION/CANCELLATION (9:35a)

1. Susan Hamilton – 45 acres. Plans for pasture. Approved. OE/AY
2. Wayland Lum – 168 acres. Plans for pasture improvement. Plan revised. Approved. OE/AY
3. Michael Dennis – 76 acres. Plans for pasture improvement & high tunnel system. Plan revised. Approved. EM/AY
4. Michael Martin – 5 acres. Cooperator and plan cancelled.
5. Margaret Martin – 11.5 acres. Cooperator and plan cancelled.

REPORTS (9:42a)

A. D.C. Report (9:42a) - (1) The monthly report for the Hilo Field Office was given by Spencer. Updates on personnel changes, deadlines, project info, presentation, training, emergency programs, Farm Bill update, outreach, etc. was given. (2) Kori is on a 120 day detail as Acting Assistant Director for programs. Spencer is acting D.C. for the Hilo F.O. (3) Hilo F.O. still operating at 50% capacity/teleworking as well.

B. FSA Report (9:46a) - (1) All info that FSA sends via email is forwarded to SWCD directors.

C. BIRCD Report (9:47a) - (1) Chris reported that there was an emergency meeting held last Friday. Bureaucratic conflicts were discussed. Discussion was mainly about joining the

Western Pacific Rim organization for RC&D, the Western area hasn't helped Hawaii. This will be discussed at the next quarterly meeting.

D. HACD Report (9:50a)- (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 & attending planners training. They attended the UTV & PMC training on Molokai July 8th-9th.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:55a

Respectfully submitted,

/s/LEANNE OKAMOTO
Secretary

Recording Secretary: Jennifer Reavis