



Chair: Howard Greene
Directors:
David Smith, Treasurer
Adam Killermann
Blaise Boyle
Jon Ching

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 17, 2021
3:00 PM
ONLINE TELECONFERENCE**

AGENDA FOR MONTHLY WEST KAUAI SWCD MEETING

East and West Kauai SWCD is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: West Kauai SWCD's Zoom Meeting
Time: Aug 17, 2021 03:00 PM Hawaii

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I. CALL TO ORDER, QUORUM

A. Attendance

II. REVIEW OF AGENDA

III. REVIEW/ACCEPT MINUTES: 6/15/2021

IV. TREASURER'S REPORT: 8/17/2021 – David

V. CORRESPONDENCE

A. Flyers for upcoming events (e-mail)

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. NRCS Report – Jenna Dunn, District Conservationist

- General – NRCS Staffing
- Farm Bill Programs – EQIP, CSP, AMA, RCPP
- Other – NRCS events and news

B. Conservation Specialist Report – Jenni Scotti & John Nelson

- Trainings/meetings/Learning
- Plans/Field Visits
- Outreach
- Misc./News/Upcoming Events/Future Projects/Goals

C. Water Conservationist of the Year

- Nominations

D. Annual Dinner

- Discussion of date and location

E. HACD Meeting Summary

VII. COOPERATOR AGREEMENTS & CONSERVATION PLANS

- A. Corteva/Pioneer HiBred

VIII. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Garden Island RC&D

- NRCS/SWCD
- Kauai Invasive Species Committee (KISC)
- Kauai Landscape Industry Council (KLIC)
- Kauai Forest Bird Recovery Program (KFBRP)
- Kokee Resource Conservation Program (KRCP)
- Makawahi Cave
- Malama Hikanaakala Heiau
- Malama Ia Namanu

B. Grading Ordinance (Paul)

- Updates from the County

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. East Kauai & West Kauai Joint meetings

- Next meeting date discussion

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS/EVENTS

A. 2021 Annual Report

B. Farm Fair Tribute – Saturday August 21st 10am – 2pm

XI. ADJOURNMENT

NEXT MEETING: September 21, 2021 at 3 p.m. TBD. See online schedule for location information: <https://calendar.ehawaii.gov/calendar/>

The meeting was opened at 3:05 pm online using Zoom Meeting

- I. **PRESENT: Directors:** Howard Greene; David Smith; Jon Ching; Adam Killermann; Blaise Boyle
Associate Directors: Umi Martin; Richard Loero
Others: Jenna Dunn, District Conservationist; Jenni Scotti, Conservation Specialist; John Nelson HACD Conservation Specialist; Mark Stoutemyer
- II. **REVIEW OF AGENDA (ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/CHANGES):** No additions or changes
- III. **REVIEW OF MINUTES: Motion:** Blaise made a motion to accept the minutes from May 18, 2021, Jon seconded. Motion was accepted unanimously.
- IV. **TREASURER’S REPORT:** No report
- V. **CORRESPONDENCE:** Information and flyers were e-mailed
- VI. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - A. **NRCS REPORT:**
 1. **Jenna Dunn** gave her report for 6/15/21:
 - a. **General – NRCS Staffing**
 - i. PIA Director- Chad Cherefko is Acting
 - ii. Assistant Director for Programs- Kori Hisashima is Acting
 - iii. Assistant Director for Management and Strategy- Jess Weis is Acting
 - iv. State Engineer- Eric Phillips is Acting.
 - v. Hilo DC- Spencer Nagata is Acting
 - vi. Kauai Engineer- interviews will take place this week or next
 - vii. HACD & SWCD planners- review underway
 - viii. Kauai DC- Jenna going on detail as GIS specialist (Starting 6/20/2021 up to 120 days), Jed Dunn will be acting
 - ix. Genoa Starrs, Lihue Soil Conservationist is leaving in July for school
 - b. **Farm Bill Programs**
 - i. EQIP- Currently obligating
 - ii. CSP- Currently assessing and ranking applications
 - iii. EQIP CIC- EQIP/CSP hybrid, piloted in a few states, PIA is not one of them.
 - B. **CONSERVATION SPECIALISTS’ REPORTS:**
 1. **Jenni Scotti** gave her report for 6/15/2021:
 - a. **Trainings / Meetings / Learning**
 - i. NRCS Programs meetings
 - ii. Targeted Conservation Delivery (TCD) subcommittee meetings.
 - b. **Plans / field visits**
 - i. Planning
 1. Planning and follow-up with 10 clients

Discussion: Jenna shared that the office space, nothing has been completed but a move is in the works. GSA is working on temporary office space, though it may only hold a couple of people at a time.

2. 2 completed plans
 3. Worked on 3 practice check-outs
 4. 9 Site visits/online meetings
 5. NRCS Engineer site visits
- c. **Outreach/Education**
- i. POSTER CONTEST
 1. Working on materials to be sent to schools. Will be sent in July/August.
 - ii. 2021 Topic
 1. Healthy Forests, Healthy Communities
- d. **Misc/News/upcoming events/future projects/goals**
- i. EQIP Planning and Contracting
 - ii. CSP Planning and Contracting
 - iii. Annual Report
 - iv. CTA Planning
 - v. Vacation through mid-July

Discussion:

2. **John Nelson:** gave his report for 6/15/2021:
 - a. **Trainings / Meetings / Learning**
 - Multiple Trainings and Practice Updates.
 - b. **Plans / field visits**
 - Planning
 - (1) EQIP Check-out
 - Multiple Site Visits for 2021 Potential Clients.
 - HEL Determinations.
 - c. **Outreach**
 - All Outreach Postponed due to Pandemic.
 - d. **Misc/News/upcoming events/future projects/goals**
 - New EQIP Plans 2021 (5 Potential).
 - New CSP plans 2021 (1 potential)

VII. REVIEW NEW COOPERATOR AGREEMENTS & CONSERVATION PLANS:

New West Kauai Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) Cooperators: None
Conservation Plans: None

VIII. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Garden Island RC&D: In the correspondence

Discussion: Change in Vice present and they are looking for West Kauai rep for the board. Gary Ueunten has retired from Department of Health.

B. Grading Ordinance: No Report

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**A. East Kauai & West Kauai Joint meetings**

Discussion: Jenni shared that she followed up with Michelle Watkins (HACD) and it was determined that combining the districts doesn't make sense especially since DLNR allocation is split equally across all districts across the state and combining would lose one allocation. Some districts around the state have joint meeting regularity, so having joint meetings more often is a great solution for ensuring both districts are up to date on island concerns. Howard felt that an occasional joint meeting is good at least twice a year. **Motion:** Blaise made a motion to hold joint meetings twice a year with East Kauai, Adam Second. Discussion, Jenni recommended May and November Howard requested to discuss with East Kauai. Blaise shared a thought of having it with Holiday dinner, Adam felt that would probably not be best to combine the meeting with the dinner. Original motion was accepted unanimously.

B. District video camera/web camera update

Discussion: Jenni shared that we have the camera, but will need time to figure out setting it up. Since she is going on vacation this won't happen until she returns so the earliest would be August meeting.

X. OTHER BUSINESS:

Mark Stoutemyer with Corteva introduced himself.

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS / EVENTS:**A. HACD Executive Board Meeting June 17th 10 am**

Howard will attend.

B. 2021 Annual Report

Articles due July

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Tuesday July 20, 2021 at 3 p.m. Location TBD Information will be posted on the online state calendar. <http://calendar.ehawaii.gov/calendar/html/event>

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:35 pm, written by Jenni Scotti, Conservation Specialist.