

KA'U SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
MEETING MINUTES  
October 5, 2021

The monthly board meeting of the Ka'u Soil and Water Conservation District was called to order by Chairperson John Cross at 8:31 a.m. virtual via Microsoft Teams.

Present were: John Cross, Ka'ohi Mokuahali'i, Alexander Williams, Directors; Spencer Nagata, Acting District Conservationist; Ryan Belcher, Soil Conservationist; Kanoe Malani, Soil Conservationist; Alina Abramovich, Conservation Specialist; Jennifer Reavis, District Secretary/Conservation Aide.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING (8:32a)

Minutes was circulated. Accepted and approved. AW/JC

Placed on file.

TREASURER'S REPORT (8:33a)

No changes. Given by Ka'ohi. Circulated and placed on file. AW/JC

CORRESPONDENCE (8:34a)

Sent via email.

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

1. JB Ranch Inc. – 138 acres. Plans for mechanical & chemical clearing, pasture management. Approved. KM/AW
2. Randy Cabral – plan cancelled. Parcel taken over by Double N Ranch and was approved on 8/3/21 (done as formality)

OLD BUSINESS (8:42a)

- A. District Employee Report (8:42a) – (1) Employees are starting to work on Farm Bill apps, going on site visits/intakes again. Just completed training on working effectively with organic farmers.
- B. Water Revocable Permit (8:43a) – no update.
- C. Flooding Complaint (Naalehu) (8:43a) – no update, but will keep on agenda.

NEW BUSINESS (8:43a)

- A. D.C. Report (8:43a) - (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. All visitors must show proof of vaccine to enter the Hilo Field Office. (4) There is upcoming Cultural Resource Training.

B. FSA Report (8:45a) - (1) All info that FSA sends via email is forwarded to SWCD directors.

C. BIRCD Report (8:45a) - (1) BIRCD working on ongoing projects. A new noxious weed “devil weed” will probably be added to the fund level request with the Big Island Invasive Species Project.

D. HACD Report (8:46a) – (1) Nothing to report.

E. Open Forum (8:46a) – Jen will reach out to the County DPW to see if they are back interacting with the public and would be able to conduct annual inspections. If so, she will schedule the Naalehu Debris Basin Inspection tour and let everyone know.

E. Other New Business (8:47a)

(1) Diana Bridgette Miller – no comments sent to the County.

(2) Susan & Dan Springer Jr. – no comments sent to the County.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:54 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Tyler Johansen  
Secretary

Recorder: Jennifer Reavis