

KA'U SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MEETING MINUTES
September 7, 2021

The monthly board meeting of the Ka'u Soil and Water Conservation District was called to order by Chairperson John Cross at 8:30 a.m. virtual via Microsoft Teams.

Present were: John Cross, Ka'ohi Mokuahali'i, Tyler Johansen, Directors; Spencer Nagata, Acting District Conservationist; Ryan Belcher, Soil Conservationist; Kyle Honda, Civil Engineer; Chelsea Sakamoto, Civil Engineer; Kevin Burke, Soil Conservationist; Jennifer Reavis, District Secretary/Conservation Aide.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING (8:31a)

Minutes was circulated. Accepted and approved. JC/KM

Placed on file.

TREASURER'S REPORT (8:32a)

No changes. Circulated and placed on file.

NEW COOPERATOR/PLAN REVISION/PLAN APPROVAL/CANCELLATION (8:33a)

1. Ekballo Ministries – 24 acres. Plans for crop production. Accepted as a cooperator. Approved conservation plan. KM/JC
2. Caesar Demello – 80 acres. Plans for pasture management. Accepted as a cooperator. Approved conservation plan. KM/JC
3. Parish Farms – 6 acres. Plans for macnut orchard and small pasture. Accepted as a cooperator. Approved conservation plan. KM/JC

CORRESPONDENCE (8:39a)

Sent via email.

OLD BUSINESS (8:39a)

- A. District Employee Report (8:39a) – (1) Employees are starting to work on intakes again, completing training, certifications etc.
- B. Water Revocable Permit (8:40a) – no update.
- C. Flooding Complaint (Naalehu) (8:40a) – no update.

NEW BUSINESS (8:40a)

A. D.C. Report (8:40a) - (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. New employees in the Hilo F.O. – Kyle Honda, Civil Engineer; Chelsea Sakamoto, Civil Engineer; Kevin Burke, Soil Conservationist.

B. FSA Report (8:5a) - (1) All info that FSA sends via email is forwarded to SWCD directors.

C. BIRCD Report (8:50a) - (1) BIRCD working on ongoing projects.

D. HACD Report (8:50a) – (1) Nothing to report.

E. Other New Business (8:50a) - (1) Marie Schaunlee Blaine – no comments sent to the County.
(2) Kenneth & Merleann Tester – no comments sent to the County.

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

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Tyler Johansen
Secretary

Recorder: Jennifer Reavis