

OLINDA-KULA SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT MEETING
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2021

I. Meeting Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:36 p.m., via Zoom

Present

Directors: Clark Hashimoto, Garret Hew, Neil Nakamura, and Alan Nago

USDA NRCS: Gerald Gregory

SWCD Staff: Jessica Talbot, Kelly Butler, James Ino, and Maggie Kramp

II. Minutes of January 29, 2021

Garret Hew moved to approve the minutes of January 29, 2021, seconded by Alan Nago.

III. Treasurer's Report – emailed to directors only

Garret Hew moved to accept the treasurer's report that was email to OKSWCD directors, seconded by Alan Nago, motion carried.

IV. Correspondence -- none

V. County Grading/Grubbing Permit Plans

James Ino reported on two plans of concern, Maui Coast Hotel and Blackburn Subdivision.

Comments were submitted to the County DSA:

1. Maui Best Warehouse (revised plan); TMK: 2-3-003: 031
2. Vincent Residence; TMK: 2-7-008: 207
3. Waiohuli-Keokea Beach Lots Partition; TMK: 3-9-010: 075, 081
4. Hale Kaiola Affordable Housing (revised plan); TMK: 3-9-029: 049
5. Smith, Joseph; TMK: 2-3-015:010
6. Maui Coast Hotel; TMK: 3-9-018: 023 (plan not adequate)

The Maui Coast Hotel plan has drainage concerns through property and need comprehensive dust control measures.

Pending Final Comments:

1. Blackburn Subdivision; TMK: 2-4-006: 003

The plan is not adequate. James Ino contacted Dominic Crosariol, DMC regarding concerns on containment of flow from the project into surrounding areas.

There were six new plans from the County DPW-DSA, one of which may be within the OKSWCD boundary, Omaopio Ehiku Subdivision. Maggie Kramp will look at the GEO data map to confirm location.

- VI. Cooperator Agreement and Conservation Plans – Jessica Talbot, Maui SWCD Conservation Specialist

1. Kealana Farms Management Company LLC

The conservation technical assistance plan was emailed to directors and presented by Jessica Talbot, Maui SWCD Conservation Specialist. The plan is for removal of invasive species and replanting the area with Koa and other native plants.

Although fencing is not included on the plan, the producer plans on installing parameter fencing starting at the southwest portion of the property.

Garret Hew moved to accept Kealana Farms cooperative agreement and conservation plan, seconded by Neil Nakamura, motion carried.

- VII. District Direct Positions

The board currently has 4 directors. Justin Teixeira's term expired June 30, 2021. Justin's nomination form is still pending. The OKSWCD board would like to follow-up with him one more time. Otherwise, OKSWCD will need to seek a new candidate to serve on the board.

- VIII. USDA NRCS Report – Gerald Gregory

1. Farm Bill

The field office is currently working on finalizing Farm Bill program contracts, Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) and the Conservation

Stewardship Program (CSP). One of the EQIP projects is within the OKSWCD boundary.

2. Personnel

Job offer for a new NRCS soil conservationist was made, but applicant declined due to the housing situation on Maui.

IX. Other Business

A. Upcountry Maui Watershed Dual Line Project Dual

Clark Hashimoto entertained the idea of revisiting the dual line project for it is such a waste to have pipeline already installed and not being utilized. The County also has a new water director, Jeff Pearson, who may be interested.

Maggie Kramp contacted Brian Kau regarding waterline that was installed and repurposing unused funds. Brian's response was funds lapsed and were not repurposed.

Neil Nakamura mentioned that the waterline is probably still in the hands of the State Dept. of Ag. DOA will need to state that the project has been terminated, and then turn over the waterline to the County.

There was a meeting with State DOA and County DWS regarding this waterline and repurposing unused funds. Outcome of that meeting is unknown.

This subject will be on the next OKSWCD meeting agenda.

X. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Submitted by
/s/ Neil Nakamura
9/16/21
Secretary

Meeting Recorder: Maggie Kramp