

MINUTES
PUNA SWCD DIRECTOR'S BOARD MEETING
October 13, 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 Vice Chairman Aileen Yeh at 9:40am virtually via Microsoft Office teams.

Present:

Directors: Leanne Kami (LK), Aileen Yeh (AY), Elton Mow (EM).

Others: Spencer Nagata, Acting District Conservationist; Kanoë LeeLoy, Soil Conservationist; Kevin Burke, Soil Conservationist; Meghan Mulley, Soil Conservationist; Jennifer Reavis, District Secretary/Conservation Aide; Chris Corley, others.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING (9:41a)

Circulated and placed on file. Approved. EM/AY

TREASURER'S REPORT (9:41a)

Deferred to next meeting.

Approved to pay Hawaii Farm Bureau dues. EM/AY

CORRESPONDENCE (9:44a)

*sent via email

NEW COOP/CONSV PLAN APPROVAL/REVISION/CANCELLATION (9:47a)

1. Laila Jayyousi - acres. Plans for crop production. Approved. LK/EM
2. Blane Pacheco – 10 acres. Still actively farming/ranching. Reviewed and approved. LK/EM
3. Padamada Jr. – Cooperator and plan cancelled. LK/EM
4. Purdyco Island Princess – Cooperator and plan cancelled. LK/EM

REPORTS (9:54a)

A. D.C. Report (9:54a) - (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.

B. FSA Report (9:55a) - (1) All info that FSA sends via email is forwarded to SWCD directors. (2) Aileen reported per Kiesen – RTCP receipts are due Nov. 1st. Still accepting LFP applications.

C. BIRCD Report (9:57a) - (1) nothing to report.

D. HACD Report (9:57a)- (1) Nothing to report.

E. Reports (9:57a) - (1) District Employee Report. The district planners are busy working on Farm Bill plans, attending planners training & certifications. There will be cultural resources training next month. They are working on intakes again and scheduling field visits.

F. Other New Business (10:09a)

1. Subdivision Review

a. Louis and Phyllis Freitas – no comments sent to the County

2. The Annual Hawaii Farm Bureau meeting will be virtual on October 27, 2021.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:11a

Respectfully submitted,

/s/LEANNE KAMI

Secretary

Recording Secretary: Jennifer Reavis