

Hana SWCD Meeting
September 8, 2021

I. Meeting Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:11 p.m., via Zoom.

Present

Directors: Iwalani Poaipuni, Haunani Collins, Claire Carroll, and Gina Lind
USDA NRCS: Gerald Gregory, and Jason Hew
SWCD Staff: Jessica Talbot, Kelly Butler, and Maggie Kramp

II. Minutes of April 21, 2021

Claire Carroll moved to accept the minutes of April 21, 2021, seconded by Iwalani Poaipuni, motion carried.

III. Cooperative Agreement/Conservation Plan

1. Imperium, Kipahului Kai – plan presented by Jason Hew

Iwalani Poaipuni, Haunani Collins, and Claire Carroll were able to look at the site. Claire also documented

The objective of the conservation plan is to establish plantings for making tea. Two conservation practices on the plan are brush management to remove invasive species and conservation ground cover between tea rows.

The landowner also had the area professionally surveyed as part of their archeological assessment, SHPD section 106 process. Three sites were recorded and a mitigation plan to preserve site were submitted to and accepted by SHPD. Documentation is in the conservation plan file.

Iwalani Poaipuni moved to accept the Imperium Kipahulu Kai conservation plan, seconded by Claire Carroll, motion carried.

IV. SWCD insurance – Maggie Kramp

We are still seeking proper insurance liability coverage for SWCD employees to operate hired and non-owned vehicles. Maggie met with Gretchen Rank, Southwest Region Rep. - National Association of Conservation District Employee Association at the NACD conference last month in Jackson, WY. Gretchen mentioned that their insurance policy fully covers its employees and

will share info with us. We hope their policy is compatible to Hawaii insurance laws.

V. USDA NRCS – Gerald Gregory

There will be a few Farm Bill conservation plans to present to the board soon. More time is needed to finalize the plan.

VI. Adjournment

Before closing, the board discussed director positions. Claire Carroll volunteered to be secretary of the board.

The meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Submitted by
/s/ Claire Carroll
Secretary

Meeting Recorder: Maggie Kramp