

KA'U SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MEETING MINUTES
April 5, 2022

The monthly board meeting of the Ka'u Soil and Water Conservation District was called to order by Chairperson John Cross at 8:34 a.m. virtual via Microsoft Teams.

Present were: John Cross, Ka'ohi Mokuahali'i, Alexander Williams, Directors; Kori Hisashima, District Conservationist; Alina Abramovich, Soil Conservation Specialist; Ryan Belcher, Soil Conservationist; Meghan Mulley, Soil Conservationist; Jennifer Reavis, District Secretary/Conservation Aide.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING (8:35a)

Minutes was circulated. Accepted and approved. KM/AW

Placed on file.

TREASURER'S REPORT (8:36a)

Given by Ka'ohi. Circulated and placed on file. JC/AW

CORRESPONDENCE (8:37a)

Sent via email.

OLD BUSINESS (8:38a)

- A. District Employee Report (8:38a) – (1) Employees are working on Farm Bill plans, going on site visits/intakes again, working on different planner certifications, completing Ag Learn training. Ryan & Alina completed boot camp training.
- B. Water Revocable Permit (8:49a) – No update.
- C. Ka'u Flood Study (8:39a) – The Ka'u SWCD directors along with NRCS personnel had a meeting with Councilmember Maile David re: flooding concerns in the Ka'u district. Maile will meet with County officials to inquire about being a sponsor for this flood study. Jen will follow-up with Maile to see if she needs any assistance to proceed.

NEW BUSINESS (8:40a)

A. D.C. Report (8:40a) - (1) The monthly report for the Hilo Field Office was given by Kori. Updates on personnel changes, deadlines, project info, presentation, training, emergency programs, Farm Bill update, outreach, etc. was given. (2) Covid update given. The Hilo F.O. is transitioning back in to the office, however still at 75% capacity in-office. Teleworking will be allowed 2 days a week per NRCS PIA guidelines. Online meetings will continue until advised otherwise.

B. FSA Report (8:42a) - (1) All info that FSA sends via email is forwarded to SWCD directors.

C. BIRCD Report (8:43a) - (1) Funding moving forward with several projects.

D. HACD Report (8:43a) – (1) Jen will follow-up with Michelle re: next qtly meeting.

E. Other New Business (8:44a)

1. Insurance Pertaining to the Board

2. Conservation Planning – (a) John reported the 73 lot subdivision of Ka’u Mahi @ Moaula. Subdivision parcels are being conveyed to new owners. The new owners will be contacting the Hilo field office for assistance.

3. Ka’u Flood Study – there was a meeting held with Councilmember Maile Davis to discuss the Ka’u flood study. She will meet with the County to discuss being a sponsor of the project.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:47 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Tyler Johansen
Secretary

Recorder: Jennifer Reavis