

KA'U SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MEETING MINUTES
March 1, 2022

The monthly board meeting of the Ka'u Soil and Water Conservation District was called to order by Chairperson John Cross at 8:32 a.m. virtual via Microsoft Teams.

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

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING (8:32a)

Minutes was circulated. Accepted and approved. KM/JC

Placed on file.

TREASURER'S REPORT (8:33a)

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

CORRESPONDENCE (8:33a)

Sent via email.

CANCELLATIONS (8:34a)

1. Neal Nakamoto dba: Double N Ranch – 200 acres. No longer has control of land. Plan cancelled.
2. Frank Ryder III – 20 acres. No plan done, not interested. Cooperator Cancelled.
3. Paul Routon – 6 acres. No Plan done, not interested. Cooperator cancelled.
4. State of Hawaii/DLNR/DOFAW (Kapapala) – 24,000 acres. No plan done. Cooperator cancelled.
5. Sueki Funai – 9 acres. No plan done. Cooperator cancelled.
6. Warren Werner - 24 acres. No plan done. Cooperator cancelled.

OLD BUSINESS (8:40a)

- A. District Employee Report (8:40a) – (1) Employees are working on Farm Bill apps, going on site visits/intakes again, working on different planner certifications, completing Ag Learn training. Ryan & Alina will be attending virtual boot camp planners certification/training the week of March 7th.
- B. Water Revocable Permit (8:42a) – No update.
- C. Flooding Complaint (Naalehu) (8:42a) – Jen submitted the Naalehu Debris Basin inspection report to DPW for Neil to sign. Once he sends it back it will be placed on file.

NEW BUSINESS (8:44a)

A. D.C. Report (8:44a) - (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 Teleworking and working in the office @ 75% capacity.

B. FSA Report (8:48a) - (1) All info that FSA sends via email is forwarded to SWCD directors.

C. BIRCD Report (8:48a) - (1) A meeting was held in February. The different ongoing projects were discussed.

D. HACD Report (8:49a) – (1) Nothing to report.

E. Other New Business (8:49a)

1. Insurance Pertaining to the Board

2. Conservation Planning – (a) John asked about the status of an application from Ka’u Mahi, approx. 150-200 acres, its an old pasture site in Moaula area. Jen will check with Alina and have her contact John. (b) Meghan reported she hasn’t heard back from Ka’u Valley Farms regarding their forms they need to turn in so she can proceed with their plan.

3. Ka’u Flood Study – there will be a meeting today at 10:30a.m. with Councilmember Maile Davis to discuss this flood study.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:52 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Tyler Johansen
Secretary

Recorder: Jennifer Reavis