

KA'U SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MEETING MINUTES
May 3, 2022

The monthly board meeting of the Ka'u Soil and Water Conservation District was called to order by Chairperson John Cross at 8:33 a.m. virtual via Microsoft Teams.

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

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING (8:34a)

Minutes was circulated. Accepted and approved. KM/AW

Placed on file.

TREASURER'S REPORT (8:34a)

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

CORRESPONDENCE (8:36a)

Sent via email.

NEW COOPERATOR/PLAN APPROVA/REVISIONS/UPDATES/CANCELLATIONS (8:36a)

1. Kuahiwi Contractors Inc. – 642 acres. Reservoir, noxious weed control, pasture management. Plan approved. KM/AW
2. Alfred Galimba – 80 acres. Pasture management. Plan revised/approved. KM/AW
3. Dane Shibuya – 3 acres. Access road, pasture management, pig operation. Plan revised/approved. KM/AW
4. Kimo Dacalio (Kaalaala) – 139 acres. Pasture management. Plan approved. KM/AW
5. Kimo Dacalio (Keaiwa) – 4.8 acres. Coffee orchard management/improvement. Plan approved. KM/AW
6. Kaumakani Ranch LLC – 73 acres. Pasture establishment. Plan approved. KM/AW
7. Alexander Williams – 1.3 acres. Fruit orchard. (Alexander Williams recused his vote). Plan approved. KM/JC

OLD BUSINESS (8:57a)

- A. District Employee Report (8:57a) – (1) Employees are finishing up Farm Bill plans, going on site visits/intakes again.
- B. Water Revocable Permit (8:59a) – No update.

C. Ka'u Flood Study (8:59) – waiting on the County to accept sponsorship to proceed.

NEW BUSINESS (9:00a)

A. D.C. Report (9:00a) - (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. back into the office, however teleworking will be allowed 2 days a week per NRCS PIA guidelines. Online meetings will continue.

B. FSA Report (9:06a) - (1) All info that FSA sends via email is forwarded to SWCD directors.

C. BIRCD Report (9:06a) - (1) A meeting was held last Friday. John spoke about the Ka'u Flood Study. There was discussion that the same flooding is occurring in the Kona district. John was advised if the Kona district wants to do a flood study, have them request it from the Kealahou Field Office NRCS DC.

D. HACD Report (9:07a) – (1) There was a quarterly meeting held last week. Michelle asked if the East Hawaii SWCD's will host the Annual Meeting in 2023. This was accepted and approved. Jen will tentatively reserve KMC for June 21-23, 2023.

E. Other New Business (9:11a)

1. Insurance Pertaining to the Board

2. Conservation Planning

3. Subdivision/Consolidation

a. Tomislav & Veda Gracanin – no comments sent to the County.

The Meeting was adjourned at 9:14 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Tyler Johansen
Secretary

Recorder: Jennifer Reavis