

KA'U SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MEETING MINUTES
November 2, 2021

The monthly board meeting of the Ka'u Soil and Water Conservation District was called to order by Chairperson John Cross at 8:43 a.m. virtual via Microsoft Teams.

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

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING (8:43a)

Minutes was circulated. Accepted and approved. JC/AW

Placed on file.

TREASURER'S REPORT (8:44a)

No changes. Given by Ka'ohi. Circulated and placed on file. AW/JC

CORRESPONDENCE (8:45a)

Sent via email.

NEW COOPERATOR/PLAN REVISION/PLAN APPROVAL/CANCELLATION (8:46a)

1. MTZ Ka'u Coffee Farms – 24 acres. Plans for coffee orchard and processing facilities. Accepted. KM/AW

OLD BUSINESS (8:47a)

- A. District Employee Report (8:47a) – (1) Employees working on Farm Bill apps, going on site visits/intakes again, working on different planner certifications, completing Ag Learn training. Next week there will be Cultural Resource Training webinar and in the field.
- B. Water Revocable Permit (8:50a) – John reported that on Oct. 22nd the DLNR had a board meeting for which they asked for “adoption of guidance on appraisals for the determination of the upset rent of public auctions for water leases for consumptive use purposes”. This is all part of the process of converting these revocable permits to long term leases trying to get guidance of the value public water resource that will become part of the lease at public auction that will go to numerous lessees. This will be a long process.
- C. Flooding Complaint (Naalehu) (8:54a) – Meghan reported that Drew went out and will come up with a plan. Meghan will check with him and report back to the district.

NEW BUSINESS (8:55a)

A. D.C. Report (8:55a) - (1) Kori is done with her detail and back as D.C. for the Hilo Field Office.

B. FSA Report (8:56a) - (1) All info that FSA sends via email is forwarded to SWCD directors.

C. BIRCD Report (8:56a) - (1) There was a meeting last week. Various ongoing projects was discussed. BIRCD asked for potential projects that the SWCD would have that they could fund or assist in the funding of. John came up with one project, the Moaula water coop. The board will think of other projects they may have.

D. HACD Report (8:56a) – (1) Nothing to report.

E. Open Forum (8:57a) – nothing to report.

E. Other New Business (8:57a) – nothing to report.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:57 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Tyler Johansen
Secretary

Recorder: Jennifer Reavis