

MINUTES
PUNA SWCD DIRECTOR'S BOARD MEETING
February 16, 2022
9:30a.m. - W.H. Shipman Office - Keaau

The board meeting of the Puna Soil and Water Conservation District was called to order by Vice Chairman Aileen Yeh at 9:32am virtually via Microsoft Office teams.

Present:

Directors: Aileen Yeh (AY), Leanne Kami (LK), Elton Mow (EM).

Others: Kori Hisashima, District Conservationist; Ryan Belcher, Soil Conservationist; Meghan Mulley, Soil Conservationist; Kevin Burke, Soil Conservationist; Jennifer Reavis, District Secretary/Conservation Aide; Chris Corley, others.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING (9:33a)

Circulated and placed on file. Approved. EM/AY

TREASURER'S REPORT (9:34a)

Deferred till next month.

CORRESPONDENCE (9:35a)

*sent via email

REPORTS (9:36a)

A. D.C. Report (9:36a) - (1) Kori gave the monthly report for the Hilo Field Office. Updates on personnel changes, deadlines, project info, presentation, training, emergency programs, Farm Bill update, outreach, etc. was given. (2) The Hilo Field office is working in the office at 50% capacity and teleworking. We may have visitors by appointment only.

B. FSA Report (9:39a) - (1) All info that FSA sends via email is forwarded to SWCD directors. Aileen reported that LFP closed for this past year. Bid Island was not eligible for the upcoming year.

C. BIRCD Report (9:42a) - (1) Chris reported the next meeting will be held on February 25th. (2) The transfer of the pilot mobile slaughter house project is now in process to Mike Amado. All debts were forgiven.

D. HACD Report (9:44a)- (1) Nothing to report.

E. Reports (9:44a) - (1) District Employee Report - The district planners are busy working on Farm Bill plans, attending planners training & certifications. This includes AgLearn training. The employees are working on intakes again and scheduling field visits. (2) The Cattleman's meeting was held last night. Discussion was on looking for funding to fence area on Maui to keep deer out. (3) Chris spoke with Glen Sako from Hawaii County re: funding for perimeter

fencing for ag producers. (4) FYI – invasive species grant available by the State.

F. Other New Business (9:49a)

1. Subdivision Review
 - a. Marlow Family Trust – no comments sent to the County.
2. Insurance pertaining to the board – insurance obtained.
3. Conservation Planning was discussed.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:52a

Respectfully submitted,

/s/LEANNE KAMI

Secretary

Recording Secretary: Jennifer Reavis