

MINUTES
PUNA SWCD DIRECTOR'S BOARD MEETING
January 12, 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 Chairman Oliver English at 9:31am virtually via Microsoft Office teams.

Present:

Directors: Oliver English (OE), Leanne Kami (LK), Aileen Yeh (AY), Atto Assi, (AA), Elton Mow (EM).

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

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING (9:31a)

Circulated and placed on file. Approved. AA/OE

TREASURER'S REPORT (9:32a)

Circulated, placed on file. Approved. AA/OE

CORRESPONDENCE (9:33a)

*sent via email

NEW COOPERATOR/PLAN UPDATE/PLAN CANCELLATION (9:33a)

1. Jing Chuan Yao – New Cooperator approved.
2. Roddy Nagata – Plan updated
3. Lew Nakamura – Plan cancelled.

REPORTS (9:35a)

A. D.C. Report (9:35a) - (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 25% capacity and teleworking. (3) The Memorandum of Agreement between NRCS and the Puna SWCD was reviewed and accepted by the board with no changes. (4) Kori gave an annual review of the Federal Civil Rights policy. The district had no questions. (5) Kori reviewed the Federal Grant agreement that is ongoing with the Ka'u SWCD (Waiakea, Puna, Ka'u). The reports and files are up to date.

B. FSA Report (9:43a) - (1) All info that FSA sends via email is forwarded to SWCD directors.

C. BIRCD Report (9:44a) - (1) The last meeting was held in October. The next meeting will be held in February. (2) The Cattleman Convention will be held on November 18th. (3) There

was discussion about shortage of avocado's. (4) Ty McDonald from Kona will be giving a master class in grafting. (5) Larry wants to expand what BIRCD is doing and wants to raise money to home veterans.

D. HACD Report (9:46a)- (1) Nothing to report.

E. Reports (9:46a) - (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.

F. Other New Business (9:53a)

1. Subdivision Review

- a. Pyramidal Concepts – no comments sent to the County.
- b. Theodore & Lisa Brattstrom – no comments sent to the County.

2. Insurance pertaining to the board – the directors now have liability insurance.

3. Conservation Planning was discussed.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:56a

Respectfully submitted,

/s/LEANNE KAMI
Secretary

Recording Secretary: Jennifer Reavis