

WAIAKEA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Monthly Board Meeting
March 18, 2022

The monthly board meeting was called to order by Chairperson Leslie Takayama at 9:32a.m. via Microsoft Office Teams.

Present were: Leslie Takayama (LT), Susan Litteral (SL), Amy Bugado (AB), George Mikami (GM), Directors; Kori Hisashima, District Conservationist; Meghan Mulley, Soil Conservationist; Ryan Belcher, Soil Conservationist; Alina Abramovich, Conservation Specialist; Jennifer Reavis, Conservation Aide/District Secretary;

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING 9:33a

Minutes was accepted and approved. Circulated & placed on file. SL/AB

TREASURER'S REPORT 9:34a

Given by Amy. Placed on file. SL/GM

CORRESPONDENCE 9:35a

*Sent via email...

OLD BUSINESS 9:36a

- A. District Employee Report 9:36a – (1) The district planners are busy working on Farm Bill plans, attending planners training & certifications. This includes AgLearn training. Ryan and Alina attended virtual planners boot camp training for planner certification.

NEW BUSINESS 9:39a

A. D.C. Report 9:39a - (1) The monthly report for the Hilo Field Office was given by Kori. Updates on personnel changes, deadlines, project info, presentation, virtual training, emergency programs, outreach, Farm Bill update, etc. was given. (2) The Hilo F.O. is allowed to operate in office at 75% capacity as well as telework. Working on transitioning back to the field office and allowed to telework some of the time. (3) New acting director is J.B. Martins who is on a 120 day detail.

B. FSA Report 9:44a - (1) Info was sent to directors via email and circulated in correspondence. Jen spoke to Kiesen and signed up for FSA updates via email. She will forward this info to the directors.

C. CES Report 9:48a – (1) Jen will follow-up with the Cooperative Extension Service on getting monthly updates.

D. RC&D Report 9:49a - (1) There was a meeting last month. Les gave an update. The next meeting will be working on new projects.

E. Other New Business 9:55a

- 1. District Employee Vehicle Insurance will be renewed at the end of April. An invoice will be sent to the

district.

2. Conservation planning discussed.
3. Other New Business – the next Waiakea SWCD board meeting will be held on Friday, April 22nd @ 9:30a.m. virtual via Microsoft office teams (per FPAC - USDA offices operating in office at 75% capacity, therefore virtual meetings will be conducted until further notice).

Meeting adjourned at 10:02a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ George Mikami
Secretary

Recorder: Jennifer Reavis