

West Maui SWCD Meeting
September 9, 2021

I. Meeting Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:38 p.m., via Zoom.

Present

Directors: Jay Nobriga, Ian Swezey, Kimo Falconer, and Kainoa Casco
Associates: Daniel Ornellas, and Kristi Ono
USDA NRCS: Susan Kubo, and Gerald Gregory
SWCD Staff: Jessica Talbot, Kelly Butler, James Ino, and Maggie Kramp
West Maui Ridge to Reef: Tova Callender, West Maui R2R Watershed Warren
S. Unemori Engineering, Inc.: Reed Ariyoshi

I. Minutes of May 21, 2021 – distributed via email

Kimo Falconer moved to accept the minutes of May 12, 2021, seconded by Kainoa Casco, motion carried.

II. Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report was emailed to WMSWCD directors. Kainoa Casco moved to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Ian Swezey, motion carried.

Discussion:

Payroll for Maggie Kramp has been processed via QuickBooks/Intuit for many years. QuickBooks/Intuit is now requiring name, birth date and social security of principal on payroll bank account, according to new federal compliance rules. If this info is not provided, we will not be able to process automatic payroll direct deposit.

There are two options in processing payroll:

1. Do manual payroll, which means cut checks twice a month.
2. Change Maggie's payroll to ALTRES, like how other SWCD employee payroll is processed. Additional cost to payroll will be the ALTRES 27% payroll service fee for each pay period, per employee.

Kimo Falconer moved to process Maggie's payroll via ALTRES, starting 10/1/2021, seconded by Kainoa Casco, motion carried.

II. Lahaina Watershed

A. Supplemental Environmental Document for Feasibility Process

- The County sent out a notice to providers of professional services for development of the watershed plan environmental document
- A pre-submittal virtual conference was held on August 10th.
- Kainoa and Wes did the pre-submittal site visit with Gerald Gregory, Ty Takeno, Christy Chung, and prospective providers on August 11th
- Bid Submittals were due August 24th.
- NRCS Partner Agreement Management Webinar Scheduled for September 14, 2021

B. Concern regarding the Pipeline and SHPD Process

The pipeline project has been completed. Peter Martin is waiting for final approval from the PUC to start usage.

III. County Grading/Grubbing Plans – James Ino

A. Comments Submitted to the County DSA

1. Kisiel/Sims Grubbing for Farming and Access, TMK: 3-1-007: 048

- Although this is an after-the-fact plan, the plan appears to be adequate. The County is also working with the landowner is also working with the County on its plan.

B. Plans Pending Further Review

1. Ukumehame Subdivision Lot 33; TMK: 4-8-002: 105

- After-the-fact plan
- Property owner in Minnesota.
- Landowner's attorney hired Unemori Engineering was hired to do work on grading and grubbing permit plan.
- Work on property by lessee is in violation
- Study on soils report, evaluation of fill material, etc. is pending.

Comments from the WMSWCD will be on hold, pending more information. An email will be sent to DSA.

2. Safeway Fuel Center; TMK: 4-5-011: 004

- Engineer: G70 GROUP
- Plans need specific dust control measures

3. Lahaina Cannery Phase 2B; TMK: 4-5-011: 004

- Plan is new and has not been reviewed yet.
- It is in the same area as the proposed Safeway Fuel Center Project

James Ino tries to contact engineering firms with plans that have concerns and/or lack more information. There have been issues with no response from engineering firms with inadequate plans. Kimo Falconer moved to submit comments to DSA if engineering firm does not respond, seconded by Kainoa Casco, motion carried.

IV. Cooperative Agreements/Conservation Plans

A. Makani Olu Partners Conservation Plan, presented by Jessica Talbot, SWCD Conservation Specialist

The Makani Olu conservation plan focuses on prescribed grazing, which includes a flood contingency plan and drought contingency plan.

Kimo Falconer moved to approve Makani Olu Partners Conservation Plan, seconded by Kainoa Casco, motion carried.

V. National Water Quality Initiative (NWQI) Project – Kimo Falconer/Tova Callender

- The project is slightly behind schedule
- Draft watershed assessment should be ready to be reviewed next week

VI. District Director Positions

A. Pomaika'i Kaniupio-Crozier

- Aloha and mahalo luncheon for Pomaika'i Kaniupio-Crozier was held last month
- He will probably return to work at Puu Kukui Watershed Preserve under Living Pono, a non-profit organization

Kimo Falconer moved to keep Pomaika'i on board as district director for continuity and reach out to ML&P, seconded by Ian Swezey, motion carried.

- B. Kimo Falconer moved to appoint Kainoa Casco to serve as WMSWCD Vice Chair, seconded by Ian Swezey, motion carried.
- C. Need to update WMSWCD's officers, resolution, and authorized signers on bank account.

VII. USDA NRCS – Gerald Gregory

The field office staff has been working on Farm Bill – Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) contracts. It will be presented to the WMSWCD board after it's finalized, possibly next month.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Submitted by
/s/ Ian Swezey
10-6-2021
Secretary

Meeting Recorder: Maggie Kramp