

KA'U SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MEETING MINUTES
June 21, 2022

The monthly board meeting of the Ka'u Soil and Water Conservation District was called to order by Chairperson John Cross at 8:32 a.m. virtual via Microsoft Teams.

Present were: John Cross, Ka'ohi Mokuahali'i, Alexander Williams, Tyler Johansen, Directors; Kori Hisashima, District Conservationist; Nanea Babila, Soil Conservationist; Ryan Belcher, Soil Conservationist; Meghan Mulley, Soil Conservationist; Jennifer Reavis, District Secretary/Conservation Aide.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING (8:33a)

Minutes was circulated. Accepted and approved. KM/AW

Placed on file.

TREASURER'S REPORT (8:33a)

Given by Ka'ohi. Circulated and placed on file. JC/AW

CORRESPONDENCE (8:35a)

Sent via email.

NEW COOPERATOR/PLAN APPROVA/REVISIONS/UPDATES/CANCELLATIONS (8:36a)

1. Alexander Williams – (AMA) 1 acre. Plans for HTS (Alexander Williams recused his vote). Plan approved. KM/TJ

OLD BUSINESS (8:40a)

A. District Employee Report (8:40a) – (1) Employees are managing current contracts, finishing up Farm Bill plans, going on site visits/intakes again.

B. Water Revocable Permit (8:42a) – No update.

C. Ka'u Flood Study (8:42a) – The flood study is moving forward. The County's request for sponsorship was submitted to NRCS.

NEW BUSINESS (8:43a)

A. D.C. Report (8:43a) - (1) The monthly report for the Hilo Field Office was given by Kori. Updates on personnel changes, deadlines, project info, presentation, training, emergency programs, Farm Bill update, outreach, etc. was given. We received more funding for Farm Bill and put in an

additional funding request. (2) Our PIA Acting Director JB Martin came to the Hilo F.O. and met with the staff who took him out in the field to visit some farms. (3) We just got approval to fill Destiny's old position. This will be a FT Federal position that will be posted soon. (4) Covid update was given. We are at high community level for covid. Masks need to be worn in the vehicles and in the office. The Hilo F.O. is operating at 50% capacity in office with maximum telework. Online meetings will continue.

- B. FSA Report (8:46a) - (1) All info that FSA sends via email is forwarded to SWCD directors.
- C. BIRCD Report (8:46a) - (1) John will send a list of BIRCD open funded projects.
- D. HACD Report (8:47a) – (1) John will notify when the next quarterly meeting will be held.
- E. Other New Business (8:48a)
 - 1. Insurance Pertaining to the Board – up to date on insurance premiums.
 - 2. Conservation Planning
 - 3. Subdivision Reviews

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:48 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Tyler Johansen
Secretary

Recorder: Jennifer Reavis