



**Hamakua Soil and Water Conservation District
Board of Directors Meeting
MINUTES**

Date: August 2nd, 2022 3:00pm
Location: Hilo Federal Building, 154 Waiianuenue Ave., Hilo, HI 96720, Room 102 and by teleconference with Waimea NRCS Field Offices, 67-1185 Mamalahoa Highway, Suite H148, Kamuela, HI 96743, and Kukaiau Office, 42-3643 Kukaiau Rd., Paauilo, HI 96776

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order by Chairman Doug Beaton at 3:07pm.
Present: Directors –Douglas Beaton (DB), Kea Keolanui (KK), Michael Manor (MM)); District staff - Jennifer Reavis; NRCS staff – Spencer Nagata, Nanea Babila, Kayla Kalauli.
2. **Welcome, Introductions, and Review of Agenda 3:03p**
3. **Approval of the Minutes –3:08p:** Accepted and approved as circulated. KK/MM
4. **Cooperator Activities 3:09p**
 - a. **New Cooperator and Conservation Plans**
 1. **Donald Shannon – Plans for pasture management. Accepted and approved. KK/MM**
 2. **Shane Deluz – 283 ac. Plans for pasture management. Accepted and approved. KK/MM**
5. **Subdivision/Change of Zoning/Additional Farm Dwelling Application Reviews 3:16p –**
John Cross – Subdvn Review - Comments sent to the County. “There is a blue line stream along the south eastern boundary. Careful consideration should be taken and proper engineer designs when developing this property.”
6. **Conservation Planner’s Progress Report 3:18p:** none
7. **NRCS DC Reports – Hilo and Waimea Field Offices (Hisashima/Cook) 3:18p:**
The monthly report for the Hilo Field Office was given by Spencer. Updates on personnel changes, deadlines, project info, presentation, training, emergency programs, Farm Bill update, outreach, etc. was given. (2) Covid update was given. We are at medium community level for covid. Masks must be worn in the vehicles and in the office. The Hilo F.O. is operating at 100% capacity in office with telework 2 days a week. Online meetings will continue.
8. **FSA Report: As circulated via e-mail 3:20p**
9. **Correspondence received 3:20p**
10. **Treasurer’s Report: 3:20p**
Deferred till next month
11. **New Business 3:20p**
 - a. **Reimbursements for Doug**

b. Director's terms/Slate of Officers: It was accepted and approved to re-appoint Shawn Aguiar for a 3 year directors term expiring June 30, 2025. KK/MM

12. Old Business 3:21p

a. New Employee Discussion – The interviews were conducted today. Doug will email the directors to discuss who to offer the position to.

b. Next Meeting - The next Hamakua SWCD board meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 6th @ 3:00pm.

13. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 3:23pm KK/MM

Submitted by:

Michael Manor, Secretary

Date
