

MINUTES  
PUNA SWCD DIRECTOR'S BOARD MEETING  
June 15, 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 Vice Chairman Aileen Yeh at 9:33am virtually via Microsoft Office teams.

Present:

Directors: Aileen Yeh (AY), Elton Mow (EM), Atto Assi (AA)

Others: Kori Hisashima, District Conservationist; Spencer Nagata, Soil Conservationist; Kanoe LeeLoy, Soil Conservationist; Nanea Babila, Soil Conservationist; Ryan Belcher, Soil Conservationist; Meghan Mulley, Soil Conservationist; Alina Abramovich, Soil Conservation Specialist; Jennifer Reavis, District Secretary/Conservation Aide.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING (9:34a)

Circulated and placed on file. Approved. EM/AY

TREASURER'S REPORT (9:34a)

Deferred

CORRESPONDENCE (9:34a)

\*sent via email

PLAN UPDATE/COOPERATOR CANCELLATIONS (9:36a)

1. Ronald Yokoyama – 44 acres. Pasture management. Plan revised. EM/AA
2. Kathleen Kavan – 3 acres. AMA micro irrigation for HTS. Plan revised. EM/AA
3. Wilbert Pamo – 2 acres. Plans for piggery, deep litter system. Accepted and approved. EM/AA
4. Josh Grotkin – 2 acres. Plans for piggery, deep litter system, windbreak, and ground cover. Accepted and approved. EM/AA
5. David Schlossman – 3 acres. Plans for forest and wildlife. Accepted and approved. EM/AA
6. Sheldon Takajo – 30 acres. Plans for missed orchard. Accepted and approved. EM/AA
7. Kapu Kine Farms – 29 acres. Plans for agroforestry. Accepted and approved. EM/AA
8. Deborah Ward – 9.5 acres. Plans for crop production. Plan revised. EM/AA
9. William Tam – 36 acres. Plans for agroforestry. Accepted and approved. EM/AA
10. Rico Rincon – 5.86 acres. Plans for agroforestry. Accepted and approved. EM/AA
11. Dustin Mazone – 3 acres. Plans for native forest wildlife. Accepted and approved. EM/AA
12. Albert Paranes – 1 acre. Plans for crop production. Accepted and approved. EM/AA

REPORTS (10:00a)

A. D.C. Report (10:00a) - (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) Covid Update - The Hilo Field office is 50% with maximum telework due to the uptick in covid cases. Masks must be worn in the office and in the vehicles, meetings held virtual.

B. FSA Report (10:02a) - (1) All info that FSA sends via email is forwarded to SWCD directors.

C. BIRCD Report (10:02a) – nothing to report

D. HACD Report (10:02a)- (1) East Hawaii SWCD's will host the 2023 HACD Annual Meeting.

E. Reports (10:04a) - (1) District Employee Report - The district planners are busy finishing up Farm Bill plans and now doing intakes again.

F. Other New Business (10:06a)

1. Insurance pertaining to the board – insurance obtained.
2. Conservation Planning was discussed.
3. Subdivision Review/Consolidations
  - a. Kenneth & Denise Drake – no comments sent to the County.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:09a

Respectfully submitted,

/s/LEANNE KAMI  
Secretary

Recording Secretary: Jennifer Reavis