

Hana Soil and Water Conservation District Board Meeting Wednesday, January 25, 2023, at 11:00 AM

Meeting was held via Zoom

- Meeting Call to Order
 - The Hana Soil and Water District board meeting was called to order by Iwalani Poaipuni, Board Chair, at 11:31 AM on Wednesday, January 25, 2023.
- Roll Call of Those Present at the Meeting
 - Directors present:
 - Iwalani Poaipuni, Chair
 - Haunani Collins, Vice Chair
 - Claire Kamalu Carroll, Secretary
 - Gina Lind, Director
 - USDA Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS) present:
 - Gerald Gregory, District Conservationist
 - Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) Staff
 - Kelly Butler, Maui Soil and Water Conservation Planner
 - Millie Wagner, Administrator
 - Members of the Public
 - No members of the public were present
 - Board Members Not Present at the Meeting
 - Leina'ala Perry, Treasurer
- Determination of Whether a Quorum has been Established
 - It was determined that a quorum had been established
- Public notice of meeting
 - Electronically posted to the state calendar (calendar.ehawaii.gov/calendar) on Monday, January 19, 2023
 - Physically posted at the Soil and Water Conservation District Office located at 77 Ho'okele St., Kahului, HI Monday, January 19, 2023
 - Filed with Lt. Governor's Office on Monday, January 19, 2023
 - Mailed or emailed to persons requesting notifications of meetings, postmarked January 19, 2023 – *Please note that at this time, there are no people requesting notifications of meetings*
- Approval of the Minutes from October 18, 2022
 - The board members acknowledged that the minutes from the October 18, 2022, board meeting had been received

- A motion to approve the minutes of the October 18, 2022, board meeting was made by Claire Kamalu Carroll
 - The motion was seconded by Gina Lind
 - The motion was voted upon and passed unanimously

- Hana Maui Soil and Water Conservation District Treasurer's Report
 - The Hana Soil and Water Conservation District board members acknowledged receipt of the Treasurer's report and it will be kept on file

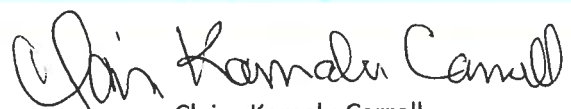
- State of Hawaii Mandatory Ethics Training
 - Certificates of Completion need to be forwarded to Millie
 - Claire, Haunani and Leina'ala have not yet completed this, so Millie will re-send the link to the self-directed course to them

- Maui Soil and Water Conservation District Planner Updates by Kelly Butler
 - Kelly stated that at present, she had no plans to submit for approval, however she will have a grazing plan for Kaupo in the future. This plan may take longer than usual due to cultural resources reviews needed for the property
 - Poster Contest Update
 - Kelly stated that participation for the poster contest was down a bit this year
 - There were 2 categories represented: grades 2-3 and grades 4-6, with 1st place, 2nd place, 3rd place and Honorable Mention within each category
 - Winners received a certificate and a prize ribbon
 - Prizes for the winners included backpacks, gift certificates and gift cards, and other miscellaneous items.
 - Claire agreed to drop off the certificate and prize for the winner located in Hana
 - Winners from the State included two of our winners here on Maui
 - Kelly stated that she would like to reach out directly to the Art Teachers for the next Poster Contest held
 - Arbor Day Update
 - Kelly stated that she had participated in the Arbor Day event and that it was well-attended
 - HFUU Convention
 - Kelly stated that she had participated in the HFUU convention held in December, however, it was not as well-attended as Arbor Day, possibly because it was held on a Friday instead of a Saturday

- USDA Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS) District Conservationist Report by Gerald Gregory
 - Gerald stated that there currently aren't any Farm Bill or Equip plans for review, however they are still within the sign-up period for these
 - La'akea Low, NRCS Planner is currently working on a CTA Plan in Hana

- Gerald asked the Hana board members to keep him posted regarding events that may be held there that NRCS/SWCD in which could participate
 - Claire Kamalu Carroll stated that she'd just received notification of a mini-Taro Festival to tentatively be held sometime in the first week of May, however there is no firm date yet
- Gerald advised that JB Martin, former Acting Director of NRCS-PIA has been hired as the Director for NRCS-PIA
 - Gerald will be speaking with JB regarding the challenges specific to Hana, such as Miconia, which is an invasive species
 - Claire Kamalu Carroll suggested that they include Turkey Berry since it is also an invasive species and often is found with Miconia
 - He would like to take JB to visit specific sites for this issue
 - He asked for potential sites to visit and a cost scenario to eliminate the invasive species
- Public Comment and Written Testimony (NOTE: Public comment and/or written testimony is to be limited to 3 minutes)
 - No public comment was submitted or given
- Proposed dates and times for next meeting
 - The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for the end of February 2023
 - The Hana Soil and Water Conservation District board agreed that 11:30 AM (HST) might be a better time to hold the board meetings
 - The Hana Board members stated that for the next meeting it might be good to have it in-person in Hana, with a Zoom connection for those unable to attend in person
 - Gerald to follow-up regarding JB's availability to attend the next meeting also
- Adjournment of the Meeting
 - A motion to adjourn the meeting and move to executive session was made by Iwalani Poaipuni
 - The motion was seconded by Claire Kamalu Carroll
 - The motion was voted on and passed unanimously
 - The Hana Soil and Water Conservation District board meeting was adjourned at 12:03 PM

Submitted by



Claire Kamalu Carroll
Secretary/Treasurer

Meeting Recorder: Millie Wagner, Soil and Water Conservation District Administrator