

Olinda-Kula Soil and Water Conservation District Board Meeting
Friday, February 3, 2023, at 1:00 PM

Meeting was held via Zoom

- Meeting Call to Order
 - The Olinda-Kula Soil and Water District board meeting was called to order by Clark Hashimoto, Board Chair at 1:03 PM on Friday, February 3, 2023.
- Roll Call of Those Present at the Meeting
 - Directors present:
 - Clark Hashimoto, Chair
 - Garret Hew, Vice Chair
 - Neil Nakamura, Secretary/Treasurer
 - Alan Nago, 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
 - Ethan Romanchak, Director
- 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 Friday, January 27, 2023
 - Physically posted at the Soil and Water Conservation District Office located at 77 Ho'okele St., Kahului, HI Friday, January 27, 2023
 - Filed with Lt. Governor's Office on Friday, January 27, 2023
 - Mailed or emailed to persons requesting notifications of meetings, postmarked Friday, January 27, 2023 (*Note: Currently there is no one requesting meeting notice.*)
- Reading and Approval of the Minutes from September 29, 2022

- The board members acknowledged that the minutes from the September 29, 2022 board meeting had been received
- A motion to approve the minutes of the September 29, 2022 board meeting was made by Clark Hashimoto
 - The motion was seconded by Alan Nago
 - The motion was voted upon and passed unanimously
- Olinda-Kula Maui Soil and Water Conservation District Treasurer's Report
 - The Olinda-Kula Soil and Water Conservation District board members acknowledged receipt of the Treasurer's report and it will be kept on file
- Olinda-Kula 75th Anniversary Celebration
 - The Olinda-Kula Soil and Water Conservation District was formed on May 2, 1948, and celebrates its 75th Anniversary in May 2023.
 - Discussion of when to hold the celebration since the actual anniversary falls on a Tuesday
 - Suggestions:
 - The Saturday prior to the anniversary date is 4/26/2023
 - The Saturday after the anniversary date is 5/6/2023
 - Suggestion to hold the celebration after work either on Tuesday, 5/2/2023 or Friday, 5/5/2023
 - Clark Hashimoto requested that a committee be formed to determine, the date to hold the celebration, location and whom to invite
 - Clark volunteered to be on the committee. Committee to also include Michelle Watkins, HACD Executive Director and Millie Wagner, Maui SWCD Administrator
 - Committee to meet at the Kahului Field Office
 - Date and time of the first committee meeting to be determined
 - Other Suggestions:
 - Suggestion that this be a small gathering
 - Suggestion of holding it at either Kula Community Center, Pukalani Community Center or Sandalwoods Café and Inn in Kula
 - Suggestion that invitations be sent to other Maui SWCD board members, HACD, Mayor Bissen, Yuki Lee, the NRCS staff at the Kahului Field Office
 - Director Alan Nago stated that he would be off-Island the last week of April through the first week of May
- Maui Soil and Water Conservation District Conservation Specialist Updates by Kelly Butler
 - Poster Contest
 - 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.
 - 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 2022, however, it wasn't as well-attended as the Arbor Day event had been. She felt that this may possibly have been due to the event being held on a Friday instead of a Saturday
- USDA Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS) District Conservationist Report by Gerald Gregory
 - NRCS Updates
 - NRCS is currently in the middle of contracting for EQIP 2023
 - The Upcountry Drought Resiliency which targets much of OKSWCD is still active and we have seen good participation
 - The Maui Livestock and Pastureland Resiliency is a new targeted conservation plan that will also target OKSWCD producers
 - NRCS is planning an Axis Deer initiative for 2024 but details are fuzzy
 - CSP Conservation Plan for Approval
 - A CSP is a 5-year contract, where the client adopts conservation “enhancements” to their operation
 - Due to privacy issues with conservation plans, the board may elect to go into executive session pursuant to section 92-5(a)(3), to discuss and approve these plans
 - No members of the public were present and recording of meeting was turned off at this time for additional privacy
 - Plan 1 for Approval (*Files emailed on 1/13/2023*)
 - Approximate Acres: 17.3
 - Legal Description: TMK: (2)-2-2-0015:007
 - Land Units: TRACT: 168 FIELD(S): 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
 - Director Alan Nago made the motion to approve the plan as presented by Gerald Gregory, NRCS District Conservationist
 - The motion was seconded by Director Garrett Hew
 - The board voted and the motion carried unanimously
 - Board Chair, Clark Hashimoto gave his permission to use his electronic signature on the plan

- 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
 - No date was determined for the next meeting; however, Millie Wagner will send out a poll to determine a date for the next meeting
 - Garrett Hew stated that he will be unavailable during the last week of April through the first week of May

- Adjournment of the Meeting
 - A motion to adjourn the meeting and move to executive session was made by Garret Hew
 - The motion was seconded by Alan Nago
 - The motion was voted on and passed unanimously
 - The meeting was adjourned at 1:36 PM by Clark Hashimoto, Olinda-Kula Soil & Water Conservation District board chair.

Submitted by

Neil Nakamura

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Secretary/Treasurer

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