

MINUTES
PUNA SWCD DIRECTOR'S BOARD MEETING
May 17, 2023
9:30a.m. – virtual via Microsoft office teams

The board meeting of the Puna Soil and Water Conservation District was called to order by Vice Chairperson Aileen Yeh at 9:31am virtually via Microsoft Office teams.

Present:

Directors: Aileen Yeh (AY), Leanne Okamoto (LO), Atto Assi (AA)

Others: Kanoe Lee Loy, Acting District Conservationist; Kevin Burke, Soil Conservationist; Meghan Mulley, Soil Conservationist; Jennifer Reavis, District Secretary/Conservation Aide; Chris Corley, others.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING (9:32a)

Circulated and placed on file. Approved. AY/AA

TREASURER'S REPORT (9:33a)

Given by Leanne. Placed on file. AA/AY

CORRESPONDENCE (9:35a)

*sent via email

NEW COOPERATORS/PLANS/REVISIONS/UPDATES/CANCELLATIONS (9:35a)

A. New Cooperator Approval

1. Kori Hisashima – 1acre. Plans for HTS. Accepted. LO/AA
2. Napualani Jarra - .25ac. Plans for livestock and agroforestry. Accepted. LO/AA
3. Sean Agnew – 16ac. Plans for livestock and agroforestry. Accepted. LO/AA

B. Plan Approval

1. Napualani Jarra – .25 ac. Plans for livestock and agroforestry. Plan approved. LO/AA
2. Sean Agnew – 4ac. Plans for agroforestry. Plan approved. LO/AA
3. Sean Agnew – 12.1ac. Plans for livestock. Plan approved. LO/AA

REPORTS (9:45a)

A. D.C. Report (9:45a) – Acting D.C Kanoe Lee Loy 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.

B. FSA Report (9:52a) - (1) All info that FSA sends via email is forwarded to SWCD directors. (2) Leanne just got back from D.C.. She reported Joy K. is leading a work-group to carry out the NAP program. They discussed a new communication process to notify all FSA employees of press release info before the press goes out to the public. This was discussed and explained in

detail. For more information, contact Leanne.

C. BIRCD Report (9:59a) – (1) Aileen gave an update on the different RC&D projects. (2) Chris reported the work group hasn't met yet regarding the project for the "Homeless Veteran connected w/rehab through agriculture". This is in the works.

D. HACD Report (10:02a)- (1) It was accepted and approved to register Aileen for 3 days, Ollie for the 1st & 3rd day, Leanne for Wednesday only, Atto for 3 days. AY/LO & AA/LO... It was also accepted and approved to pay for Chris Corley to attend the conference for 3 days. AY/LO (2) The voting delegates for the conference will be Aileen Yeh & Atto Assi. Accepted and approved LO/AA (3) Don't forget if anyone has anything for the silent auction, please have them bring it on the 1st day.

E. Reports (10:10a) - (1) District Employee Report - Employees are managing current contracts, going on field visits, working on conservation plans, AgLearn training. Alina is waiting on immigration to clear her work authorization. She may be leaving if this doesn't clear before June 15th.

F. Other New Business (10:13a)

1. Insurance pertaining to the board – insurance is up to date.
2. Conservation Planning was discussed.
3. Cooperator of the Year Dinner meeting invoice – it was accepted and approved to pay the dinner meeting invoice. AA/AY
4. Slate of Officers – it was accepted and approved for the slate of officers to remain the same for another year. LO/AA

Meeting Adjourned at 10:16a

Respectfully submitted,

/s/LEANNE KAMI
Secretary

Recording Secretary: Jennifer Reavis