

KA'U SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
MEETING MINUTES  
July 18th, 2023

The monthly board meeting of the Ka'u Soil and Water Conservation District was called to order by Chairperson John Cross at 8:32 a.m. virtual via Microsoft Teams.

Present were: John Cross (JC), Ka'ohi Mokuahali'i (KM), Brenda Iokepa-Moses (BIM), Directors; Spencer Nagata, Soil Conservationist; Jennifer Reavis, District Secretary/Conservation Aide; Brenda Iokepa-Moses, others.

#### MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Minutes was circulated. Accepted and approved. KM/BIM

Placed on file.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

Given by Ka'ohi. Circulated and placed on file. JC/BIM

#### CORRESPONDENCE

Sent via email.

#### OLD BUSINESS

- A. District Employee Report– (1) Meghan started going on site visits/intakes, finishing up plans, alearn training.
- B. Water Revocable Permit– nothing to report.
- C. Ka'u Flood Study– nothing to report.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- A. D.C. Report - (1) Spencer Nagata is the acting D.C. for the Hilo F.O. (2) Updates on personnel changes, deadlines, project info, presentation, training, emergency programs, Farm Bill update, outreach, etc. was given. (3) There are 2 new interns working in the Hilo field office. (4) There will be a Local Work Group meeting held next week Wednesday at the NRCS Hilo field office conference room at 8:30a.
- B. FSA Report - (1) All info that FSA sends via email is forwarded to SWCD directors.
- C. BIRCD Report - (1) The next meeting will be held on July 28<sup>th</sup>.
- D. HACD Report – (1) Jen reported we were waiting for the last 2 registration payments to come in before

finalizing everything. (2) John mentioned there was a person retiring from DLNR that Michelle had mentioned helped the districts throughout the years. The board agreed to give this person a gift, suggestion was a cutting board with the HACD logo. This was agreed by all.

E. Other New Business

1. Insurance Pertaining to the Board – all insurance premiums are up to date.

2. Conservation Planning – nothing to report

3. Local Work Group Meeting – This will be held on Wednesday 7/25/23 @ 8:30a @ the NRCS Hilo field office conference rom. Ka’ohi will attend.

4. County Conservation Awareness Contest – the Ka’u district will be hosting the CCAC this year. It was suggested to contact the Becker’s to hold the contest there. Jen will contact them to confirm. The contest will be held in October, tentatively Friday, Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>.

The Meeting was adjourned at 9:02 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Tyler Johansen  
Secretary

Recorder: Jennifer Reavis