

KA'U SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MEETING MINUTES
June 6, 2023

The monthly board meeting of the Ka'u Soil and Water Conservation District was called to order by Chairperson John Cross at 8:35 a.m. virtual via Microsoft Teams.

Present were: John Cross (JC), Ka'ohi Mokuahali'i (KM), Tyler Johansen (TJ), Directors; Spencer Nagata, Soil Conservationist; Kevin Burke, Soil Conservationist; Meghan Mulley, Soil Conservationist; Chloe Gallegos, Soil Conservationist; Jennifer Reavis, District Secretary/Conservation Aide; Brenda Iokepa-Moses, others.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING (8:36a)

Minutes was circulated. Accepted and approved. KM/JC

Placed on file.

TREASURER'S REPORT (8:36a)

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

CORRESPONDENCE (8:37a)

Sent via email.

NEW COOPERATOR & CONSERVATION PLAN APPROVAL (8:37a)

1. Ka'u Ocean Vista Coffee Estate LLC – 11.21 acres. Plans for coffee orchard. Accepted as a cooperator and approved conservation plan. KM/TJ
2. Sea Mountain LLC – 304 acres. Plans for pasture improvement, prescribed grazing. Accepted as a cooperator and approved conservation plan. KM/TJ
3. Kaalei Hashimoto – 42 acres. Plans for brush management, reforestation. Accepted as a cooperator and approved conservation plan. KM/TJ
4. Rodney Freitas – 30 acres. *Plans for coffee orchard, irrigation system improvement. Accepted as a cooperator and approved conservation plan. KM/TJ
*Plans for High Tunnel System. Approved. KM/TJ
5. Calvin Louis – 1,000+ acres. Plans for pasture. Accepted as a cooperator and approved conservation plan. KM/TJ
6. Edwayne Kim – 8.3 acres. Plans for brush management, pasture improvement. Accepted as a cooperator and approved conservation plan. KM/TJ

OLD BUSINESS (8:55a)

- A. District Employee Report– (1) Employees are managing current contracts, going on site visits/intakes, assisting with the HACD Annual conference. Alina Abramovich is having problems with her immigration work visa and needs to resign from her position. Her last day is June 15th, 2023.

B. Water Revocable Permit– nothing to report

C. Ka’u Flood Study– All parties went on a site visit & the report is in progress. We will be advised of the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS (8:58a)

A. D.C. Report (8:58a) - (1) Kanoe Lee Loy is the new acting D.C. for the Hilo F.O. Kori was officially selected as the NRCS Asst. Director of Partnerships located in Hilo.

B. FSA Report (8:59a) - (1) All info that FSA sends via email is forwarded to SWCD directors.

C. BIRCD Report (8:59a) - (1) nothing to report

D. HACD Report (9:03a) – (1) HACD Annual Meeting will be held on June 21-23, 2023. It was accepted and approved for Ka’ohi Mokuhalii to be a voting delegate for the HACD annual meeting from June 21 – 23, 2023. TJ/JC It was accepted and approved for John Cross to be a voting delegate for the HACD annual meeting from June 21 – 23, 2023. TJ/KM

E. Other New Business (9:00a)

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

2. Conservation Planning – nothing to report

3. Ka’u SWCD New Director term/slate of officers – Brenda Iokepa-Moses was appointed as a Director for the Ka’u SWCD board to fill the unexpired term of Alexander Williams expiring on June 30, 2025. Accepted and approved. KM/TJ Alexander Williams will remain on the board as an Associate Director. Accepted and approved. KM/TJ It was also accepted and approved for Brenda to attend, open, and lead the HACD Annual Conference on June 21-23, 2023. Accepted and approved. KM/TJ

4. COY annual dinner meeting invoice – it was accepted and approved to pay our COY annual dinner meeting invoice. Accepted and approved. TJ/KM

The Meeting was adjourned at 9:09 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Tyler Johansen
Secretary

Recorder: Jennifer Reavis