

MINUTES  
PUNA SWCD DIRECTOR'S BOARD MEETING  
June 7, 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 Chairperson Oliver English at 9:32am virtually via Microsoft Office teams.

Present:

Directors: Oliver English, OE, Aileen Yeh (AY), Atto Assi (AA), Elton Mow (EM)

Others: Kanoe Lee Loy, Acting District Conservationist; Spencer Nagata, Soil Conservationist; Meghan Mulley, Soil Conservationist; Jennifer Reavis, District Secretary/Conservation Aide;

#### MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Circulated and placed on file. Approved. AA/OE

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

Deferred till next month.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

\*sent via email

#### NEW COOPERATORS/PLANS/REVISIONS/UPDATES/CANCELLATIONS

- A. New Cooperator and/or Conservation Plan Approval
  1. Roberta Mendes – 41.69 ac. Plans for pasture improvement. Accepted as a cooperator and conservation plan approved. OE/AA
  2. Roberta Mendes (Hewett Lease) – 51.9 ac. Plans for pasture improvement. Conservation plan approved. OE/AA
  3. Karin Schlappa – 3 ac. Plans for native habitat & wildlife. Accepted as a cooperator and conservation plan approved. OE/AA
  4. Christian Kort – 15.1 ac. Plans for agroforestry. Plan revised. Approved. OE/AA
  5. Steven Bergfeld – 20 ac. Plans for windbreak. Plan revised. Approved. OE/AA

#### REPORTS

- A. D.C. Report – 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. Kori has accepted a new position as the NRCS Asst. Director for Partnerships. There are 2 new interns working in the Hilo office.
- B. FSA Report - (1) All info that FSA sends via email is forwarded to SWCD directors.
- C. BIRCD Report – nothing to report.

D. HACD Report - (1) We are working hard putting the annual conference together. If anyone has anything for the silent auction, please have them bring it on the 1<sup>st</sup> day.

E. Reports - (1) District Employee Report - Employees are managing current contracts, finishing up current farm bill program plans, going on field visits, completing AgLearn training, assisting Jen with the HACD annual meeting. Alina put in her letter of resignation because her immigration has not cleared.

F. Open Forum – (1) Ollie spoke about the turkey berry being a problem.

G. Other New Business

1. Insurance pertaining to the board – insurance is up to date.
2. Conservation Planning was discussed.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:59a

Respectfully submitted,

/s/LEANNE KAMI  
Secretary

Recording Secretary: Jennifer Reavis