



**Hamakua Soil and Water Conservation District
Board of Directors Meeting
MINUTES**

Date: July 18, 2023 3:00pm
Location: Hilo Federal Building, 154 Waiuanue Ave., Hilo, HI 96720, Room 102 and via teleconference with Waimea NRCS Field Offices, 67-1185 Mamalahoa Highway, Suite H148, Kamuela, HI 96743, and Kukaiau Office, 42-3643 Kukaiau Rd., Paauilo, HI 96776

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order by Chairman Doug Beaton at 3:01pm.
Present: Directors –Douglas Beaton (DB), Shawn Aguiar (SA); Michael Manor (MM); District staff – Chloe Gallegos, Jennifer Reavis; NRCS staff – Kanoë Lee Loy, Spencer Nagata
2. **Welcome, Introductions, and Review of Agenda**
3. **Approval of the Minutes** - Accepted and approved as circulated. SA/DB
4. **Cooperator Activities**
 - a. **New Cooperator and Conservation Plans**
 1. Karl Schneiter – deferred till next meeting.
 2. Noel Ross – 9 acres. Plans for agroforest & native forest. New Cooperator and plan approved. SA/MM
 3. Ruc Van Nguyen – 24 acres. Plans for cover crop in HTS & rotation ground cover. New cooperator and plan approved. SA/MM
5. **Conservation Planner’s Progress Report:** Report given by Chloe – this included but not limited to going on certifications & field visits, Ag Learn training, hands-on OJT, attended a training given by the PMC last week. Chloe has an upcoming meeting with the State Biologist and is working on a invasive species document.
6. **NRCS DC Reports – Hilo and Waimea Field Offices (Nagata/Fujii):**
The monthly report for the Hilo Field Office was given by Spencer who is Acting DC in the Hilo F.O.. Updates on personnel changes, deadlines, project info, presentation, training, emergency programs, Farm Bill update, outreach, etc. was given. All field offices will be closed tomorrow due to Tropical Storm Calvin.
7. **FSA Report: As circulated via e-mail**
8. **Correspondence received**
9. **Treasurer’s Report:** deferred till next meeting.
10. **New Business**
11. **Old Business**
 - a. **HACD Annual Meeting –**
 - The annual meeting was held on 6/21-23/23. It was a good meeting overall. Brenda Iokepa-Moses is the new HACD president. There was discussion about District Employee Vehicle insurance to operate a government vehicle. Chloe spoke to Caleb from NACD and discussed different grants available for SWCD employees.
 - c. **Next Meeting - The next Hamakua SWCD board meeting will be held in August.**

12. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 3:19pm DB/SA

Submitted by:

Michael Manor, Secretary

Date
