

WAIAKEA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Monthly Board Meeting
July 21st, 2023

The monthly board meeting was called to order by Chairperson Leslie Takayama at 9:37a.m. via Microsoft Office Teams.

Present were Leslie Takayama (LT), Susan Litteral (SL), George Mikami (GM)), Sheldon Takajo (ST), Directors; Kanoe LeeLoy, Acting District Conservationist; Jennifer Reavis, Conservation Aide/District Secretary.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Minutes was accepted and approved. Circulated & placed on file. SL/LT

TREASURER'S REPORT

Deferred till next meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

*Sent via email...

NEW COOPERATOR AND PLAN APPROVAL

1. George Azevedo – 12.4 acres. Plans for brush management, pasture improvement. Accepted as a cooperator and conservation plan approved. GM/SL
2. Miranda Parker-Bailey – 2.87 acres. Plans for agroforestry. Accepted as a cooperator and conservation plan approved. SL/GM

OLD BUSINESS

- A. District Employee Report – (1) Meghan is doing intakes, completing AgLearn training, PMC training, finishing up plans and field visits, assisting with planning the upcoming County Conservation Awareness Contest.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. D.C. Report - (1) Kanoe Lee Loy gave the monthly report for the Hilo Field Office. Spencer Nagata is the Acting D.C. Updates on personnel changes, deadlines, project info, presentation, training, emergency programs, Farm Bill update, outreach, etc. was given.
- B. FSA Report - (1) Info was sent to directors via email and circulated in correspondence.
- C. RC&D Report – (1) There will be an upcoming meeting next week Friday.
- D. HACD Report – (1) the HACD annual meeting at KMC ran smoothly. The new HACD President is Brenda Iokepa-Moses. One of the main topics was discussion on vehicle employee insurance. This will be researched and discussed further.

E. Other New Business

1. Insurance pertaining to the board – Directors liability insurance is up to date.
2. Conservation Planning – nothing to report.
3. Subdivision Review
 - a. Jason/Kent Inouye, et al – no comments sent to the County.
 - b. State of Hawaii/Hawaii Health Systems Corp. – no comments sent to the County.
4. Other New Business –
 - Conservation Awareness Contest – will be hosted by the Ka’u SWCD. It was accepted and approved to pay \$175 to the Ka’u SWCD to help defray the cost of the contest. LT/GM
 - East Hawaii Local Work Group Meeting – will be held on Wednesday, July 26th @ 8:30a at the Hilo Field Office conference room.
 - Jen sent pics of the Piihonua Berm after the storm and it’s working properly.
 - The Wailuku/Alenaio inspection tour will be held on September 15th. Jen will coordinate and notify the County DPW highways division.
 - The next monthly board meeting will be held on August 25th @ 9:30a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ George Mikami
Secretary

Recorder: Jennifer Reavis