



Mauna Kea Soil & Water Conservation District

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Agenda for the meeting of Mauna Kea Soil and Water Conservation District

Date: Wednesday, September 20, 2023

Time: 3:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.

Location: In person at USDA-NRCS Waimea Field Office 67-1185 Mamalahoa Hwy
Suite H-148 Kamuela, HI 96743 or online via Microsoft Teams

Start: 3:05p.m.

- I. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Added 1 plan update and 1 cooperator approval

- II. Approval/Review Minutes- 8/9/2023
 - a. approve

- III. Treasurer's report Cellier
 - a. No change to savings account
 - b. No change to UWA and wishard checking
 - c. County checking payroll
 - d. Federal checking Lynker payment LRP
 - e. approved

- IV. Chairman's Report von Holt
 - a. All members present

- V. Committee Report
 - a. None

- VI. Farm Dwelling Review
 - a. None

- VII. Sub-division Review
 - a. None

- VIII. Agreements/Contract Approval
 - a. Cooperative Agreement
 - i. Sally Geiger
 1. Located Hawi
 2. High tunnel for crops, watermelon main crop but have other such as fruit trees and dragon fruit]
 3. Approved



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- ii. Parker Ranch Foundation Trust
 - 1. Located Kohala Mountain Road
 - 2. Forestry project
 - 3. Approved

- iii. Sonny Keakealani
 - 1. Located Ahualoa
 - 2. Grazing
 - 3. Approved

b. Plan Approval

i. Ponooho Ranch

- 1. CRP grassland through FSA
- 2. Prescribe grazing is the practice
- 3. Approved

ii. Parker Ranch Foundation Trust

- 1. 107 acres- WaterSmart Initiative
- 2. Brush management and weed treatment of ginger, guava, night blooming jasmine, ATF
- 3. Manual cut and chemical treatment, no planting
- 4. Approved

c. Plan Revision

d. Plan Update

i. Georgiann Kealoha Jose

- 1. CSP in Nienie
- 2. Prescribe grazing-using body condition score to rank cattle
- 3. Fireweed treatment
- 4. Approved

ii. Jeffrey Todd Allen

- 1. CSP
- 2. Nutrient management for orchard
- 3. Approved

e. Plan Cancellation

IX. Reports, Correspondence and Announcements

a. NRCS

- i. Program update

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1. Soil Con position
2. Soil Con Tech position -TJO
3. Jennifer Higashino is leaving
4. Obligation: 2 CSP, 6 EQIP, 1 WaterSmart, 2 NWQI
5. LWG results
 - a. 44 responses
 - b. Livestock limitation, degraded plant condition, fire management, pest pressure and soil quality are the 5 resource concerns for FY2024
6. All employee meeting
7. NWQI and WaterSmart outreach event on October 16th
8. October 31st and March 11th FY2024 application deadline for programs

- b. Conservation Specialist/Administrative Assistant Fernandez
- i. 5 intakes
 - ii. All employee meeting
 - iii. 1 application for FY2024
 - iv. HACD meeting
 1. REPI & Sentinel landscape funding from NACD to HACD, but HACD will need to decide if they will accept the funding
 2. Talks about district manager but no decision has been made
 3. Liability insurance still in the talks, no clear decision

X. Old Business

- a. New board member
- b. Bank change over completed
- c. Location for cooperator of year
- d. All employee meeting on O‘ahu September 11 to 13
 - i. Pay for own travel, hotel, car accommodation

XI. New Business

- a. Sub-division review updated info.
 - i. Couldn't find anything on file that states what the SWCD comments on, not sure how to advise the comment section
 - ii. As long as the applicant meets county codes for sub-division, the county will approve the application regardless on what the SWCD comments on
- b. Cooperator of the year
 - i. Set up time: 9:00-9:30
 - ii. Table and Chairs: day before
 - iii. Approval to purchase needed items



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iv. Lei: approved \$20.00 a person total \$160.00

- c. All employee update
 - i. Guest speakers, group activities
 - ii. Met a lot of people
 - iii. Work personality test: beaver
 - 1. Like schedules, analytical, detailed, reserved, predictable, practical
 - 2. Tend to be critical, not spontaneous, cautious, avoid tension, fact driven, need things done the right way
 - iv. Break out groups
 - 1. Bunch of questions on how to improve NRCS PIA
 - v. Federal job resume building
- d. Open discussion
 - i. DHHL meeting- have NRCS come and talk about programs

XII. Adjournment

End: 4:08P.M.

To Provide In-Person Testimony:

Attend live at USDA-NRCS Waimea Office, 67-1185 Mamalahoa Hwy Suite H-148, Kamuela, HI 96743.

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