

KA'U SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MEETING MINUTES
October 3, 2023

The monthly board meeting of the Ka'u Soil and Water Conservation District was called to order by Chairperson John Cross at 8:34 a.m. virtual via Microsoft Teams.

Present were: John Cross (JC), Ka'ohi Mokuahali'i (KM), Brenda Iokepa-Moses (BIM), Directors; Spencer Nagata, Acting District Conservationist; Kanoe Lee Loy, Soil Conservationist; Meghan Mulley, Soil Conservationist; Jennifer Reavis, District Supvr/Conservation Aide;

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Minutes was circulated. Accepted and approved. BIM/KM

Placed on file.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Sent via email.

NEW COOPERATOR & CONSERVATION PLAN APPROVAL

1. Briann Jacobs – 38 acres. Plans for pasture improvement. Accepted as a cooperator. Approved conservation plan. KM/BIM

OLD BUSINESS

- A. District Employee Report– (1) Meghan is working on CTA plans. She put together better training materials for the upcoming new planners. Still doing site visits/intakes.
- B. Water Revocable Permit– nothing to report.
- C. Ka'u Flood Study– nothing to report

NEW BUSINESS

- A. D.C. Report - (1) Spencer Nagata is the acting D.C. for the Hilo F.O. (2) Updates on personnel changes, deadlines, project info, presentation, training, emergency programs, Farm Bill update, outreach, etc. was given.
- B. FSA Report - (1) All info that FSA sends via email is forwarded to SWCD directors.

C. BIRCD Report - (1) Nothing to report.

D. HACD Report – (1) A Conservation Specialist was hired to work out of the Hilo field office, Rebecca Delimont. She will assist the East Hawaii SWCD's. Her start date is October 16th.

E. Other New Business

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

2. Conservation Planning – nothing to report

3. County Conservation Awareness Contest – the Ka'u district will be hosting the CCAC this year. It will be held at Phil & Merle Becker's in Naalehu. The contest will be held on October 20, 2023.

4. Naalehu Debris Basin Inspection Tour – a report of our last inspection was sent to DPW.

5. Our annual Christmas Dinner meeting will be held on Thursday, Dec. 7th, @ Fairway Grill restaurant. The district will join the other districts in east Hawaii. The district will pay for staff, Hilo field office, directors and spouses to attend.

The Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Tyler Johansen
Secretary

Recorder: Jennifer Reavis