

MINUTES
PUNA SWCD DIRECTOR'S BOARD MEETING
October 11, 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 9:36am virtually via Microsoft Office teams.

Present:

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

Others: Spencer Nagata, Acting District Conservationist; Jennifer Reavis, District Secretary/Conservation Aide; Chris Corley, others.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Circulated and placed on file. Approved. AY/OE

TREASURER'S REPORT

Deferred.

CORRESPONDENCE

*sent via email

NEW COOPERATOR/ PLAN APPROVAL/REVISION/UPDATE/CANCELLATION

1. Clive Cheetham – 74 acres. Plans for crop production. Plan revised and approved. OE/AA
2. Ka Lokahi Ranch LLC – 30 acres. Already has a grazing operation. Plans for a deep litter piggery. New coop approved and plan approved. AY/AA

REPORTS

A. D.C. Report – the monthly report for the Hilo Field Office was circulated via email. 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) Aileen reported she has signed contracts for funding for Maui disaster.

D. HACD Report - (1) Nothing to report.

E. Reports - (1) District Employee Report – Busy going on intakes, working on EQIP & CTA plans, managing her current conservation plans, going on field visits.

F. Open Forum – (1) Revitalize Puna – part of recovery program @ Billy Kenoi gym in Pahoa.

(2) Farm Bureau convention will be held on October 24th & 25th, 2023

G. Other New Business

1. Insurance pertaining to the board – insurance is up to date.
2. Conservation Planning was discussed.
3. County Conservation Awareness Contest – The Ka'u SWCD will be hosting the contest this year. The contest will be held on October 20th, 2023 @ Phil Becher's place in Naalehu.
4. Annual Christmas Dinner meeting will be held on Thursday, Dec. 7th @ 5:30p.m. at the Fairway Grill Restaurant in Hilo.
5. Animal Control Facility EA proposal – no comments.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:16a

Respectfully submitted,

/s/LEANNE KAMI
Secretary

Recording Secretary: Jennifer Reavis