



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

Date: January 16th, 2024 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 3:10pm. Present: Directors –Doug Beaton (DB), Shawn Aguiar (SA); Dylan Shropshire (DS); District staff – Chloe Gallegos, Rebecca Delimont, Jennifer Reavis; NRCS staff – Laila Jayyousi, Alyssa Fujii; Caleb Griffin, Luly Unemori, others.
2. **Welcome, Introductions, and Review of Agenda**
3. **Approval of the Minutes** - Accepted and approved as circulated. DS/SA
4. **Cooperator Activities**
 - a. **New Cooperator Approval**
 1. Brett Lomont– 10.5ac. Plans for high tunnel system. Accepted. DS/SA
 2. Lichun Huang - 22.4 ac. Plans for reforestation. Accepted. DS/SA
 3. Mahilani Partners – 90 ac. Plans for reservoir, pasture management. Accepted. DS/SA
 4. Jennifer Bach – 11 ac. Plans for pasture management. Accepted. DS/SA
 5. Nahele Ho’ola Corp – 15.6 ac. Plans for native reforestation. Accepted. DS/SA
5. **Subdivn/Change of Zoning/Additional Farm Dwelling Application Reviews**
 - a. **Subdivision Review**
 1. Robert DeRego/ Donna M. Aguilar/ Kelebi Paglinawan – no comments sent to the County.
 2. Sunee Campbell/Lynn Dehmer – no comments sent to the County.
 3. HJC NV Investments LLC – comments sent to the County. “Subdivision is in FEMA Flood Zone AE, and are low-lying areas that have a high risk, because of their proximity to floodplains, rivers and lakes. Please use appropriate engineering designs when developing this subdivision.”
6. **Conservation Planner’s Progress Report:** Report given by Chloe – this included but not limited to doing intakes & field visits, Ag Learn training, hands-on OJT. Completed the qly County report. Assisted with the State Conservation Awareness Contest. Working on EQIP and CTA plans. An update was given

on the "Perimeter Fence for Feral Swine" project. Chloe held an Outreach meeting with district and NRCS staff. Report placed on file.

7. NRCS DC Reports – Hilo and Waimea Field Offices (Jayyousi/Fujii):

The monthly report for the Waimea Field Office was given by Alyssa & for the Hilo Field Office was given by Laila. Updates on personnel changes, deadlines, project info, presentation, training, emergency programs, Farm Bill update, outreach, etc. was given.

8. FSA Report: As circulated via e-mail

9. Correspondence received

10. Treasurer's Report: given by Dylan, placed on file.

11. New Business

a. State Conservation Awareness Contest – Kamehameha High School won first place and will be representing our state in the national contest in Okalahoma City, Oklahoma.

b. NACD Repi discussion – this was discussed in detail by Caleb and Luly. There will be more discussion at the next NACD Repi virtual meeting Q&A session on January 30th @ 11a.

12. Old Business

a. HACD qtly meeting: Still looking into a district vehicle as well as district employee vehicle insurance.

b. Next Meeting: The next Hamakua SWCD board meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 6th. There was discussion on moving the time of the meeting to 5pm. This will be discussed further

13. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 4:05pm SA/DS

Submitted by:

Michael Manor, Secretary

Date
