

KA'U SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MEETING MINUTES
January 16, 2024

The monthly board meeting of the Ka'u Soil and Water Conservation District was called to order by Chairperson John Cross at 8:32 a.m. virtual via Microsoft Teams.

Present were: John Cross (JC), Brenda Iokepa-Moses (BIM), Ka'ohi Mokuahali'i (KM), Directors; Laila Jayyousi, Acting District Conservationist; Meghan Mulley, Soil Conservationist; Rebecca Delimont, Conservationist Specialist; Jennifer Reavis, District Supvr/Conservation Aide; Pono, Luly Unemori, Caleb Griffin, others.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Minutes were circulated and placed on file. JC/BIM

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Sent via email.

CONSERVATION PLAN

1. Alla Kostenko – 21.2 acres. Plans for land clearing, conservation cover. Approved. BIM/KM

OLD BUSINESS

- A. District Employee Report– (1) Meghan is working on EQIP & CTA plans. Will be attending a training session updating Farm Bill program plan forms.
- B. Water Revocable Permit– John will be contacting Ian from DLNR for an update.
- C. Ka'u Flood Study– comments were sent back to NRCS to complete the PIFR. This process may take 3-6months..

NEW BUSINESS

- A. D.C. Report - (1) Laila Jayyousi 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) John spoke about the commission sales of Moaula property being donated to BIRCD 501c3.

D. HACD Report – (1) Bren will be attending the NACD Annual conference will be held in San Diego in February. Meghan is also interested in attending, this was approved based on funding availability. The next annual meeting 2025 will be held in Alaska.

E. Other New Business

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

2. Conservation Planning – nothing to report

3. Subdivision Reviews

- a. James McCully-Ka’u Mahi, LLC/Hawaiian Macadamia Nut Orchards LP – no comments.
- b. Scott & Nancy Murphy – no comments.
- c. Wendy Weldon – no comments.
- d. Travis & Laurel Chase – no comments.

4. State Conservation Awareness Contest – Kamehameha High School won 1st place. Jen is working with the advisor planning for them to represent Hawaii at the National contest in Oklahoma City.

5. NACD Update REPI discussion – Luly Unemori and Caleb Griffin gave a powerpoint presentation and discussed the REPI project in detail. A invite will be sent to the directors for a virtual Q & A/discussion held on January 30th to discuss this project further.

The Meeting was adjourned at 9:18 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Tyler Johansen
Secretary

Recorder: Jennifer Reavis