

MINUTES
PUNA SWCD DIRECTOR'S BOARD MEETING
January 17, 2024
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 9:33am virtually via Microsoft Office teams.

Present:

Directors: Oliver English, (OE), Aileen Yeh (AY), Leanne Kami (LK)

Others: Laila Jayyousi, Acting District Conservationist; Rebecca Dellimont, Conservation Specialist; Jennifer Reavis, District Secretary/Conservation Aide; Caleb Griffin, Luly Unemori, Pono others.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Circulated and placed on file. Approved. OE/AY

TREASURER'S REPORT

Circulated and placed on file. Approved. OE/AY

CORRESPONDENCE

*sent via email

REPORTS

A. D.C. Report – the monthly report for the Hilo Field Office was give by Acting DC Laila Jayyousi. This was also 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) nothing to report.

D. HACD Report - (1) The upcoming NACD Annual meeting will be held on February 10th – 15th in San Diego. Meghan showed an interest in attending this meeting. It was accepted and approved for Meghan to attend. OE/LK

E. Reports - (1) District Employee Report – Busy going on intakes, working on EQIP & CTA plans, managing her current conservation plans, going on field visits. The district planners will be attending a training today updating farm bill program forms.

G. Other New Business

1. Insurance pertaining to the board – insurance is up to date.

2. Conservation Planning was discussed.

3. State Conservation Awareness Contest – Kamehameha High School from Keaau won the state contest. Jen is working with Lorinda Forster (KS advisor) on sending them to the National contest in Oklahoma City in March/April. If they are able to attend, they will be representing Hawaii.

4. Subdivision Reviews

- a. Graphic Images Hawaii, Inc. – no comments sent to the County
- b. Freedom Land Solutions LLC – no comments sent to the County
- c. Dana Carvalho/Wayne Blythe – no comments sent to the County
- d. Britian, Andrew, Danielle Cole & Andrew White– no comments sent to the County
- e. Celeste Elson, Puanani, Seyfert, Kehaulani Pickering, Deborah Uilani Chartrand Tr., Mali Eurich – no comments sent to the County
- f. S. Holt/Mark Atterbury– no comments sent to the County
- g. Ikkyuji/Hawaii Farm & Gardens LLC/Unzan T.H. Pfennig – no comments sent to the County
- h. Paul & Pamela Kruse– no comments sent to the County
- i. Valerie Nevo Tr. – no comments sent to the County
- j. Roger & Anne Robinson/U.S. Bank Nat’l Assoc. – no comments sent to the County

5. NACD Update on Bid Island SWCD REPI Discussions – this was explained by Luly Unemori and Caleb Griffin in detail. There will be a Q&A session to followup on these topics that were discussed today. This will be held virtual on January 30th. An email/invite was sent to all directors.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:12a

Respectfully submitted,

/s/LEANNE KAMI
Secretary

Recording Secretary: Jennifer Reavis