

MINUTES
PUNA SWCD DIRECTOR'S BOARD MEETING
March 13, 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 9:30am virtually via Microsoft Office teams.

Present:

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

Others: Kanoe Lee Loy, District Conservationist; Meghan Mulley, Soil Conservationist; Rebecca Delimont, Conservation Specialist; Jennifer Reavis, District Secretary/Conservation Aide; Chris Corley, others.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Circulated and placed on file. Approved. OE/EM

TREASURER'S REPORT

Circulated and placed on file. Approved. OE/EM

CORRESPONDENCE

*Sent via email

COOPERATOR PLAN UPDATES/CANCELLATIONS

1. Russell Nakao – 99.9 acres. Still actively ranching. Reviewed and approved. OE/AY
2. Mark Nierode – 20 acres. Still actively farming. Reviewed and approved. OE/AY
3. Roddy Nagata – 50 acres. Still actively ranching. Reviewed and approved. OE/AY
4. Roddy Nagata – 86.6 acres. (Pukalani) property sold. Plan Cancelled. OE/AY
5. Jim Nabers – 20 acres. No longer lease property. Cooperator and plan cancelled. OE/AY

REPORTS

A. D.C. Report – the monthly report for the Hilo Field Office was given by the new DC for the Hilo Field Office Kanoe Lee Loy. 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) There was a BIRCD annual meeting. Chris reported on what was discussed and gave an update on the different projects. (2) It was accepted and approved to pay the BIRCD dues (\$200). OE/EM

D. HACD Report - (1) There was a quarterly meeting. Discussion is still ongoing about district employee vehicle liability insurance. The upcoming HACD Annual meeting will be held on Kauai on June 26th-28th. Lodging is limited. Please let Jen know if you would like to attend to reserve lodging.

E. Reports - (1) District Employee Report – Busy going on intakes, working on EQIP & CTA plans, managing her current conservation plans, going on field visits. Attended the NACD Annual meeting in San Diego. Attending training sessions and outreach.

G. Other New Business

1. Insurance pertaining to the board – insurance is up to date.
2. Conservation Planning was discussed.
3. Subdivision Reviews - none

Meeting Adjourned at 9:48a

Respectfully submitted,

/s/LEANNE KAMI
Secretary

Recording Secretary: Jennifer Reavis