

KA'U SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MEETING MINUTES
April 2, 2024

The monthly board meeting of the Ka'u Soil and Water Conservation District was called to order by Chairperson John Cross at 8:31 a.m. virtual via Microsoft Teams.

Present were: John Cross (JC), Brenda Iokepa-Moses (BIM), Ka'ohi Mokuahali'i (KM), Directors; Kanoe Lee Loy, Acting District Conservationist; Meghan Mulley, Soil Conservationist; Brittany Camp, Conservationist Specialist; Jennifer Reavis, District Supvr/Conservation Aide;

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Minutes were circulated and placed on file. BIM/KM

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Sent via email.

CONSERVATION PLAN UPDATE

1. Precy Nazaire – Jen will mail a plan update letter requesting a reply. If there is no response, we will cancel it at the next board meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. District Employee Report– (1) Given by Meghan. She is working on EQIP & CTA plans, Farm Bill applications. Continuing with intakes and field visits, training and outreach. (2) Went out to Melchor Fernandez place & surrounding lots to look at the diversion ditches. A letter will be sent out to surrounding landowners notifying them to repair or upkeep with diversion ditches.
- B. Water Revocable Permit–no updates.
- C. Ka'u Flood Study– Jen will follow-up with John Matthews (NRCS) for an update.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. D.C. Report - (1) Kanoe gave the report for the Hilo Field Office. She gave an update on personnel changes, deadlines, project info, presentation, training, emergency programs, Farm Bill update, outreach, etc. was given. Round 3 has opened up for the Farm Bill program.

B. FSA Report - (1) All info that FSA sends via email is forwarded to SWCD directors. (2) Beware of scams going around, people impersonating FSA staff members.

C. BIRCD Report - (1) There will be a meeting coming up. John reported on the funding of the different projects.

D. HACD Report – (1) The NACD Regional meeting will be held in Alaska this year. (2) The HACD Annual meeting will be held on Kauai @ the Waimea Plantation Resort on June 26-28, 2024. Brenda will be attending.

E. Other New Business

1. Insurance Pertaining to the Board – all insurance premiums are up to date.
2. Conservation Planning – nothing to report

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Tyler Johansen
Secretary

Recorder: Jennifer Reavis