

MINUTES
PUNA SWCD DIRECTOR'S BOARD MEETING
April 10, 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), Atto Assi (AA), Elton Mow (EM)

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

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Circulated and placed on file. Approved. OE/AA

TREASURER'S REPORT

Deferred till next meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

*Sent via email

REPORTS

A. D.C. Report – the monthly report for the Hilo Field Office was given by District Conservationist 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) Chris reported she attended the BIRCD Puna revitalized event. There was about 500 people who attended. (2) Aileen circulated the Hala Festival info to be held at Maku'u market on May 18th.

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. Jen will also check to see if this conference will be available via Zoom for those who are not able to travel.

E. Reports - (1) District Employee Report – Busy going on intakes, working on EQIP & CTA plans, managing her current conservation plans, going on field visits, doing outreach. Meg spoke about the grant received for perimeter fencing for \$400,000. Applicants with ag related

operations/producers can apply.

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