

**Hamakua Soil and Water Conservation District
Board of Directors Meeting
MINUTES**

Date: January 6, 2026 3:00pm

Location:

Waimea NRCS Field Offices, 67-1185 Mamalahoa Highway Suite H148, Kamuela, HI 96743, and via teleconference with Hilo Federal Building, 154 Waiuanue Ave., Hilo, HI 96720, Room 328

- 1. Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order by Chairman Doug Beaton at 3:03 pm.
Present: Directors- Doug Beaton (DB), Kea Keolanui (KK), Dylan Shropshire (DS); District staff – Chloe Gallegos
- 2. Welcome, Introductions, and Review of Agenda**
- 3. Approval of the Minutes** - Accepted and approved as circulated. DB/DS
- 4. Cooperator Activities - Accepted and approved DS/KK**
 - A. Kaa Homestead Ranch- New cooperator
 - B. Raymond Lorenzo DBA RK Farms- New cooperator
- 5. Subdvn/Change of Zoning/Add'l. Farm Dwelling Application Reviews**
 - a. PL-SUB-2025-000376: Camille Deubel Mahuna, Scott K.S. Collins: No comments
 - b. PL-SUB-2025-000377: Skilled Services, LLC/Thomas James Viernes & Kristin Ann Rogler: No comments
 - c. PI-SUB-2025-000378: Hilo Orchard Farm, LLC: Letter to be sent
- 6. Conservation Planner's Progress Report:**
 - Perimeter Fence Program- All selected producers have received NEPA clearances, Doug to sign after meeting. Chloe and Meghan will work to collect any additional documents needed and upload for NACD.
 - CTA plans update
 - Laulima Cost-Share Program, drat MOA received and reviewed
 - 2025 Feral Swine Eradication Program: APHIS reached out to Chloe to assist with proposal. Deadline to apply is January 8, 2026.
- 7. NRCS DC Reports – Hilo and Waimea Field Offices (Fujii & Nagata):**
No DC update
- 8. FSA Report: As circulated via e-mail**
- 9. Correspondence received**
- 10. Treasurer's Report:** Dylan shared financial status of all accounts.

11. New Business

- a) HACD sent comments in regards to NRCS/SWCD MOA and UCA for review for the board

12. Old Business

- a) HACD Legislative Committee: Green Fee program, looking for 1 director from each island to participate in committee
- b) HACD Island VP- Doug Beaton, confirmed
- c) UH/CTAHR Seeds of Wellbeing Podcast, Doug Beaton to be interviewed
- d) 2026 HACD Annual Meeting survey, sent by HACD for annual meeting to be held in Waikoloa, Hawaii Island June 24-26, 2026
- e) NRCS-SWCD Unfunded MOA
 - a. Draft for review sent
 - b. Questions/concerns to be forwarded to Kori Hisashima
 - c. Need to define 20% for the office, employee workload, and NRCS need
 - d. Funded agreements may be through NACD moving forward through TA grant
 - e. Board to review and discuss

13. Open Forum

13. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 3:36 pm **DS/KK**

Submitted by:

Michael Manor, Secretary

Date
