

WEST KAUA'I SWCD MONTHLY MEETING

West Kauai
Soil & Water Conservation District



DATE: Tuesday, July 16, 2019
TIME: 3:00 PM
LOCATION: National Tropical Botanical Garden's Education Center
Lawa'i, Kaua'i

AGENDA

- I. CALL TO ORDER** – Acting Chair
- II. REVIEW OF AGENDA:** (Additions/Deletions/Changes)
- III. REVIEW/ACCEPT MINUTES:** 6/11/19
- IV. TREASURER'S REPORT:** 7/16/19
- V. CORRESPONDENCE**
- VI. REVIEW NEW COOPERATOR AGREEMENTS & CONSERVATION PLANS**
 - A. One new Conservation Plan
- VII. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
 - A. Garden Island RC&D - Gary
- VIII. NEW BUSINESS:**
 - A. NRCS Report – Jenna Dunn, District Conservationist
 - B. Conservation Specialist Reports – John Nelson & Jenni Scotti
- IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
 - A. Ted Kornecki, USDA
 - B. Tshirts – new logo
- X. OTHER BUSINESS**
 - A. HACD Conference
 - B. NRCS Grant
 - C. Peter's Retirement
- XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS**
 - A. Hawaii Floriculture & Nursery Association Wedding Floral Design and Tour – 7/17-7/18
 - B. Summer Series Part 2 – Piggeries – 7/20, Kauai Community College, TBA
 - C. Annual Farm Bureau Meeting – 7/21
 - D. Kauai Farm Fair – 8/15-8/18
 - E. Annual Picnic – 9/14 at Niumalu Park at 3PM
 - F. Make a Splash and Project WET – 9/20

NEXT MEETING DATE: Tuesday, August 20, 2019 3:00 PM at NTBG Education Center

XII. ADJOURNMENT

INDIVIDUALS REQUESTING SPECIAL ASSISTANCE OR AUXILIARY AIDS OR SERVICES (e.g., sign language interpreter, wheel chair accessibility, or parking designated for the disabled) AT THE DISTRICT SWCD MEETING, PLEASE CONTACT STAFF AT LEAST 72-HOURS PRIOR TO THE MEETING AT (808) 245-9014 SO THAT ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE.



The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. at the National Tropical Botanical Garden with a quorum.

- I. PRESENT: Directors:** David Smith; Adam Killermann; Blaise Boyle, Jon Ching
Associate Directors: Bailey Clay; Umi Martin
Others: John W. Nelson, HACD Conservation Specialist; Rebekah Magers, District Assistant
- II. REVIEW OF AGENDA:** Deletion of IV. – A. One new conservation plan. David wanted to add X. Other Business – D. Funds for Deep & Dry Litter Livestock Systems workshop.
- III. REVIEW NEW COOPERATOR AGREEMENTS & CONSERVATION PLANS:** none
- IV. MINUTES:** Blaise made a motion to accept the minutes, David seconded; the motion was unanimously accepted.
- V. TREASURER'S REPORT:** David went over the Treasurer's report for May and June.
- VI. CORRESPONDENCE:** The correspondence folder was passed around. Jenna's NRCS report and Jenni's Conservation Specialist report were in the correspondence folder.
- VII. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
A. Garden Island RC&D Report: none
- VIII. NEW BUSINESS:**
A. NRCS Report: Jenna gave her report for June/July:
- **General**
 - Mauai DC- Jill Ficke-Beaton has been selected to permanently fill the position. Wendy Rash will be Acting DC until Jill's start date of 8/18/2019
 - American Samoa DC- To be announced. Brandon Todd has assumed the role of Acting DC.
 - Cultural Resource Specialist- Brian Wallace has been selected, his start date was 5/26/2019
 - State Agronomist- No word on who will be acting next or when position will be filled.
 - Assistant Director for Programs- Chad Cherefko will fill the position, his start date was 5/28/2019
 - Assistant Director for Partnerships- this is a new position for PIA. Susan Kubo will fill this position
 - Assistant Director of Technology- This position used to be held by Tony Ingersoll, however he retired on 7/3/19. No word on when it will be advertised.
 - **Farm Bill Programs**
 - EQIP FY19-
 - Kauai had 5 additional applications selected for per-approval totaling approximately \$159,948 in additional funds. This will bring the Kauai FY 19 total to around \$627,052.00
 - PIA requested more funding and received approximately \$7mill.
 - CSP FY19
 - 4 applications submitted- 3 on cropland and one grazing
- B. Conservation Specialist Reports:**
1. Jenni Scotti's report for 7/16/19:

- **Trainings / Meetings / Learning**
 - HACD meeting in Molokai
 - Mahalo for the opportunity to go
 - **Plans / field visits**
 - Planning
 - Site visits with 7 clients, 1 new client
 - Planning and follow-up with 15 clients
 - Worked on 3 practice completion check-outs
 - Completed 3 plans and mostly finished 1 plan
 - **Outreach**
 - Summer Outreach Series – The office is working together to put on trainings throughout the summer:
 - Livestock Waste Management July 20th 2pm (John!)
 - Diversify agricultural production: Agroforestry – August
 - Soil Health – September
 - 3 days, Livestock, Farms & Students
 - POSTER CONTEST
 - Letters will be sent out by early August
 - Deadline is September 23rd
 - Theme – Life in the Soil: Dig Deeper
 - CAP CONTEST
 - Letters will be sent out early August
 - One day of the soil health workshop will be for High School students with information on the CAP contest
 - **Misc/News/upcoming events/future projects/goals**
 - Working on CTA and new clients
 - Working with CSP applicants
 - Working on additional EQIP selections
2. John Nelson's report for 7/16/19:
- Working with client and the deep litter piggery project ensuring a successful program fulfillment.
 - Obtaining signatures for completion of projects for payment.
 - Following through with my other clients and their projects.
 - Acquired my first Conservation Stewardship Program sign-up.
 - Continue to work with my clients and their projects.
 - Confirming bootcamp in Lincoln, Nebraska in October.
 - Preparing for Livestock Waste Management Workshop July 20, 2019
 - HACD Conference Molokai
 - CAP Contest (Reaching out to High Schools)

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. Ted Kornecki:** Rebekah gave an update on where the Districts were at in bringing Mr. Kornecki to Kauai. She was able to reach out to Jayme at HARC about the opportunity to bring his equipment to Kauai. Adam was interested in a list of what equipment HARC had. The Directors discussed the best land size and uses for implementing small scale equipment such as the BCS walk behind tractor. Blaise emphasized how sunn hemp works for their operation because they have the equipment to terminate and manage it. He recommended that various different cover crops be planted during the demonstration workshop so that others can see the pros and cons of other varieties. Rebekah talked about the timeline for bringing Mr. Kornecki to do a workshop. November is the best time for Mr. Kornecki and seems to be the easiest for the Districts after the Summer Series, Farm Fair, and program deadlines have passed. There was interest in the GoFarm Kauai site at KCC being a possible venue, as a central location and for demonstration purpose. It was recommended that the equipment be shipped to Kauai a month in advance (October). Rebekah will put together a draft budget to present at the next meeting for a possible workshop with Mr. Kornecki and his equipment in November.
- B. Tshirts – new logo:** Rebekah gave an update on the logo and issues with having it embroidered. The office will work on finding a graphic designer and bringing the new logo designs to the next meeting once they are available.

X. OTHER BUSINESS:

- A. HACD Conference:** Photos were in the Correspondence folder. John gave a brief report during his HACD report. Rebekah let everyone know that Peter had a great time and received many plumeria leis for his retirement as well as a gift from HACD.
- B. NRCS Grant:** Rebekah gave an update about the grant and how the Districts had been awarded the full amount of the grant. The funds will support FY2020-2023.
- C. Peter's Retirement:** David brought up combining the party with the Annual Picnic in September.
- D. Funds for Deep & Dry Litter Livestock Systems workshop:** David made a motion to split the cost (with East Kauai SWCD) of the flight for Joanna Nobriga to come to Kauai for the Deep & Dry Litter Livestock workshop, Blaise seconded; the motion was unanimously accepted. The price of the ticket was \$275.
- E. Vetiver Subcommittee meeting dates:** David made a recommendation of adding more times to the meeting dates so that the committee could meet after 4pm.

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NEXT MEETING DATE:

WHEN: September 9, 2019 at 3:00 PM

WHERE: NTBG Education Center, Lawai

There being no further business the meeting ended at 4:08 pm. Written by Rebekah Magers, District Assistant.