

# WEST KAUA'I SWCD MONTHLY MEETING



DATE: Tuesday, September 18, 2018  
TIME: 3:00 PM  
LOCATION: National Tropical Botanical Garden's Education Room  
Lawa'i, Kaua'i

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## AGENDA

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- I. **CALL TO ORDER** - Peter
- II. **REVIEW OF AGENDA:** (Additions/Deletions/Changes)
- III. **REVIEW/ACCEPT MINUTES:** 7/17/18
- IV. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** 9/18/2018
- V. **CORRESPONDENCE**
- VI. **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
  - A. Garden Island RC&D - Gary
  - B. Review New Cooperator Agreements & Conservation Plans – District Board
- VII. **NEW BUSINESS:**
  - A. NRCS Report – Jenna Dunn, District Conservationist
  - B. Conservation Specialist Report – John Nelson & Jenni Scotti
- VIII. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
  - A. Advertising in Garden Isle/Midweek
  - B. EWKSWCD Website
- IX. **OTHER BUSINESS**
  - A. Water Conservationist of the Year 2018 – Award Ceremony in October
  - B. Award Recognition Dinner Planning – November
  - C. New Community Involvement Projects/Workshops
- X. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**
  - A. Annual Picnic – 9/29

**NEXT MEETING DATE: Tuesday, October 16, 2018 at 3 pm**

## XI. 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 3:10 p.m. at the National Tropical Botanical Garden with a quorum.

**PRESENT:**

**Directors:** Peter Tausend, (Presiding); David Smith; Adam Killermann; Blaise Boyle

**Associate Directors:** Gary Ueunten

**Others:** Jenni Scotti, Conservation Specialist; John Nelson, HACD Conservation Specialist; Rebekah Magers, District Assistant; Jon Ching, Kauai Coffee

**REVIEW OF AGENDA:** Additons: IIV. New Business, A. Associate Director – Jon Ching; IX. Unfinished Business, D. Poster Contest

**MINUTES:** Adam motioned/ Blaise seconded to approve the Minutes from 7/17/18; the motion was unanimously accepted.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** David presented the Treasurer's Report for 9/18/18 to be placed on file.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Peter distributed the correspondence folder.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**A. Garden Island RC&D Report:** August report found in correspondence.

**B. Review New Cooperator Agreements & Conservation Plans:** none

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Associate Director – Jon Ching,** worked at Kauai Coffee for 10 years and is currently the Orchards Operation Manager for the 3000 acres.

Peter made a motion to onboard Jon Ching as new Associate Director, Blaise seconded to approve; motion was unanimously accepted.

**B. NRCS Report:** Jenna Dunn's report for Lihue Field Office August/September 2018:

**1. General**

a. Maui DC- Ceilie Bornadal will report for duty on Maui soon.

b. Waimea DC- Position was advertised incorrectly and will be re-advertised.

c. Area Resource Conservationist (ARC)- selection has been made and offer accepted. No word on when they will report for duty.

**2. Farm Bill Programs**

a. FY18 EQIP- All 12 applications that were selected for funding are now officially EQIP contracts. Total obligated was \$400,211.00. (295 acres covered)

b. FY18 AMA- Two applications were selected for funding totaling \$34,117

c. CSP- Conservation Stewardship Program- both applications were selected for funding totaling \$11,072.00

d. WLWL- Working lands for wildlife. 1 application to enhance and protect Nene habitat.

e. EQIP Disaster- short sign up offering limited practices to be held. Aim is to address impacts from recent disasters.

f. EQIP FY19- Sign up deadline will be sometime in February 2019

**3. Outreach**

a. Piggeries- 2 sessions, one on the east/north side one on the west side. Turnout was low but those who came were engaged and participated in discussion

- b. Thai cropland farmers- 9/29 @ 4pm in the Grove Farm conference room. Focus will be on promoting Farm Bill programs and increasing technical knowledge of windbreak, irrigation, and high tunnel systems. DC will be the lead.

### C. Conservation Specialist Report:

#### 1. Jenni Scotti's report for 9/18/18

- Trainings / Meetings / Learning
  - Conservation Planning boot camp training in Nebraska (See pictures)
    - Trainees and instructors came from 21 states
    - Enjoyed seeing the perspective from different planning areas as well as the different strategies for various resource concerns
    - Thank you to HACD, East and West Kauai SWCD, NACD and NRCS
- Plans / field visits
  - Site visits with Carl (NRCS engineer)
    - Presented completed designs and inventory for upcoming designs for 5 contracted plans
    - Inventory for 3 potential upcoming applications
  - Planning
    - Site visits with 12 client
    - Planning and follow up with 14 clients
    - Practice completion documents for 3 clients
- Outreach
  - Farm Fair
    - Interacted with several people, mostly those with miscellaneous gardening questions but talked to at least 2 agricultural producers.
  - POSTER CONTEST
    - School presentations - 5 visits with a total of 24 classes and over 425 students
      - 21 classes have officially signed up with 365 students
      - State contest will be held in November
      - Kauai County deadline is September 24th.
      - Pre-judging will take place October 8th-12th
      - Anyone can come in office to help, please call ahead to make sure someone is in.
    - Final judging will take place Tuesday October 16th at 2:30pm at NTBG before the West Kauai meeting. All are invited, snacks will be provided!
    - Talked to Kukui Grove, they want to work with us again this year
    - We will have a presentation in November for the winning students and we will attempt to work with Dennis and Kukui Grove to get it in the paper.
    - Posters will most likely be up the week before Thanksgiving.
  - CAP CONEST
    - We did not have anyone sign up for the advisor meeting
    - The new Kauai High teacher has decided not to participate this year.

- We will work on getting individual meetings with principals and teachers, but most likely we will not host an island contest this year.
  - Contest date is tentatively November 2nd
  - State contest is November 16th
  - Misc/News/upcoming events/future projects/goals
    - Working on continued planning, catching-up on CTA planning, Practice check-outs for 2018.
    - Project WET and all other outreach for this time of the year
    - Classes start again for the year.
2. John Nelson's report for 9/18/18
- Working on C-52 and completing CPTN-1
  - Getting ready for the volunteer "make a splash" festival
  - I was given a few more visit tasks/checkouts and client meetings
  - I have completed one more AgLearn assignment
  - Working client folders and producer packets
  - Piggery workshop update

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- A. Advertising in Garden Isle/Midweek:** Discussed rates for each publication – Midweek & For Kauai. Decided to try and contact newspapers to run an article about the assistance the Districts offer before proceeding with an ad. The idea of a 30-60 second Conservation Clip on KKCR was mentioned.
- B. EWKSWCD Website:** Rate for website domain was presented.

Adam motioned for splitting cost of website and domain hosting from Wix.com with EKSWCD, Blaise seconded, motion was unanimously accepted.

### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

- A. Water Conservationist of the Year 2018:** no nominees brought forward at this time
- B. Award Recognition Dinner Planning – November:** Date: November 30, 2018;  
Location: Wong's or Hookipa at Puakea; Time: 6:30pm. Rebekah to see about venue, menu and pricing.
- C. New Community Involvement Projects/Workshops:** Rebekah presented ideas for new trainings/workshops and other community involvement projects:
- **Workshops/Training**  
Cover crop field day with information on various types, timing and combinations  
Fruit tree pruning  
Dryland and wetland kalo systems with water quality and conservation emphasized  
Beneficial insects
  - **Sales**  
Native plant sale

Tree sale  
Pollinator seed sales  
Equipment rental

Ideas will be discussed again at next month's meeting. Gary mentioned partnering with RC&D or collaborating with other organizations like the Native Plant Society, who currently have their own events/projects.

- D. Poster Contest:** Deadline is September 24. Posters will be prejudged in office and brought to next WKSWCD meeting, 10/16. Directors are encouraged to come early at 2:30pm for judging prior to meeting or stop by the office to pre-judge, 10/9-10/12

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- A. Annual Picnic – 9/29:** Signup sheet for food was passed around and drinks will be provided by WKSWCD.

**NEXT MEETING DATE:**

**WHEN: 2:30 pm, October 16, 2018**

**WHERE: National Tropical Botanical Garden, Education Room**

There being no further business the meeting ended at 4:31 pm. Written by Rebekah Magers, District Assistant