

WEST KAUA'I SWCD MONTHLY MEETING



DATE: Tuesday, November 20, 2018
TIME: 3:00 PM
LOCATION: National Tropical Botanical Garden's Education Room
Lawa'i, Kaua'i

AGENDA

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** - Peter
- II. **REVIEW OF AGENDA:** (Additions/Deletions/Changes)
- III. **REVIEW/ACCEPT MINUTES:** 9/18/18
- IV. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** 10/16/2018 & 11/20/18
- V. **CORRESPONDENCE**
- VI. **REVIEW NEW COOPERATOR AGREEMENTS & CONSERVATION PLANS**
 - A. Conservation Plan Presentations (2)
- VII.. **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
 - A. Garden Island RC&D - Gary
- VIII. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - A. NRCS Report – Jenna Dunn, District Conservationist
 - B. Conservation Specialist Report – John Nelson & Jenni Scotti
- IX. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
 - A. New Community Involvement Projects/Workshops
- X. **OTHER BUSINESS**
 - A. Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCP) - NRCS
- XI. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**
 - A. Annual Award Dinner – November 30, 6:30pm at Ho'okipa, Lihu'e

NEXT MEETING DATE: Tuesday, December 18, 2018 at 3 pm

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 3:20 p.m. at the National Tropical Botanical Garden with a quorum.

PRESENT:

Directors: David Smith; Adam Killermann; Blaise Boyle

Associate Directors: Jon Ching

Others: Jenni Scotti, Conservation Specialist; John Nelson, HACD Conservation Specialist; Rebekah Magers, District Assistant; Jill Suga; Umi Martin

REVIEW OF AGENDA: Move **IV. REVIEW NEW COOPERATOR AGREEMENTS & CONSERVATION PLANS** up on agenda. Remove **X. OTHER BUSINESS, A. Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP)** and add **A. Water Conservationist Award 2018 Nominees.**

REVIEW NEW COOPERATOR AGREEMENTS & CONSERVATION PLANS:

Jill Suga presented her Conservation Plan for her farm Under Da Mango Tree.

Blaise made a motion to approve the plan/Adam seconded.

Motion was unanimous, Adam signed the plan.

Umi Martin presented his Conservation Plan for his farm.

Blaise made a motion to approve the plan/David seconded.

Motion was unanimous, Adam signed the plan.

MINUTES: David motioned/ Blaise seconded to approve the Minutes from 9/18/18; the motion was unanimously accepted.

TREASURER'S REPORT: David presented the Treasurer's Report for 11/20/18 to be placed on file.

CORRESPONDENCE: Adam distributed the correspondence folder.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Garden Island RC&D Report: October's report is in correspondence folder. Annual Board Meeting is on December 3. Invitation flyer is in correspondence.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. NRCS Report: Jenna Dunn's report for Lihue Field Office October/November 2018:

1. General

- Maui DC- Candidate who was selected decided not to take the position. Effective 11/24 Kauai DC will act as DC for Kahului office until position is filled.
- Waimea DC- Position was advertised. Interviews are being conducted today.
- Area Resource Conservationist (ARC)- Morri-Ann Nagata has been selected.
- Cultural Resource Specialist – Position has been advertised, interviews have not yet been conducted.
- Assistant Director for Programs – will be vacant on 1/5/2019. Position has not been advertised yet.
- Assistant Director for Technology- will be vacant on 1/5/2019. Position has not been advertised yet.

2. Farm Bill Programs

- EQIP FY19 - Sign up deadline will be 12/21/18. Kauai currently has approximately 22 applications.

3. Outreach

- World Soil Day- WSD is 12/5, but we will be celebrating on 12/1 at the KCC Farmers Market with the help of CTAHR and Master Gardners

Jenni also discussed office workload and priorities regarding Conservation Plans, technical assistance, and grading and grubbing exemptions. A Conflict of Interest letter was addressed.

B. Conservation Specialist Report:

1. Jenni Scotti's report for 11/20/18

A. Trainings / Meetings / Learning

- a. Banana bunchy top and micropropagation workshop

B. Plans / field visits

- a. Planning
 - i. Site visits with 3 clients
 - ii. Planning and follow up with 13 clients
 - iii. General assistance with 4 people
 - iv. Completed 3 plans

C. Outreach

- a. Pink Pineapple Day
 - i. Planted pineapples with girls from grades 2-8
- b. POSTER CONTEST
 - i. Please vote for the State contest, if you did not get the e-mail let us know and we can forward it to you.
 - ii. We will be hanging them up at Kukui Grove next week.
 - iii. Presentation with the students end of the month, we will send and invite to directors once we have the date
 - iv. See correspondence
- c. International Soils Day
 - i. December 1st at the KCC Farmers Market
 - ii. Soils Texture, Soil Health Info, Painting with Soils, CAP Contest Info
- d. CAP CONEST
 - i. Spring Soils Day (March)
- e. Girl Scouts STEM day

D. Misc/News/upcoming events/future projects/goals

- a. New computer so compatible to updated programs
- b. CTA workload, trying to get as much done as possible before focusing on applications
- c. Possibly working on an Agroforest workshop

2. John Nelson's report for 11/20/18

- I have been on multiple site visits and follow up with clients about potential practices.
- I am working on multiple clients CPTN-1 and CPA-52's.
- I am getting more familiar with entering practices with Toolkit 10.
- I am helping Jenni with the poster contest and setting up at Kukui Grove mall.
- Getting information and vetting the information to present at CTAHR piggery workshop next week.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. New Community Involvement Projects/Workshops:** A handout with a list of possible projects was presented. There was interest in tree pruning and agroforestry workshop. The focus and audience of projects was discussed.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- A. Water Conservationist Award 2018 Nominees:** The East SWCD nominated the Kauai Emergency Management Agency (KEMA) and the community of Kauai for the efforts during the historic floods this year. West SWCD agreed to join the East SWCD in acknowledging KEMA and the community of Kauai.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. Annual Award Dinner – November 30, 2018, 6:30 at Ho'okipa Cafe**

NEXT MEETING DATE:

WHEN: 2:30 pm, December 18, 2018

WHERE: National Tropical Botanical Garden, Education Room

There being no further business the meeting ended at 4:25 pm. Written by Rebekah Magers, District Assistant.