

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

DATE: Monday, July 9, 2018
TIME: 2:00 PM
LOCATION: State Department of Health Conference, 3040 Umi St., Lihue

AGENDA

- I. ROLL CALL – Ed
 - II. CALL TO ORDER – Ed
 - III. REVIEW OF AGENDA (Additions/Deletions/Changes)
 - IV. REVIEW/ACCEPT MINUTES: 6/18/18
 - V. TREASURER’S REPORT: 7/9/18
 - VI. CORRESPONDANCE
 - VII. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. NRCS Report – Jenna Dunn, District Conservationist
 - B. Conservation Specialist Report– Jenni Scotti & John Nelson
 - IX. REVIEW NEW COOPERATOR AGREEMENTS & CONSERVATION PLANS - NRCS
 - X. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:
 - A. Garden Island RC&D (in correspondence file)
 - B. Grading Ordinance (Paul & Board)
 - XI. UNIFINISHED BUSINESS:
 - A. Newspaper ad/Article
 - XIII. OTHER BUSINESS
 - A. HACD Annual Meeting
 - B. Farm Fair
 - C. EWKSWCD Website
 - XIV. ANNOUCNEMENTS
- NEXT MEETING DATE: Monday, August 13, 2018 2:00 PM**
- XV. 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 opened at 2:05 pm at the State DOH Conference Room in Lihu‘e.

PRESENT:

Directors: Ed Kawamura, Jr., (Presiding); Leonard Vierra; Arryl Kaneshiro; Eric Hansen

Associate Directors: Darren Tamekazu; Jerry Ornellas

Others: Paul Togioka, County of Kaua‘i; Jenni Scotti, Conservation Specialist; Jenna Dunn, NRCS District Conservationist; Rebekah Magers, District Assistant

REVIEW OF AGENDA: (ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/CHANGES):

Addition: ANNOUCNEMENTS – A. Annual Picnic sponsored by West Kaua‘i SWCD - 9/29; B. Project WET – 9/20

MINUTES: Arryl moved/Leonard seconded to approve the June 18th Minutes; the motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Leonard had reports on hand and can be found in correspondence.

CORRESPONDENCE: Ed distributed the correspondence folder.

NEW BUSINESS

A. NRCS REPORT: Jenna offered her report for June/July 2018

1. General

- a. Assistant to the Director for Field Operations (ADFO): Adam Reed, formerly the state agronomist and water quality specialist has been selected as the new permanent ADFO, started June 25.
- b. Oahu DC- New DC started today, July 9.

2. Farm Bill Programs

- a. FY18- All 10 applications that were selected for funding are now officially EQIP contracts. 2 additional applications were selected for funding. PIA will be requesting more funds, so we may get a few more projects funded.
- b. CSP- Conservation Stewardship Program- we have 2 applications
- c. WLWL – 1 application

B. CONSERVATION SPECIALIST REPORTS:

1. Jenni Scotti - 7/9/2018
 - **Trainings / Meetings / Learning /**
 - o HACD Conference on Big Island – see pictures in the correspondence
 - **Plans / field visits**
 - o Planning
 - Site visits with 8 clients
 - Planning and follow up with 8 clients
 - Completed with 5 check-outs
 - **Outreach**
 - o POSTER CONTEST
 - Becks donated 14 x 22” posters for students to use. MAHALO!

- Working on information packet
- Local contest letter and information will go out last week of July / first week of August
- State contest will be held in October, so the deadline is end of September. If no other island jumps in this year, then we will push the deadline back a year.
- o CAP CONEST
 - Kauai High has a new teacher
 - Developing letters and e-mails to go out to teachers and principles
 - Will go out last week of July / first week of August
 - Sponsors for the contest
- Misc/News/upcoming events/future projects/goals
 - o Working on new planning, catching-up on CTA planning
 - o NRCS Conservation Planning Training on mainland approved for Jul 16th – Aug 3rd

REVIEW & APPROVAL OF CONSERVATION PLANS & COOPERATOR AGREEMENTS: Ed signed the cooperative agreement for Hanalei Garden Bison Co. LLC (grazing) and Wirat Yothadhai (crop).

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Garden Island RC&D Report: none
- B. Grading Ordinance: no report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. Newspaper ad/Article: Rebekah shared the WKSWCD's ideas for a monthly 'Conservation Corner' with article. EKSWCD agreed on a quarterly article to recognize cooperators, farmers and crop improvement. Arryl suggested that deadlines be included for other interested farmers. Jenni suggested we have an ad for our Poster Contest and CAP Contest. Rebekah to contact Dennis, who was intersted in doing an article for the Poster Contest. Rebekah to talk to Garden Isle about for an ad before Farm Fair. Ed to talk to Blaise about a Director written article.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- A. HACD Annual Meeting: Ed, Jenni and Rebekah reported on the events at the Annual Meeting in Kona
- B. Farm Fair – 8/16-8/18
- C. EWKSWCD Website: Rebekah to research pricing, hosting and domain for a joint website for the districts

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. Annual Picnic: sponsored by WKSWCD at Kukuiolono – 9/29
- B. Project WET – 9/20

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There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 2:46 pm, written by Rebekah Magers, District Assistant.