

# WEST KAUA'I SWCD MONTHLY MEETING

West Kauai  
Soil & Water Conservation District



DATE: Tuesday, February 19, 2019  
TIME: 3:00 PM  
LOCATION: National Tropical Botanical Garden's Education Room  
Lawa'i, Kaua'i

**EVERYONE IS INVITED TO A FIELD TRIP AT THE NATIONAL TROPICAL BOTANICAL GARDENS TO THE BREADFRUIT INSTITUTE'S AGROFORESTRY PROJECT  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2019 AT 2:00 PM  
PLEASE MEET AT NTBG'S EDUCATION CENTER OFF PAPALINA ROAD IN KALAHEO**

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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: 1/15/19
- IV. TREASURER'S REPORT: 2/19/19 – David
- V. CORRESPONDENCE
- VI. REVIEW NEW COOPERATOR AGREEMENTS & CONSERVATION PLANS
- 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
  - B. Cooperator of the Year 2018
- X. OTHER BUSINESS
  - A. Annual Report Committee
- XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

**NEXT MEETING DATE: Tuesday, March 19, 2019 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 3:06 p.m. at the National Tropical Botanical Garden with a quorum.

**PRESENT:**

**Directors:** Peter Tausend (Presiding); David Smith; Howard Greene, Adam Killermann

**Associate Directors:** Jon Ching

**Others:** Jenni Scotti, Conservation Specialist; Rebekah Magers, District Assistant; Paul Togioka; Chanel Kaeo, Shred Co.

**REVIEW OF AGENDA:** Addition under **XI. REVIEW NEW COOPERATOR AGREEMENTS & CONSERVATION PLANS – A. New Conservation Plan;**

Addition under **X. NEW BUSINESS - A. Update WK SWCD Membership Roster**

**REVIEW NEW COOPERATOR AGREEMENTS & CONSERVATION PLANS:**

**A. New Conservation Plan:** Chanel from Shred Co. presented their Conservation Plan.

Adam made a motion to approve the Conservation Plan/Peter second; the motion was unanimously accepted.

Peter signed the Conservation Plan. The plan along with the District cover letter will be mailed to the client.

**MINUTES:** David made a correction on January's meeting minutes under **IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS, A. New Community Involvement Projects/Workshops.** David said he did not know a small machinery expert at Kauai Coffee but that he thinks they would have one we could contact. Adam motioned to approve the minutes for 1/15/19/David second; the motion was unanimously accepted.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** David presented the Treasurer's Report for 2/19/19 to be placed on file. David will complete the DLNR financial report for the first half of FY2019.

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

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. NRCS Report:** Jenna was out due to illness. No report.

**B. Conservation Specialist Reports:**

**1. Jenni Scotti's report for 2/19/19:**

- Trainings / Meetings / Learning
  - Farm Bill Timeline
  - Soil Health Training (3-day webinar)
  - Vetiver site discussion (Go Farm)
- Plans / field visits
  - Planning
    - Site visits with 11 clients, 5 of which are new
    - Planning and follow-up with 18 clients
    - Completed 1 plan
    - Check-out for 2 clients

- Jennifer Higashino (NRCS biologist) site visits
  - Outreach
    - POSTER CONTEST
      - Taken down
      - Set up school visits in March
    - Starting to prep for 2019 outreach materials
    - Spring soils Day
      - Will discuss further. With all that is due for mid-March, felt that it would be best to either push back or only focus on classroom visits
  - Misc./News/upcoming events/future projects/goals
    - Focus on planning for applications
    - Carl (Engineer) site visits
    - Carolyn (Pasture/range specialist) site visits
2. John Nelson's report for 2/19/19:
- 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, more specifically Highly Erodible Land.
  - I presented at a UH piggery workshop in early February, concerning environmental concerns and local piggery impacts.
  - I traveled to O'ahu for multiple site visits, specifically deep/dry litter systems.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. Update WK SWCD Membership Roster:** Bruce Robinson and Keith Smith will be removed from the roster as Associate Directors. They will no longer receive agendas and minutes. Roy Oyama and Robin Young will receive agendas and minutes by email from this date forward.
- B. New Community Involvement Projects/Workshops:** Jenna, Jenni, and Rebekah had an on-site visit on 2/6/19 at Go Farm with Eric Hansen to discuss potential sites for vetiver. The Directors are supportive of the project and would like to move forward. Partnering with Garden Island RC&D may be a solution to fundraising problem. Jenni will communicate with Howard about access to plant material. David is willing to donate pipes for irrigation. Adam is willing to donate pots for the vetiver slips. **We are still looking for a location to store potted slips before sales. This is not needed for another 6 months to 1 year.** Rebekah gave an overview of Slow Money Hawaii (SMH). The SMH microloans could help farmers with initial capital for installing conservation practices in their Conservation Plan.
- C. Cooperator of the Year 2018:** No one chosen so far. Although unlikely, some one could still be nominated as long as a write up could be finished for June's Annual Report.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

- A. **Annual Report Committee:** The report will be ready by June for the HACD meeting. Peter volunteered for the Annual Report Committee. Looking for any articles, photos, how-to's and/or ag information for our FY2019 Annual Report.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Peter and David will be off island March 19, 2019. Howard will chair the March meeting in Peter's absence. Peter will be stepping down when his Director term ends June 30, 2019. David made a motion to appoint Jon Ching as a new Director when Peter steps down/Howard second; the motion was unanimously accepted. A new WKSWCD Chair and Vice President for HACD will have to be picked.

**NEXT MEETING DATE:**

**WHEN: 3:00 pm, March 19, 2019**

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

There being no further business the meeting ended at 4:15 pm. Written by Rebekah Magers, District Assistant.