

# KONA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

## MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

October 11, 2018

**Directors Present:** Greg Hendrickson, Jeff Knowles, Pepe Miranda, Rick Robinson, Tom Greenwell

**Associate Directors:**

**KSWCD Staff:** Mary Robblee

**NRCS Staff:** Jessica Schmelz; Alex Beaton

**Guests:** Sara Moore, and Michael Tomich both representing Hawaii Island Meat Cooperative

6/14/2018 Minutes were not available for board review. July, August and September meetings were cancelled due to a lack of quorum.

### 1. Reports:

**A. Treasury Report:** MSCU\* R. Robinson/T. Greenwell

**B. NRCS Report:**

All programs are on hold for the 2019 FY because a Farm Bill has not been passed. It is the hope of the agency that ranked plans can be submitted for funding decisions early in the new year (Jan./Feb time frame.) Changes to the programs and how they are implemented are anticipated. With a new Farm Bill all the existing rules will have be reviewed and changes are expected. The Cultural Resource Specialist has retired which is causing a delay in giving clients the OK to get started. A specialist from California will be on detail to assist in getting approvals so clients can move forward. There is a State Technical Advisory Committee (STAC) meeting on 11/14 at 1pm.

**C. NACD/HACD Report:** No report available

**D. BIRC&D Report:** No report available

**E. Monthly & Conservation Assistant's Report:**

NRCS was offering soils training on Oahu for those wanting to work toward conservation planner status. This has been changed to each island having some type of soils training with both classroom and field training.

Staff attended Kamehameha School's Mix-n-Mingle for their lease holders. The Kona SWCD distributed soils folders to all who attended.

Women Farmers, the Oahu RC&D is having an event at Big Island Bees for women farmers. The Kona SWCD will attend and distribute soil folders.

The State Conservation Awareness Contest is being hosted by the Kona SWCD and will take place on Friday, November 16<sup>th</sup>.

**F. New Cooperators:**

- a. TMK: 8-8-019:037, a 13.5-acre parcel in the Papa ahupua`a. This is a farm producing macadamia nuts and coffee. They want to improve their soil and their irrigation system.
- b. TMK: 7-3-025:019-0002, one acre of a 2-acre parcel in the Kaloko ahupua`a. A residence is being established. The vegetation is predominately invasive species. The cooperator will landscape with native species.

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**G. Conservation Plan Approvals:**

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- a. Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan: This plan was presented by the Hawaii Island Meat Cooperative and is for the mobile slaughter unit. It will be implemented on TMK 8-1-002:040. MSCU\* T. Greenwell/P. Miranda
- b. Mahealani Ranch: On TMK: 7-9-002:017, fencing and water infrastructure, i.e., water storage tanks and pipeline. Approved grubbing and grading are related to the installation of these practices. MSCU\* J. Knowles/T. Greenwell
- c. Palani Ranch: On TMK: 7-9-001:002 & 005, fencing and water infrastructure, i.e., water storage tanks and pipeline. Approved grubbing and grading are related to the installation of these practices. MSCU\* R. Robinson/T. Greenwell
- d. Gary Yamagata: On TMK: 7-9-012:033: 7-9-011:040, water infrastructure, i.e., water storage tanks and pipeline for the benefit of livestock. Approved grubbing and grading are related to the installation of these practices. MSCU\* R. Robinson/P. Miranda

### H. Subdivision Reviews:

SUB-18-001813; 001814; 001815; 001817, 001820, 001825 001827; 001842; 001845; 001846; 001848 – None have a water course within their parcel boundaries.

2. **Old Business:** The Cooperator of the Year Picnic was held at the S. Kona Fruit Stand, a good time was had by all.
3. **New Business:** The Kona SWCD submitted a proposal to do 12 soil health workshops on the Big Island in cooperation with the other SWCDs on the island. This was in response to a request for proposals by NRCS. Though we were advised that we had a very good project proposal ours was not funded.

Knowles dropped off Resource Booklet with letter at residences with bare ground for yards in his neighborhood. He met with Councilmembers David and Eoff & will be meeting with Councilmember Kanuha with the aim of being able to print more. David and Eoff recommend creating one page handouts on each topic in the booklet.



Secretary

11/8/18  
Date

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