

KONA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

March 21, 2019

Directors Present: Tom Greenwell, Pepe Miranda, Jeff Knowles

Associate Directors:

KSWCD Staff: Mary Robblee

NRCS Staff: Jessica Schmelz;

Guests: Barbara Anderson, Ray and Emily Cancino

MSCU* (P. Miranda/T. Greenwell) Minutes for the February 21, 2019 meeting

1. Reports:

A. Treasury Report: MSCU* (T. Greenwell/P. Miranda)

B. NRCS Report: No significant changes since last month. 64 applications, 2 for AMA balance for EQIP. PIA received 6 million dollars of funding for over 17 million dollars of requested assistance. Asking for an additional 5 million. Kona SWCD office has 20 cropland application, it looks like 2-3 will be funded. Schmelz's detail as DC in Waimea is over. NRCS will be participating in Coffee Expo on 4/30. There is a Spittlebug Initiative that appears only one or two of twelve ranches seeking financial assistance will receive it.

C. NACD/HACD Report: Annual Conference on Molokai

D. BIRC&D Report: Issues around the Mobile Slaughter Unit. Meeting to discuss opening up membership to a broader range of people.

E. Monthly & Conservation Assistant's Report: Available upon request

F. New Cooperators:

- a. TMK: 8-8-003:001, a 222 - acre parcel in S. Kona. The owner has a conservation plan, created with assistance from the KSWCD, being presented for approval today. The plan is for the uppermost 100 acres
- b. TMK: 8-1-009:020, a five acre coffee farm requesting assistance through NRCS to improve soil.
- c. TMK: 8-6-007:043, a 26.88 acre parcel with one acre of coffee. The owner wants to expand his coffee plantings, his partner wants to improve the forest. MSCU* (P. Miranda/T. Greenwell) to approve these cooperators.

Subdivision Reviews: CON-000392; SUB-19-001875, Neither are impacted by a mapped watercourse.

2. Conservation Plans:

- A. TMK: 7-3-027:028 – Kaloko Mauka, clearing less than an acre. A professional civil engineer is overseeing the project, Pete Piper. He is unavailable, and the land owners are on the mainland. They want to clear what was previously cleared MSCU* (P. Miranda/T. Greenwell) approve the plan to clear the land necessary for the house pad. The owners want to improve the forest on this parcel after their house is built.
- B. TMK: 8-8-003:001 – This is a parcel between Papa Bay Drive and Miloli'i Rd. It is in the Ahupua'a Papa I, consists of 222 acres from the highway to the ocean. Coffee is planned for the uppermost 100 acres. Lots of Christmas berry, strawberry guava, wild coffee, African tulip trees, and many other introduced species. There are some native trees, lama and Ohia of greatest significance. Lama due to how long it takes to grow and Ohia due to Rapid Ohia Death. The cooperators will use a flailer to take out the unwanted vegetation but has been advised to not flair, chip, grind, or otherwise harm Ohia trees. Ohia trees to be removed should be done so when all other trees are removed then using traditional falling measures take any Ohia down that need to come down, either because they are dead/dying or because the tree is not in a good spot. Knowles questions what will happen between site prep and planting. Generally, tree planting is planned as the follow up activity to site prep. If it is necessary to smooth out the land a small bulldozer is on hand for that. There will be no cutting or filling of greater than 5 feet.

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There will be little exposed soil due flailing the vegetation instead of pushing it. Other practices to be utilized, cover crop and conservation cover. J, Knowles requires a site visit prior to determining approval. MSCU* (T. Greenwell/P. Miranda) to approve the flailing, as phase one, but no earthwork. The meeting, after adjourning today, will reconvene next Thursday, March 28th at 9:30am at the site.

3. Old Business:

- A. Long Range Work Plan, J. Knowles would like to see a well-educated community related to resource concerns.
- B. RCPP Application Status, Tabled until Chair Hendrickson can attend
- C. Cooperator of the Year Tour: Earthly Delights Farm for farming and Cheryl Carden for forestry

4. New Business: N/A


Secretary

4/18/19
Date

*MSCU – Moved, Seconded, Carried Unanimously