

KONA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

April 18, 2019

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

Associate Directors:

KSWCD Staff: Mary Robblee

NRCS Staff: Jessica Schmelz

Guests: Barbara Anderson

MSCU* (J. Knowles/P. Miranda) Minutes for the March 21, 2019 meeting

1. Reports:

A. **Treasury Report:** MSCU* (J. Knowles/R. Robinson)

B. **NRCS Report:** Regarding planning and funding obligations, no change since the last meeting. NRCS has requested an additional 6 million dollars for funding contracts. NRCS is also opening up a Request for Proposals to get more planning done and practices on the ground. There is no match associated with this funding. The intent to increase NRCS capacity without increasing their payroll.

2. Conservation Plans:

A. TMK: 8-8-003:001 – This is to assert that this cooperator, Ray Cancino, has been approved by the district to flail trees on his parcel as part of the Tree/Shrub Site Preparation aspect of his conservation plan. The area he will be working in is free of cultural resources. The flailing does not require earth work to take place. We are waiting on the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) to contact us regarding a “No Effects” letter. A package has been submitted to SHPO on Cancino’s behalf. MSCU* (R. Robinson/T. Greewell) to approve the use of the flailing attachment to clear a portion of this TMK in accordance with the conservation plan.

3. Old Business:

Cooperator of the Year Tour took place as part of the meeting. We adjourned and reconvened at Kona’s Earthly Delights Farm. After touring this farm we adjourned and reconvened at the Carden’s Gardens, the site of a potential forester of the year.

MSCU* (J. Knowles/R. Robinson) that both cooperators be named Cooperator of the Year, one as Farmer of the Year the other as Forester of the Year.

4. **New Business:** Earth Day Event, MSCU* (R. Robinson/J. Knowles) to provide the funding for participating in an Earth Day Event at Lanihou Plaza on Saturday evening 4/26/2019.



Secretary

5/16/19

Date

*MSCU – Moved, Seconded, Carried Unanimously