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Agenda for Mauna Kea Soil and Water Conservation District Board Meeting

Date: Wednesday, February 11, 2026

Time: 3:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.

Location: Online via MS Teams or USDA-NRCS Waimea Office: 67-1185 Mamalahoa Hwy Suite H-148, Kamuela, HI 96743

Start: 3:04p.m.

Attendance: Charlie White, Pono von Holt, Alyssa Fujii, Jacob Tavares, Nicole Fernandez, Willie Rice

- I. Approval of Agenda
- II. Approval/Review Minutes- approved
- III. Treasurer's report White
 - a. Dec meeting mistake in report, changed "to" to "from" in UWA account
 - b. UWA- savings: no change. Checking: HACD conference Anna ranch venue deposit and cashier check fee
 - c. County- savings: no change. Checking: payroll and website payment
 - d. Wishard- savings and checking: no change
 - e. Federal- savings and checking: no change
 - f. approved
- IV. Chairman's Report von Holt
- V. Committee Report
- VI. Farm Dwelling Review
- VII. Sub-division Review
 - a. PL-SUB-2025-000384
 - i. Located in Kapaau. 83 acres total for two Tmk's
 - ii. Zoning A-20a
 - iii. Sub-divide into two lots 51.4 and 31.5 acres
 - iv. Considered HEL and not HEL for water erosion. Blue line stream going through property.
 - v. Other than the gulch, the property was in sugar cane.
 - vi. An ALISH mapped was asked to be done and emailed to board members.
 - vii. Per request, ALISH map emailed and no concerns were found

- b. PL-SUB-2025-000387
 - i. Located in Hawi. 42.4 acres
 - ii. Zoning A-20a
 - iii. Subdivide into two lots: 20 acres each.
 - iv. Considered not HEL and Potentially HEL for water erosion. No blue line stream
 - v. No concerns
- c. PL-SUB-2025-000389
 - i. Located in Waimea
 - ii. Zoning A-5a
 - iii. Sub-divide into two lots: five acres each
 - iv. Not considered HEL for water erosion and blue line stream, Lanimaumau through easement
 - v. No concerns

VIII. Agreements/Contract Approval

- a. Cooperative Agreement
 - i. Peter Andrade- existing coop. agreement adding new TMK
 - 1. Located in Ahualoa. Grazing live stock
 - 2. Approved
 - ii. Cosmic Organics
 - 1. Located in Kohala, Puu Mamo dr.
 - 2. Have crops in ground and interested in forestry
 - 3. Approved
 - iii. Aloha Aina Waimea
 - 1. Located in Waimea
 - 2. Mainly crops but want to do agroforestry
 - 3. Approved
- b. Plan Approval
- c. Plan Revision
- d. Plan Update
- e. Plan Cancellation

IX. Reports, Correspondence and Announcements

- a. NRCS
 - i. Program update
 - 1. Staff- Kanoe back in Hilo and Jenna back in Lihue
 - 2. Civil rights- circulate through email. Need to review
 - 3. Lihue office- getting new space
 - 4. FY2025 spot checks- Waimea, Hilo, and Lihue focus. 83% no technical issues, 73% errors, engineering-100% pass

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5. MOA and MOU-if ready to sign let Alyssa know
6. Programs- reduced payment schedule, ECS updates with guidance
7. Regenerative agriculture training- under EQIP, soil health focus

- b. Conservation Specialist/Administrative Assistant Fernandez
- i. Regenerative agriculture training for programs
 - ii. One inventory
 - iii. Mulch certification
 - iv. CTA with Drew for irrigation in Kohala
 - v. ECS rollout
 - vi. Waimea FO meeting
 - vii. JB meeting- went over what is needed and how he can help
 - viii. HACD meeting-MOU discussion
 - ix. DLNR report due 2/28
 - x. Kohala Ag day 3/14
- X. Old Business
- a. Lualai County form
 - b. NRCS MOU review & discussion
- XI. New Business
- a. 4-wheel drive vehicle
 - i. Shared between Hamakua and Mauna Kea- split cost new or used
 - ii. Help solve the liability issue when using NRCS vehicle
 - iii. Glenn is open to receiving budget by end of month and present at meeting in March
 - iv. What is needed
 1. Directors justification for vehicle
 2. Estimate on loan cost per month
 3. Overall budget
 - a. Gas
 - b. Maintenance
 - c. Warranty
 - d. Insurance
 - e. Anything else important?
 - v. Ok to move forward with trying to get a work truck
 - b. HACD conference Update
 - i. Catering- Anthony's Catering- Kahua- need approval
 - ii. Lunch-1st day of conference-ongoing
 - iii. 4-wheel drive passenger vans- need
 - iv. Field trip ideas- ongoing
 1. 1 confirmed
 - v. Reserve speakers- ongoing
 - vi. Anna Ranch deposit-completed- two more deposits
 - vii. Dinner 1st night- Johnnys restaurant- reserved

- viii. Catering-Earls- reserved need to confirm amount of people
 - ix. Registration packets out in March
 - x. Was over budget, currently on budget- this may change
 - 1. Instead of Kohala forestry- able to do mana road forestry.
Livestock overview of operation after forestry
 - 2. 4-5 hrs needed total
 - xi. Purchase notebook, pen, Kleenex
 - 1. Good to purchase
- c. Open discussion

End: 4:03 p.m.

XII. Adjournment

Written Testimony:

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