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## Agenda for Mauna Kea Soil and Water Conservation District Board Meeting

Date: Wednesday, April 8, 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: 3:08pm

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

- I. Approval of Agenda- **approved**
- II. Approval/Review Minutes- **approved**
- III. Treasurer's report White
  - a. UWA: savings- dividend. Checking- DLNR check, Hawaii farm bureau fees, HACD conference supply purchase
  - b. County: savings- no change. Checking- payroll, office supplies, website payment
  - c. Wishard and federal: no change
- IV. Chairman's Report von Holt
  - a. None
- V. Committee Report
  - a. None
- VI. Farm Dwelling Review
  - a. None
- VII. Sub-division Review
  - a. None
- VIII. Agreements/Contract Approval- **none**
  - a. Cooperative Agreement
  - b. Plan Approval
  - c. Plan Revision
  - d. Plan Update
  - e. Plan Cancellation
- IX. Reports, Correspondence and Announcements Fujii
  - a. NRCS

- i. Program update
  - 1. ECS team covering Moloka'i
  - 2. ECP through FSA start 4/1/2026
  - 3. Working on ranking
  - 4. Trough standard change- trough must be installed 50ft from fence. Waiver might be approved, it is being looked into
  - 5. MOU- on hold, no agreement signed

b. Conservation Specialist/Administrative Assistant

Fernandez

- i. ECS and programs rollout
- ii. Engineering certification with Drew
- iii. 2 plan meetings
- iv. Planning discussing with Hilo office
- v. Waimea FO engineering meeting
- vi. HTS certification with Alyssa
- vii. Waimea FO CART discussion for planning
- viii. Programs call
- ix. Waimea FO team meeting
- x. Met with HACD to go over conference
- xi. HACD board meeting
- xii. DLNR report submitted
- xiii. SAM renewal
- xiv. HACD conference packet went out
- xv. County quarter report due

X. Old 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?

b. HACD conference Update

- i. Catering- Anthony's Catering- Kahua- need approval
- ii. Lunch-1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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
- xi. Purchase notebook, pen, kleenex

XI. New Business

a. MOA/MOU

i. On hold

b. HACD conference

i. All board members to be paid for to attend

c. Open discussion

i. Laulima program

1. Question brought up: what if we no longer have the producers that the contract states.

a. Forward question to Luly

2. Approved

XII. Adjournment

End: 4:00pm

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