

**Fern Acres Community Association Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes March 15, 2025**

Members Present:, JR Paikuli, Hank Schultz, Mark Laret, Roy Kalili, Patti Pinto, Cristi Fields, Joe Utt, Claudia Zirolì.

Members Absent:, Rick Kaluli. Joe makes a motion to approve Rick’s absence. Cristi seconds. All in favor, Passed.

Visitors: Benjamin Dixon, Laila Moire-Selvage, Brian Fields.

CTO: 9:01

Minutes: Roy moves to accept February minutes as written. Seconded by Joe. All in favor, Passed.

President’s Report: Welcomes visitors to the meeting. Laila and Benjamin report on recording the meetings for livestream. Suggest we look into purchasing a video camera for the meetings and finding someone who can set up for recording if either of them cannot be present. [Discussion]
Cristi has a chrome book she can donate.
JR talks about sound quality on our recordings...

Treasurer’s Report: Joe reports that the old MRMA account has been cleared.
The remaining balance on the HUB lot has been paid off this month.
Joe needs to determine when we originally voted to Give Maria a raise. He asks how we are going to pay her retroactively- lump sum or? Prorated over time to reduce tax liability.
Joe reports that there is a disconnect between the Board and the office in carrying out our decisions. [Discussion follows- JR promises he’ll be more attentive.]

BoH MRMA Checking 7997	379,1862.00
BoH FACA Checking 7989	31,125.87
BoH MRMA MM 0798	<u>30,494.92</u>
TOTAL:	441,140.04

Road Committee: Met last Wednesday. Roy reports that Keaau High School wrestling- going to Nationals. Roy would like to do a fundraiser to help with expenses.. Yard sale, food sale, cinder and mac soil etc. Possible in June or July? We’d love to donate our yard sale stuff to the cause!
During the meeting they discussed the paving for 2025- all intersections- 400 feet in either direction, one pass..
Approved the purchase of two more zero turn mowers and weed whackers. Each team member has what they need to do for work. Also train them into maintaining their equipment.
Possible rental of a chipper? Residents could bring in their brush to be chipped. Joe comments on the genesis of the idea- using our brush to generate mulch for the Ag Campus.
Paving bids go out on Monday. April/May paving.

HUB: Joe has tried to contact Vibrant Hawaii. Claudia to give Jessica and Maurice’s contact info. Hub summit to occur in May at KMC. Joe, Patti, JR, Hank and Claudia to attend.

Fundraising and Events: 144 bags arrived, and distributed. We had an entire pallet forgotten- a little difficult for the team but, we opened only a few minutes late.

Meet before the truck arrives this coming Thursday 9:00am to discuss our distribution policies. Our water distributor would like some candid photos of our team- focus on the water boxes.

Nominating Committee: Cristi, Hank and Roy are up for election. No need for action until May.

**** ACTION Maria- Please send Patti and Claudia the nomination form asap.

Audit Committee: No

Policy Committee: Patti reports that they have met and reviewed the policies and procedures for the operation of FACA. She emailed them to all Board meetings. Hank moves that we accept the changes made by the policy Committee, with the addition of the new nomination form that we have just discovered. Cristi seconds. All in favor, Passed. [Copy in Secretary's notebook.]

Roy said the Road crew will review Road related policies, and be sure that they are aware and following established policy. They will review two times per year. [Roads is currently unaware of the policies regarding their work] JR explains to visitors that this is an internal document- It clarifies how everyone does what they do.

Public Safety: Brian reports two new team members have completed training and are ready to come to work. One more candidate is on the waiting list.

Communications are often sketchy. Need better radios from County.

Patti reminds Brian that we need estimates for wiring the firehouse and replacing the roof. After we get that, Patti and Claudia can write grants.

Internet Committee: Claudia updated the website to reflect new year and a few other things.

FANW:

CERT: JR reports on the March meeting. We have tee shirts!

Old Business:

New Business: Sunday July 13 for the Annual Picnic. Need to set a meeting date in May. Brian has professional games to let us borrow.

Member's Report: Farmer's Market. Joe wants to sponsor this for the Hub. [Discussion]

Saturday July 12 is our Revitalize Puna Community Resource Fair at Billy Kenoi center in Pahoehoe- 10:00- 2:00.

The County is preparing to help communities develop our Community Emergency Plan.

Adjourn: JR moves to call the meeting to adjourn. Hank and Joe seconds Adjourned 10:01am.