

**Fern Acres Board of Directors  
Minutes February 19, 2022**

**Members Present:** Sara Kritikos, Hank Schultz, Scott Snair, Patti Pinto, JR Paikuli, Claudia Zirolì,

**Members Absent:** Diane Joiner,

**Visitors:** Phil Galon, Brian Fields.

**CTO:** 9:04am

**Minutes:** Review January minutes: Correction made on first page. Patti moves that we accept minutes as amended. Hank seconds. All in favor, passed.

**President's Report:** Office was closed for a week. Elisa was out for a funeral for a week, so Ua was alone. PayPal is still not functioning, Patti suggests that we close the existing account and open a new one. Scott says the web site is not working efficiently either, perhaps Phil can begin work on that. Scott says that we used to have to go through MM to get permissions.. Elisa should have those now. We should be returning to normal in the office... Have the security measures been taken? The dutch door should remain closed and locked to deal with servicing clients. Hank recalls that we had discussed and approved a security camera...[Discussion] Scott motions that we approve expenditure up to \$200.00 for a camera/security camera system for the office. Patti to purchase on Amazon. JR seconds all in favor, Passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** No financial report this month due to bookkeeper's absence.

**Road Committee:** Meeting was held on Jan 16. Approved pay raise for Hanalei, hoping that the pay raise may be an incentive to put a little effort in his work. Talked to James Higgins for paving in March. They would like to slurry the last block of Lehua and Plumeria. Would also like to do Puhala from entrance, Gardenia in the back, Pikake – Puhala to pole 16, Anthurium all the way... We would like to get as much work done as we have money to do... Also would like to see if they will carry over payment into next year to be paid, but get all the work done while the equipment is here in the Acres. Hank is concerned that they may not stay in the business, so getting the work done now would be good. He thinks everyone will go 'AC' from here out. If we can't get Seal Pro to carry us, we may be able to get a USDA loan to get it done. We may have to get a line of credit loan form the bank. If we do need a loan, we may just go for AC on the heavy traffic areas.

Patti reports that Matt Kealii Klienfelder is trying to get approval to get funding to pave Hele On bus routes, so we should defer that work on the roads used by the County bus. She is also working on a USDA grant for paving.

Work on the gate in the back has progressed, a little vandalism pilikia, but we are working according to what the fire department requires. The new latch is being fabricated, but the locking mechanism has been damaged in some way and will need to be replaced.

The road committee requests that there be a gate to separate the HUB lot from the FACA lot. . [the HUB will install a 16' gate at the road- is acceptable to MRMA]

They have enough room in the back to use for their base yard, so will defer that work for now.

Hank asks, If the County goes through with the improvements on Puhala, Will they also take over the maintenance? Will the County open up Puhala to the properties on the mauka side of Puhala? Patti answers that there are three owners along Puhala. One is a tiny segment that is technically Eden Roc, but the transfer is incomplete. The other two owners already have a MOU with the County to open Puhala. Patti says that the County is not interested in owning any of it- and will not be controlling the roadways. Hank says, it sounds as if our section would remain in our ownership and control. A stop sign has already been placed at the intersection in preparation.

As an additional note relevant to this discussion... Ua has found the land transfer for the large parcel on Puhala has been registered. We now have owner's information. Claudia will send the owners a letter of advisement.

**Fundraising and Grants:** No report.

**Fire Department:** Working on getting the old truck either working or out of the firehouse. A mechanic is coming in to look at it. It will then perhaps move to Fern Forest Fire Dept.

**FANW:** 6:15pm last Tuesday of the month.

**Budget:** N/A

**Policy:** No report

**F.A.C.T:** No Report – no meetings due to COVID Delta Variant.

**HUB Project:** The HUB has been dozed and is ready for the container to move on. A little bit of site grooming needs to be done, and the arrangements to get the container moved need to be made.

**Fundraising and Events:** The Food Basket 100+ bags... Went very smoothly this month. Phil reports that a Public Health nurse brought some of her students last week to assist and learn. The students are using Fern Acres as their subject for their term papers. They gave out two COVID test kits per bag, Patti has more to get for us, 100-one test kits would be good.

Kokua Harvest, Lisa DeSantis- does gleaning and then distributes the fruit to those who want it. Sara told her about our food stand in front of the Acres... She'll drop off some pamphlets.

**Internet Committee:** Scott reports that there is not much right now. Phil is going to get started on it. Also the private FB page needs to have access and some changes. Getting PayPal payments fixed is the number one priority.

### **Old Business:**

**New Business:** Patti has posted a Kamehameha Schools broadband survey on the community facebook page. She'd like everyone to go and do the survey.

Hank says we have to form a nominating committee to replace our officers. Scott will be on it, Claudia too.

Hank also says that we need someone from the Board to be on the Road Committee to serve. They are having some problem getting quorum some months. Meet the Wednesday before the Board meeting at 6:00 pm. {Patti has volunteered to serve in the interim]

**Adjourn:** 10:0am.

Scott moves that we adjourn, Hanks seconds. All in favor, passed.