

**Fern Acres Board of Directors
Minutes August 21, 2021**

Members Present: Sara Kritikos, Hank Schultz, Diane Joiner, Bob Cravalho, Tomek Bilan, Claudia Zirola,

Members Absent:, Scott Snair, Patti Pinto.

Visitors: Phil Galon.

CTO: 9:05am

Minutes: Review July minutes: No minutes available today.

President's Report: Annual picnic canceled? Phil reports from Fundraising and Grants Committee.

Diane moves that we postpone the Annual Meeting and Picnic for September 2021.

Hank seconds. All in favor, passed.

Hank wants to hold counting of ballots on Saturday, September fourth at 9:00 am at FACA. September 18's regular Board of Director's meeting will be when we elect and swear-in members.

Sara says that there were some comments on FB regarding Kaua's office time and availability. She was hired with flexible hours, plus is out of the office for bank and P.O. runs. Sara to post this.

****ACTION:** Sara- post on FB

Erin built the food stand for the front bus stop. Needs to be installed at bus stop. Need volunteers (see HUB report)

The first Food Pantry distribution went really well. Needs more signage.

Treasurer's Report: Diane reports that MM Anderson, our bookkeeper of five years, has left our employ as of August 7. Our potential bookkeeper hire Elisa Derr, is working to get up to snuff with our set up and training Kaua to do entry..

Diane moves that we hire Elisa Derr as our bookkeeper, Bob seconds. All in favor, Passed.

Diane wants it noted in the minutes that if someone wants a special financial report from the bookkeeper, it must go through Sara or Diane first.

No financial report this month due to bookkeeper change over.

Checking/Savings
MRMA – Checking –BoH
FACA – BoH – Checking
Petty Purchases
FACA – BoH – Biz Checking Fire/Coqui
MRMA – BoH – Biz. Money Market

TOTAL CHECKING/SAVINGS

Road Committee: Had a road meeting on Aug 18. Requested bid for slurry seal on the fourth block of Plumeria. Waiting response.

Hanalei, Road Crew member has met his 90-day review,. He will be getting his hourly raise as a full member.

John Deere tractor is up and running.

Mark from Pikake Street did some welding on the GMC lift bed. Mark was able to fix it for the cost of materials.

The new compacter is being used and is making quite a difference in the quality and strength of the road repairs. Mark is creating a holder for the compacter for the back of the GMC.

Hank has a welder who will fabricate a new lock for the Anthurium gate. There are tight restrictions as to keys and use. Any infractions will result in the gate being welded shut again. Legally, since we have had a locked gate for more than a year, we are no longer required to be open for use. Road Crew will begin spraying for grasses on the fourth block of Lehua and Plumeria in anticipation of paving.

Working on budget for Winter newsletter. Will have it ready for November Board meeting.

Dumping rock as available at the front of the ripper roads to curb usage.

Folks are buying the lots that are currently 'Ripper Roads' between us and Hawaiian Acres. The road at the back of Pikake has been filled with old junk cars to prevent its use by neighbors – since the owner hasn't done anything.

Fundraising and Grants: Met to discuss upcoming Annual meeting and picnic plans. It was determined that due to Covid Delta variant surge, we should not and would not legally be able to hold the picnic. Rec'd to Board that it be canceled again. Phil reported to Board on status. (see above- President's Report)

Fire Department:

FANW: 6:15pm – Canceled for August.

Budget: N/A

Policy: No report

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

HUB Project: Claudia reports that the greenhouse is on order and should be here in 10 weeks or so. It has taken a long, long time to get any response on dozing. Had two contractors out to look at the job and bid. It will be double what was expected, but if MRMA and HUB go in together, we can get the job done.

Internet Committee: No report.

Old Business: Gwenda Mapa, a new resident, and former Post Office employee, has taken on the task of pursuing cluster boxes in Fern acres. She has sent a letter to all Board members regarding process...

New Business: Covid Delta Variant policy: Do we have to pay our employees if they end up in quarantine? Currently, after exposure, you must have a recent (72 hour) negative test to return to work. Current Hawaii rules are 8-10 days quarantine with a positive contact. Hank says if Road Crew misses three days work per week, and will be covered.

Phil reported on the new Food Basket distribution point here at FACA. He and Hank are program managers in the interim. They'll continue to fine tune the process. They had 48 bags available. Third Thursday each month. Volunteers are wanted from 9:30 on, till 1:00pm.

Adjourn: 10:07am.

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