## Hawaii. Farmers Union United-Hana Chapter Board of Directors Meeting Minutes Wednesday, November 6, 2019 Hana Farms

In Attendance: Matthew Van Paepeghem (P), Robert Boudreaux (VP), Rosie Kearney (S), Scott Crawford, Froyam Edel, Fawn Helekahi

Meeting called to order by Matthew at 5:15

**President's Report**-<u>State Convention</u>: Robert and Matt will be in attendance. Both will donate fruit to the convention. Robert will be the delegate at large for Hana. Matt had a video conference with all presidents last Friday and discussed that Hana chapter and most of East Maui does not support Mahi Pono water usage unless an agreement is made about the water rights. We are wondering where all the funding went that was supposed to be used to lower ticket prices for the convention.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

<u>Hana Farmers Market</u>- The group caught Robert up on what we had discussed last meeting about when/where the farmers market would be held. Music would be a nice idea to gather people in the community. Food is the main attractant to a farmer's market. Fawn suggested that we talk to Russell at Koki about doing Farmers Market on Sovereign Hawaiian Land. Fawn recommends we check out the Kalapana Market on Big Island. Matt needs to get in touch with Kari about what is needed in order to get the reimbursement process going for market.

<u>Holiday Party:</u> To be held at Hana Farms on December 4<sup>th</sup> at 4:00-6:00. We could pay Hana Farms \$100 to make a brisket for the event. Potluck dishes provided by other attendees. A motion was made by Scott/Robert and everyone was in favor. Perhaps it could be a community event instead of just member exclusive. We could promote it on the boards in town. Have a membership sign up at the party. Entertainment possibilities? A motion was made by Scott/Robert to pay \$50 to whoever can play music. Remind people to bring their own plates and utensils. Robert will check in with Hana Farms about brisket and entertainment.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Fawn attended to tell the group about the Maui Food innovation center. They are holding a workshop to teach people how to make value added products out of the produce they grow on their farms. The workshop will be held on January 11<sup>th</sup>. She wanted to make sure the farmers are aware of this opportunity. Would like to get an idea of how many might attend.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Jredyn's funeral will be held 11-12 Saturday. Celebration of life to follow at Koki.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m. Minutes taken by Rosie Kearney\_\_\_\_\_