



Volcano Cymbidium Acres
Road Maintenance Corporation

May 22, 2025 VCARMC Special Board Meeting by Zoom

Draft Minutes respectfully submitted by Marlene Phillips

1. Call to Order at 6 pm by Gigi Lee.

Present: Gigi Lee (President), Michael Stacy (Vice President, Zoom Provider), Kris Scanlon (Treasurer), Marlene Phillips (Secretary); Michael McKenney, Bud Muth, Marc Bowser (Board Members), Julie Williams, Hart Phillips, Bud Norwood, Joe Garza, Renee & Reed Bertolette, Kathy & Tom English, Theresa Sommer, Daniel Kea, Diana Thomas, Susan & Phil Gagoric, Mary Lee Knapstad, Christy Peace, Cynthia Vanderlip, Lianne Malterte, Scott & Candy Hauan, Pat & John Lakatos, Ka'imi a me Pumehans, Jim Cardin, Laurel Stacy, Jeff Stachowicz, Herbert Aoki (Association Members). Steve Hess (USDA Wildlife Service).

2. New Business:

a) Proposed Change to 2025 Budget: Discussion of adding \$7,000 to budget for pig removal since we have an uncontrolled pig problem: 1) They plow up easements and throw dirt on the roads, tearing up the chip & seal. 2) They pose a traffic and safety hazard. 3) They produce 15 to 30 new piglets every 6 months. 4) They may carry diseases (African Swine Fever, Brucellosis, Leptospirosis, and Pseudo Rabies - transmittable to other animals). 5) They attract mosquitoes and flies. 6) They spread Rapid Ohia Death (fungus sticks to pigs' fur). 7) Pigs became a problem, when the National Park fenced them out. 8) To keep the pig population steady, 70% of them need to be eliminated and one resident attracts pigs by feeding them, and efforts to stop her have been unsuccessful. Alternative remedies, Steve Hess (USDA Methods Development Division) reported, are surgical or chemical sterilization, which are too costly and/or time consuming.

Julie Williams (Pig control Coordinator) explained that in order to get a grant, we need a 501c3 to sponsor us, and we are too late to apply for this year, but she and Marlene will look into securing a sponsor for next year. For a commitment of \$1,000, Jordan (USDA Operations Division) will remove all the pigs he can in 2 weeks. A crewman can do the job until June 14 (Jordan will be in Pohakuloa until then). The \$7,000 allotted in the budget will give us further room to expand the operation. Some Association members offered to help pay if needed.

b) Membership Voting: Ballots were counted with the help of Joe Garza: 32 Yea, 9 Nay, 2 Abstain.

Several ballots received after the meeting, revised count: 35 Yea, 11 Nay, 2 Abstain.

3. Other Business:

a) Pot Hole Patching Help Needed: Julie Williams and Mary Lee Knapstad volunteered to help with pot hole patching. Theresa Sommer is providing the use of her truck. Mahalo Nui Loa!

b) Treasurer Needed. Kris has worked hard being treasurer for many years. Mahalo Nui Loa! He will work through our July meeting. We will need someone to take his place.

4. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:07 pm. Mary Lee moved, Marc Bowser 2nd.