



Zoom VCARMC Board Meeting April 9, 2026 at 6:30 pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Marlene Phillips

- 1) **Call to order** at 6:30 pm.
- 2) **Present:** Marc Bowser (President), Jeff Stanchowicz (Vice President), Casey Kinney & Buddy Norwood (Treasurers), Marlene Phillips (Secretary), Gigi Lee, Hart Phillips (Board Members), Michael Stacy (Zoom Master), Julie Williams (Grant Administrator), Reed & Renee Bertolette (Property Owners).
- 3) **Approval of Board Minutes:** The minutes of the January 8, 2026 Board Meeting were approved unanimously. Marc B. moved, Jeff S. 2nd.
- 4) **Treasurers' Report:** Income: \$ 19,665.00, Expenses: \$ 4,823.14, Net Income: \$ 14,973.86
Checking Account: \$ 45,009.85
12 Owners past due 2025 and earlier: \$ 12,963.92
15 Owners past due this year: \$ 4,906.80
- 5) **Old Business:**
 - a) **Pig Traps:** Juli W. reported that Friends of Volcanos National Parks paid \$7,000 to USDA. They will give us an invoice for \$700, being a 501c3 and doing all the legal work for the grant. The board approved the payment (Marc moved, Jeff 2nd).
Jeff reported that 26 pigs were removed. Blood tests revealed that 25% had pseudo-rabies, deadly to cats and dogs, and 50% had brucellosis, bad for pets and humans. Marlene and Hart volunteered to have a trap put on their property on Laukapu.
 - b) **Road Repair:** Hawaii Emulsion has not yet returned for completing warranty work, along with patching a few more potholes on Ke Koa Nui. Marc and Jeff volunteered to take care of the noted potholes due to Hawaii emulsion taking so long to return.
 - c) **Roadside Maintenance:** Kramer Landscaping quoted us \$700 for blowing plant debris off all the roadways. This would be done as preventative maintenance for the chipseal surfaces. The board approved up to \$1,400 per year for that purpose which would cover blowing all the roads twice a year (Marc moved, Marlene 2nd). We are also going to ask for an additional quote from Kramer for tossing all the cuttings further from the roadside since the current work agreement doesn't require them to do this.
- 6) **New Business:**
 - a) **Lien Progress:** A payment plan has been arranged for one of the owners to avoid a Lien being placed on their property. One other owner in arrears paid off the debt completely to avoid a property lien.
 - b) **Raise in Assessment Fees:** At our next meeting, raising assessment fees and/or charging a flat fee for new construction, which causes road wear & tear, will be discussed (Marc will get Ted Hong's advice prior to this meeting (Marc moved, Jeff 2nd).
 - c) **Ohia trimming by HELCO:** Reed and Renee expressed concern about Hawaiian Telcom's roadside trimming of the Ohia trees without sealing the cuts. This practice reportedly could cause healthy trees to be more susceptible to ROD. Marlene will talk to Mr. Ilagan and Mrs. O'Hara about this concern.
- 7) **Next Meeting is July 9, 2026**
- 8) **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 pm (Marc moved, Jeff 2nd.).