

Minutes for May 12, 2017

In Attendance:

Scott Enright	HDOA Chairperson
Rep. Cindy Evans	State House District #7
Susan Kim	Governor's Rep. West Hawaii
Barbara Kossow	Mayor's Office - Deputy Managing Director
Nancy Redfeather	Kohala Center
Gabriella Fritz	Kohala Center
Jade Miyashiro	BIISC
Franny Brewer	BIISC
Springer Kaye	BIISC
Ron Whitmore	R&D - Deputy Director
Glen Sako	R&D - Agriculture Specialist
Cas Vanderwoude	HAL
Heather Forester	HAL
Dennis Riordan	P&R - Superintendent Parks Maintenance
Nicole Kuamou	P&R - Vector Control
Harley Fujii	P&R - Vector Control
Chaneis Fernandez	P&R - Vector Control
Jane Clement	County council
Karen Eoff	County council
Frank Hustace	Stop LFA Kohala
Dave Wiseman	Vice Chair - Little Fire Ant HUI
Carolyn Dillon	Chair - Little Fire Ant HUI

The meeting began with an explanation of the HUI's inception and mission followed by a synopsis of our landscape/yard care initiative. Our first LFA workshop is scheduled with Kohala coast resort landscape personnel for June 15<sup>th</sup>.

Announcements: Since last meeting we have learned of several LFA infestations along the Historic Kona Coffee belt in small coffee farms interspersed in residential communities, as well as a large 30+ acre infestation in Hawi. The Hawi community is organizing under the name Stop LFA Kohala.

Next we watched an excellent 7 minute YouTube video titled "Invasion, LFA in Hawaii" produced by the Maui Invasive Species Committee.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mJ8TQ\\_ASsYQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mJ8TQ_ASsYQ)

Rep. Cindy Evans gave us a report on 2017 Legislative Session. HB 606 (establishing county access to private property for pest eradication and control) passed both houses. The Bill will go before the Governor for signing on June 26<sup>th</sup>. However, HB 1325 (reorganization of HISC to HISA) did not pass.

Scott Enright, Chair HDOA, explained that HB1325 was killed at the very end of session. This Bill would have streamlined authority for the Hawaii Invasive Species Council to implement the Hawaii Interagency Biosecurity Plan (HIBP). The DOA will remain the authority on invasive species