

**Fern Forest Community Association
Board of Directors' Monthly Meeting**

June 21, 2026 at 1:00 pm

FFCA Pavilion 11-2864 Ala Kapena Dr., Mountain View

With Community Members Present

1. **Call to Order** by J. Eshbaugh, President at 1:02 pm

2. Roll Call

Board Members Present: J. Eshbaugh, Pres.; Dana Dorsey, Treasurer; Leimomi Shearer, Secretary Absent: Leslie Lieber, Board Member

Quorum Confirmed: YES

Number of community members present: 16

Also present and sitting with the Board is Maggie, Office Manager, manning Zoom.

Zoom attendees: 2

3. Approval of Agenda as presented / amended:

- Motion to Accept Agenda as presented: J. Eshbaugh 2nd L. Shearer
Ayes: 3 Motion Carried

4. Approval of Minutes of April 19, 2026

- Motion to Approve Minutes of April 19, 2026 made by J. Eshbaugh;
2nd by D. Dorsey Ayes: 3 Motion Carried

5. Report of Officers:

President Report:

- Suspension of FFCA legal counsel Steven Strauss by State. Recommendations of on island attorneys unsuccessful. Secured Honolulu counsel ES&A.
- Termination of accounting services by JB Services contract due to member complaints. Recommendation by counsel due to ongoing investigation, Board cannot divulge additional information until investigation is completed.
- Board has engaged MISEPLX Services, as an interim bookkeeper. Patience is requested by the Board during this transition.

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Secretary Report:

Three Executive Board meetings held:

1. **May 14, 2026** Present: J. Eshbaugh; & D. Dorsey (in office); L. Shearer (via telephone). Absent: L. Lieber. Quorum present: Yes.

- Motion made by J. Eshbaugh to cancel Board meeting scheduled for May 17, 2026 due to illness of two Board members. Seconded by D. Dorsey. Votes: 3 Motion Carried.

- Motion made by J. Eshbaugh to secure legal advice before cancellation of JB Services contract. Seconded by D. Dorsey. Votes: 3 Motion Carried.

2. **June 9, 2026** Present: J. Eshbaugh; & D. Dorsey; L. Shearer L. Lieber. Quorum present: Yes.

- Motion to seek legal representation by counsel off island made by J. Eshbaugh. Seconded by D. Dorsey. Votes: 4 Motion Carried

3. **June 17, 2026** Present J. Eshbaugh; & D. Dorsey; L. Shearer L. Lieber. Quorum present: Yes.

Review of draft letter regarding contractual services by JB Services.

- Motion to approve draft letter made by J. Eshbaugh Seconded by D.Dorsey

Votes: 4 Motion Carried.

- Motion to hire MISEPLX Services for interim bookkeeping services made by J. Eshbaugh. Seconded by D.Dorsey Votes 4 Motion Passed

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Treasurer Report: Summary of March 2026 Financial Report

- Income: \$30,710
- YTD: \$310,968
- Expenses: \$23,805

YTD: \$80,212

- Balance: \$156,662

Summary of April 2026 Financial Report

- Income: \$12,902

YTD: \$323,870

- Expenses: \$20,070

YTD: \$100,284

- Balance: \$138,867

May financial statements have not yet been finalized therefore not included.

- Motion to approve Treasurer's Report covering months of March and April made by D. Dorsey. Seconded by J. Eshbaugh. Votes 3 Motion Carried.

Roads Report:

Reclaiming done: Omeka (upper & lower); Ohialani (upper); Ohialani (lower ½ completed).

Gravel done: Kokokahi (lower); Kokokahi (¼ upper from Ala Kapena going up); Kaleponi (upper from Akatsuka to Uluhemalu); Makoa (upper from Akatsuka to Uluhemalu); Uluhemalu (from Kokokahi to Kaleponi).

Member Caroline Frazer requested that the map be changed to reflect the Hawaiian name Ala Kapena

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6. Report of Subcommittee(s)

Grant Funding Research Committee: Current Members: D. Dorsey; Liz Barton; Claudia Halbert

Liz Barton submitted county grant and will followup

- Motion to approve name of this committee as "Grants, Funding and Community Resources Committee: made by D. Dorsey; Seconded by L. Shearer. Votes 3 Motion Carried

Current work and Purpose of Committee: Research funding opportunities; Reviewing requirements; timelines, opportunities that also include supporting community resilience; emergency preparedness; communications; resource access; services for vulnerable residents; fiscal sponsorship options and current organizational needs required by grants including organizational policies including but not limited to Bullying; Records & Documents/Retention and Destruction; Whistleblower; Nepotism; Equipment Use; Office Operations; Financial Controls and Procedures and Standard Operational Procedures.

Next Steps include: continue working on Impact Grant portal; continuing evaluation of project concepts and community needs

7. Special Orders (if applicable) None

8. Unfinished Business:

- Motion that Community Bulletin Board be completed and installed by next regular Board meeting (July 19) made by J. Eshbaugh; Seconded by D. Dorsey; Votes 3 Motion Carried

9. E-Votes: Present: J. Eshbaugh; D. Dorsey; L. Leiber; (L. Shearer absent)

- June 8, 2026 Motion to purchase Utility Vehicle to help fulfill our mission to efficiently maintain our roads made by J. Eshbaugh; seconded by D. Dorsey Votes 3. Motion Carried

10. New Business

Kubota Utility Vehicle: Purpose: To expedite our mission of efficiently maintaining our roads

Highlights: versatile and economic; ability to haul ½ ton of gravel; reputable service company; diesel; cab with AC; ability to travel faster than 8 mph; fit into pre-existing structure (storage); rugged workhorse; able to haul trailer; have a dump bed.

Cost: \$30,000; with \$3000 discount (Non-Profit status and FFCA relationship with dealer) cost \$28,000 + tax. Included in purchase is a 2 year warranty with ability to purchase additional 3 year warranty. SEE AGENDA FOR DETAILED REPORT SEE PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR COMMENTS AND DISCUSSION

Internet access/Communications: Direct Office Manager to contact Hawaii Telecom to install internet in Quonset Hut for Zoom functions.

Public Records Request: Board received and will to respond in accordance with applicable law and Association requirements.

11. Announcements

Reminder by President J. Eshbaugh, reminded members that they have “given us authority to conduct business by electing us to work on your behalf.”

Public Comments: These comments are included herein because they are worthy to note and may be used in areas of Board Transparency and improvement. -Steven (Strauss) was a good guy (he was suspended by the Hawai'i Supreme Court. (We don't know why).

- What'll happen with pending litigation?

- (IE needed, S. Strauss will update appropriate counsel).

- Brandee has worked for FFCA for 12 years. A new board comes in and lets her go. I'm concerned about how that is perceived by our community

- (The Board feels the decision to end the contract with JB Services was based on issues the Board has determined undermines the integrity of our operations, financial management and contractual working agreement. Until instructed by legal counsel, the Board cannot state anymore).

- Posting of the Treasurer's Report online. (Treasurer assumed responsibility for delay) RESOLUTION: Motion that Treasurer and Secretary's Reports are posted on WEB within five business days after monthly Board Meetings.

- So far in six months, there have been two monthly Board meetings canceled resulting in lack of communication between Board and Members.

- RESOLUTION: President stated he will show up even if there is no quorum to keep the line of communication open.

- Road Names: refer to correct names (President stated he has a hard time with the correct pronunciation of Hawaiian names and apologized)

- RESOLUTION: Board should have 'ōlelo classes. L. Shearer will teach the basics.

- Training opportunity; **Oshanna able to train Board regarding ?????**

- Mediation Center also may be able to do training.

- RESOLUTION:

- Lives on Ali' Kane and FFCA has provided road service in past years. Has currently received different stories about who owns the road and who is supposed to maintain it? RESOLUTION: President stated that he spoke with Randy at ??????? and was told that the County owns the road.

- Center line on Road ***(FYI: Not stated but Board need to decide if painting or reflectors. If paint, need to be a hot day and have people standing by to keep cars away from painted center line.)***

RESOLUTION:

- Video of Meetings: Request to have video of meetings on You Tube
RESOLUTION: Maggie stated that can be done. She can add a link to our Web Page once a youtube page is established.

- Request for Access to Emergency Supplies that FFCA can keep on their lot in a container. RESOLUTION: Grants and Funding Committee can look into this.

- Police Substation: Request to submit support to have a Police Station in Mt. View for quicker response time in emergencies.

RESOLUTION:

- Request Board establishes an address sign making workshop.

RESOLUTION:

- Status of existing committees RESOLUTION: L, Shearer to review minutes, report to Board and provide update.

- Where did the money for the purchase of Utility Vehicle come from?

RESPONSE: FFCA had \$20,000 in Reserve. \$20,000 in Savings, we put them in a six month CD depository that will earn in interest about \$4,000. We will use that interest money towards costs and ????????????????

- Conflict of Interest. Several members are very concerned bout the hiring of MISEPLX Services as bookkeeper due to:

- a) Do they meet all the criteria listed in Bylaws?
- b) What is the definition of "Independent" as stated in Bylaws
- c) What are the protections for FFCA regarding misuse of funds?
- d) Repetition of past issues.

RESOLUTION: Board to get legal advice and share what information they are able. Protections and other concerns shall be discussed and/or developed.

12. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting made by J Eshbaugh, 2nd by D. Dorsey

Votes: 3 Motion Carried Meeting ended at 3:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Leimomi Shearer, Secretary
Fern Forest Community Association