

**Fern Forest Community Association
Board of Directors' Monthly Meeting
Sept. 13, 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 1:06 pm

2. Roll Call

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

Quorum Confirmed: YES

Number of community members present: 9 + 1 Guest (Rico of Spectrum)

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

Zoom attendees: 1

3. Approval of Agenda as presented / amended:

- Motion to Accept Agenda as presented, made by J. Eshbaugh; 2nd L. Shearer
Ayes: 4 Motion Carried

4. Approval of Minutes of July 19, 2026

- Motion to Approve Minutes of July 19, 2026 approved via Evote on August 14, 2026. Ayes: 3 Motion carried.

5. Report of Officers:

President Report: J. Eshbaugh

- Former legal counsel Steven Strauss reported to J. Eshbaugh that the Ninth Circuit Court dismissed Thunderfoot's lawsuit.
- GET paperwork not reported so FFCA may have a tax liability of approximately \$93,000; & Non Exempt Income also not reported so FFCA has an additional tax burden of approximately \$13,752.47.

Secretary Report: L. Shearer none

Treasurer's Report: D. Dorsey see Sept. 13, 2026 Agenda

- Motion to accept July and August Financial Reports made by D. Dorsey; FFCA

- Seconded by J. Eshbaugh. Ayes: 4 Motion Carried

- Summary

	<u>July</u>	<u>August</u>
Income (approximate)	\$ 10,360	\$ 20,766
Year to Date Income	\$360,342	\$381,108
Expenses (approximate)	\$ 33,512	\$ 30,825
YTD (approximate)	\$236,486	\$267,311
Balance as of	\$123,846	\$113,797*

*including certificates of deposit; & before adjustments checks in transit
- Upcoming Expenses:
Bulletin Board: \$2,000 (previously approved)
Newsletter, Ballots, Postage: \$12,000 (2025 costs) (2026 costs higher)

Roads Report: J. Eshbaugh

Due to hurricane, lots more work needed to be done: increased Ells' hours & gravel loads to 20 per month. Increasing costs cannot be sustained.

Washouts repaired Upper Omeka & lower Ohialani. Almost complete lower Kaleponi. Next will be upper Kaleponi, Leila, Uluhemalu (between Kaleponi & Makoa) & Ala Nualani at Ohialani. Next will work on Ali'i Wao, upper Kokokahi lower Omeka.

Guest Speaker: Rico of Spectrum discussed Spectrum's request to establish services in Fern Forest by accessing telephone lines in the subdivision. Board to discuss and decide later.

6. Report of SubCommittees

- **Grants, Funding & Community Resources Committee (GFCRC):** completed and received approval from the County for a \$21,000 grant for FF Community Garden.
- **GFCRC** submitted a request for County's assistance with paving and related road improvements on upper Kaleponi. Justification: private road is opened for public use by the County during road closure(s) on Highway 11.
- **Newsletter Committee:** Volunteers: Dana, Leimomi, Kathy, Bak to meet 1:00 pm Thursday, Sept. 17 at Firelot. (See Newsletter Costs & Guide attached)

(Caroline available to package newsletter & Ballots)

- **Election Committee:** L. Shearer, Bobbie Mohler, (need 1 more volunteer)
- **Road Crew Volunteers:** We need volunteers to kokua Jerry & Ells. Russell volunteered.

7. Special Orders: None

8. Unfinished Business:

- **GET:** CPA completed all paperwork required to try to keep FFCA in compliance, avoid further fines or grant disqualifications.
- **2027 Property Tax Credit:** Office Manager is 95% complete in updating property tax information to submit to Real Property Tax so owners who reside on their property can receive this credit.
- Bulletin Board construction to begin later this month.
- Newsletter: Committee to meet Sept. 17. Need correct mailing addresses (Maggie 95% completed); printing costs approximately \$8,924. Postage: unknown at this time. (see timelines attached)

9. E-Votes:

- Sept. 6, 2026 Motion for bulletin board costs of \$2,000.00 made by D. Dorsey; Seconded by J. Eshbaugh Ayes: 3 Motion carried,
- Motion to move Sept. 20, 2026 to Sept. 13, 2026 due to potential weather concerns made by J. Eshbaugh; seconded by L. Shearer. Ayes 3 Motion carried.

10. New Business

- **Doing Better:** How does FFCA do better?
 - We are a road maintenance association and yet, during the hurricane season when trees are down on roadways, FFCA does not even have a chainsaw.

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- Sustainability in the event of emergencies: Communications, solar, food, shelter, water
- **How do we encourage more property owners to pay their road assessment fees?**
Liens
 - 1: talk with them; 2: send letter; 3: Hire & Bill **(document) Need a timeline**
 - Liens
 - Work with State Legislature re enacting laws
- **2027 Budget & Annual Road Assessment**
 - Timeline: Sept. 25 draft deadline
 - Board review by Oct. 1
 - Proposed budget ready for newsletter by Oct. 9
- **Recycling Old Gate:** for use on Leila property. Dana stated that a chain gate is good enough.

11. Public Discussion:

- Need for a Pressure Washer (Caroline)
- Kea'au High School re Himalayan Raspberry equipment. J, Eshbaugh has it. Liz to follow -up
- Voting On-line. FFCA post ballot on website, landowner prints, vote & mails in (Caroline)
- Road Crew: How much time? Volunteered husband Russell. Sherry also stated she will be a candidate to run for Board of Directors.
- Grants to consider: HPM's Team Depot, Panda Express (Russell)
- Garden Blitz: a group of residents work at one person's garden, the next month they work on another group member's garden. (Bak)
- Dog Barking issue: Mediation. FFCA unable to kokua...

- 12. Adjournment. Motion to adjourn at 3:31 made by J. Eshbaugh; seconded by L. Shearer. Ayes; 4 Motion carried.**

Leimomi Shearer, Secretary
Fern Forest Community Association