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Fern Forest Community Association
Board of Directors' Monthly Meeting
Oct 18, 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 1:05 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: 10
Zoom: 1

3. **Approval of Agenda as presented** / amended:
Motion to Accept Agenda as presented: L. Shearer; Seconded J. Eschbaugh
Ayes: 3 Motion Carried

4. **Approval of Minutes of Sept. 13**, 2026
Motion to Approve Minutes of Sept. 13, 2026 made by E-Vote ***J. Eshbaugh;***
2nd by D. Dorsey Ayes: 3 Motion Carried

5. **Report of Officers**:
President Report:
- Public Complaints via Social Media: Negligence; Financial Incompetence (GET)' Zero Transparency; By-Laws Violations re: Hiring of Bookkeeper; Road Program

  Response by J. Eschbaugh, President
  - Social Media: Will not respond
  - Negligence: The responses below refutes this Complaint
  - Financial Incompetence: re hiring of CPA: current FFCA Board retains former CPA. Bonnie whose company has been bought out by someone else. Bonnie is working with FFCA in getting our GET taxes liability from a number of years reduced.
  - Treasurer's Report is stated at every monthly meeting. Community members wishing to review Financials, can set up appointment with the office for review
  - Reconciliation of books received from former bookkeeper is almost complete. Currently, there is a discrepancy (in FFCA's favor) and should be completed soon.

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- Per Hawai'i Law, Financials do not have to be posted on Web Site, it is a FFCA Courtesy to post for off island members.
- Hiring of Independent Contractor for bookkeeping. Per Office Manager's contracting with the previous Board, her contract states her as an Independent Contractor. As such, her company, MISPLX is an Independent Contractor.

6. **Secretary Report:**
Motion to Approve Minutes of Sept. 13, 2026 made by E-Vote ***J. Eshbaugh;*** 2nd by D. Dorsey Ayes: 3 (JE, DD, LS Motion Carried

7. **Treasurer's Report September 2026**

Income:	$ 6,992.93
Expenses:	$ 32,083.67
Funds Available	$ 87,373.87

NOTE: as stated in October's Agenda
These are preliminary findings:

- Financial books not received by FFCA until July.
- FFCA changed accounting program to a more detailed program called MoneyMindder
- Until Reconciliation of books completed, figures are not official
- No Online posting until Reconciliation completed
- We expect to be complete by end of year

Motion to accept Treasurer's Report made by D. Dorsey; 2nd by J. Eschbaugh
Ayes: 3 (DD, JE, LS) Motion carried

8. **Message from Bookkeeping**:
   - FF property owner FFCA account numbers now matching Tax Property Statement, although it is now longer. If your property tax states your lot number as **028-085**, for our account, you would now be listed as *11***028085***0000.*
   - Lot owners' legal name had to be used as well as mailing address
   - Requirement for County's new program to issue credits as applicable
   - Homeowners: *What you need to do?*
     * Dec. when you receive your tax appraisal for 2027, verify you received your roads tax credit. File an appeal with tax department if you did not receive your credit.
     ****DISCLAIMER***: FFCA has no control over the process other than sending accurate TMK documents to the County.

9. **Roads Report**: J. Eshbaugh

- Major washouts on the following repaired: Uluhemalu; Kaleponi, lower Ohialani; upper Omeka.

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(Kevin stated that his road is unpassable and asked how do we get people to pay their road fees, and how many lots there are (2,583 lots); J. Eshbaugh stated that last month he suggested legislative work with the State to add road fees to liens and members attending said no, what are we going to do about Kūpuna? Caroline opposes Kūpuna being forced out of their home). L. Shearer we can encourage by doing more for the community ie: gardening program (in the works) hub, clean up and by reminding owners we have a payment plan option; H. Glessner asked if this Board was ok with members using their equipment to work on their roads. J, Eshbaugh said yes, (Board to review). Keep on radar: Raspberry Himalayan mulching.
Another member asked when potholes get real bad and drivers tend to use easements that are being used as carlots, whose fault is it if you hit a car parked illegally? J, Eschbaugh responded that is working with County to tag and remove illegally parked cars. He created a map of where those cars are and is waiting for action by County. Carol Dunn suggested we speak with Community Police Officer Cardenas and he will speak to homeowner/resident.
Pot holes continue to be filled.

- Returning to regular work after the above completed includes posting map schedules on: Ala Naualani; Ali'i Wao; Apuakehau, Kokokahi and work towards front of subdivision.
- Grader: Currently not working, needed alternator rebuilt, now need to be installed; waiting for new blades to be picked up* and installed.
  * R. Harris volunteered to pick up blades with his 10' trailer.

10. **SubCommittees' Reports**
    A. **Grant Committee:** (Dana, Chair & Liz, Member) FFCA grant on Community Food Security and Resilience Initiative requires a few more documents. Dana to complete. Once contract is signed, we will continue to update budget.

    B. Newsletter Committee: (Dana, Chair; Members Carol, Pam, Kathleen, Bach, Leimomi)
    Done and submitted for printing, cost of $9,990.57 (down payment of $2,500) includes printing of newsletter, ballots, folding, & envelopes. $7,490.57 due at pickup. Does not include postage. Looking for volunteers for August 26 & 27 for labeling & stamping.

11. Special Orders: None

12. Unfinished Business:

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Community Bulletin Board: DONE.

13. E-Votes:
- 09/25/2026: Motion to accept Minutes of Sept. 10/05/2026 made by J. Eschbaugh;
  2nd: D. D. Dorsey Ayes: 3 (JE, DD,LS); Motion Carried
- 09/26/2026: Motion to accept the following candidates for 2026 elections for FFCA; Sherry Harris and Pamela Eschbaugh made by L. Shearer; 2nd: D. Dorsey Ayes: 3 (LS, DD, LL) Abstain: J. Eschbaugh Motion Carried
- 10/08/2026: Motion to accept 2026 Ballots for December Elections to be printed and sent out with the 2026 newsletter made by L. Shearer' 2nd; D. Dorsey, Ayes: 3 (LS, DD, JE) Motion Carried
- 10/13/2026 Motion to accept newsletter and send to printers made by. D. Dorsey; 2nd: L. Shearer Ayes; 3 (DD, LS, JE) Motion Carried
- 10/16/2026 Motion to have the League Of Women Voters receive to their P.O.Box our ballots and to tally the votes received ***as well as attend our December 2026 Annual meeting to tally additional ballots received by walkins*** made by L. Shearer 2nd: D. Dorsey; Ayes; 3 (LS, DD, JE) Motion Carried

14. **New Business**
- *Due to harassment of independent contractors (Office Manager and Road Crew), Motion that FFCA Board authorizes on their behalf independent contractors to inform offender to leave FFCA property if conduct is threatening or disruptive and/or to contact law enforcement if that person refuses.* Board *to* review the incident and decide whether to issue a written trespass notice or impose a longer-term restriction on access to FFCA property. If appropriate, the Board may refer the matter to law enforcement for investigation and to seek criminal trespass charges.

- Clean Up Day: *Motion to collaborate with Fe*rn Forest Neighborhood Watch to do a clean up on November 7, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. made by D. Dorsey; 2nd by. J. Eschbaugh Ayes: 3 (DD, JE, LS) Motion Carried

- Dana: Board needs to complete Nepotism Policy

15. **Announcements**
- Red Cross smoke alarms: Sign up if you are interested in Red Cross installing Smoke Alarms in your home. Dana has a sign up sheet.

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- Kūpuna Lunch: Volcano Friends Feeding Friends' Annual Kūpuna Lunch scheduled for Tuesday, November 10th at 11:30 am at Quonset Hut.

- Neighborhood Place of Puna will be at Firelot in Nov. (date to be announced)

16. **Adjournment**
Motion to adjourn meeting made by J Eshbaugh, 2nd by L. Shearer
Ayes: 3 (JE, LS, DD) Motion Carried Meeting ended at 2:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Leimomi Shearer, Secretary
Fern Forest Community Association