AGENDA
BOARD OF AGRICULTURE MEETING

Date: January 25, 2022
Time: 9:00 a.m.
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I. CALL TO ORDER

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM 11/30/21 MEETING

III. INTRODUCTIONS

IV. COMMUNICATIONS FROM DIVISIONS AND ADMINISTRATION

A. AGRICULTURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT DIVISION

1. Request for Consent to Assignment of General Lease Nos. S-9015 and S-9020; Agrigenetics Molokai LLC, Lessee/Assignor, to Friendly Isle Growing Services Corporation, Assignee; TMK: (2) 5-2-001:023 and 028; Molokai Agricultural Park, Lots 14 & 19, Island of Molokai, Maui County, Hawaii

2. Request for: 1) Consent to Assignment of General Lease No. S-4927; Vanxay Boulangsy, Lessee/Assignor, to Sumitra Viyanan Barton, Assignee; and 2) Approval of Extension of Lease; TMK: (1) 4-1-035:006, Waimanalo Agricultural Park Lot 6, Koolaupoko, Waimanalo, Island of Oahu, Hawaii

3. Request for Consent to Assignment of General Lease No. S-4428; Brian Connors Bushe and Jennifer Tamashiro-Bushe, Lessee/Assignor, to Shane Castillo Jr., Assignee; TMK: 3rd DIV/1-5-116:014, Lot 14, Pahoa Agricultural Park Island of Hawaii, Hawaii

4. Request for Approval for Sublease between the Hamakua Agricultural Cooperative, Lessee/Sublessee, and William Beach, Sublessee; General Lease No. S-5551, TMK: 3rd DIV/ 4-6-003:001, 002, and 020 (por), Lot S.01 and 2A, Honokaia Makai Tract, Hamakua, Island of Hawaii

5. Request for Consent to Assignment of General Lease No. S-4459; Henry Cho, SR. (deceased), Lessee/Assignor; Dean Maruyama, Assignee; TMK:3rd DIV/ 7-3-049:004, Lot No. 04, Keahole Agricultural Park, Phase I, North Kona District, Island of Hawaii, State of Hawaii

6. Request Approval to terminate General Lease No.(s) S-4366; Paul H. Mayeda, Lessee; TMK: 3rd DIV/2-4-049:006, Lot No. 22, and S-4637; Panawea Tropicals, Inc., Lessee; TMK: 3rd DIV/ 2-4-049:004, Lot No. 20, Panawea Farm Lots Subdivision, Waiakea, South Hilo, Island of Hawaii, Hawaii

7. Request for Consent to Assignment of General Lease No. S-4205 Flowers, Incorporated, Lessee/Assignor, to Kohala Plants, Inc., Assignee, TMK: 3rd DIV/ 2-4-049:031, Lot 31, Panawea Farm Lots Subdivision, Waiakea, South Hilo, Hawaii, Hawaii

B. PLANT INDUSTRY DIVISION

Plant Quarantine Branch

1. Request to: (1) Preliminarily Approve a Change in the List Placement of the Fungus Beauveria bassiana strain ANT-03, From the List of Restricted Microorganisms (Part A), to the List of Nonrestricted Microorganisms, for use in a Microbial Bio-Remediation Product; and (2) Authorize the Chairperson to Schedule a Public Hearing and Appoint a Hearing Officer in Connection with the Proposed Amendments to Chapter 4-71A, as Described in (1), Above.

2. Request to: (1) Allow the Importation of Avocado Root Rot, Phytophthora cinnamomi, a Fungus on the List of Restricted Microorganisms (Part A), for Laboratory Research Including Plant Inoculation, by the University of Hawaii, by Permit; and (2) Establish Permit Conditions for the Importation of Avocado Root Rot, Phytophthora cinnamomi, a Fungus on the List of Restricted Microorganisms (Part A), for Laboratory Research Including Plant Inoculation, by the University of Hawaii, by Permit.

V. OLD BUSINESS

None.
VI. NEW BUSINESS


2. Update on the Department’s proposed budget (Link: https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session2022/testimony/Info_Testimony_WAM-AEN_01-14-22_AGR.pdf) and the following proposed administrative measures.

   a. Important Ag Lands (IAL) Tax Credit Extension – to restore and extend the IAL Qualified Agricultural Cost Tax Credit by 10 years starting from the 2022 tax year. Extend coverage to the beginning of the year 2022 and not from the date of approval.

   b. A Bill for an Act Relating to the Advisory Committee on Pesticides – To remove the statutory requirement for representatives of the pineapple and sugar industries and add a statutory requirement for representatives of the coffee and diversified agriculture industries on the Advisory Committee on Pesticides.

   c. Hemp – Amend Act 14 to provide continuity of the regulatory authority for the department of agriculture to implement its responsibilities regarding hemp production.

   d. Agricultural Loan emergency Loan Fund – To develop a permanent loan fund to assist the agricultural community to recover from natural disasters, droughts, fires, economic emergencies, transportation disruptions and crop blights and diseases.

   e. A Bill for an Act Relating to the Animal Industry Special Fund – Amend section 142-3.6, HRS to add new sources of revenue generated by the state veterinary laboratory and animal disease control branch to be deposited into the animal industry division special fund. Revenue to be used to expand capabilities of the State Veterinary Laboratory.

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