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KACD BUSINESS SESSION MINUTES
November 20, 2007
Airport Hilton Hotel, Wichita, Kansas

Those Present

Directors:

LaVern Wetzel, President

Gene Albers, Vice President

Ron Brown, Secretary-Treasurer

Don Rezac, Director (NACD Director and Past President)

Jon Starns, Director (Past President)

Staff:

Pat Lehman, Executive Director

The meeting was called to order by President LaVern Wetzel at 10:10 a.m. Rodney Vorhees, Sergeant at Arms, reported that a quorum was present and according to the by-laws, business could begin.

President Wetzel reviewed procedures by which Roberts Rules will be used to conduct the business session. Robert (Bob) Binder, Ellis County, was appointed Parliamentarian.

Minutes

President Wetzel presented the minutes as printed in the Convention Proceedings of November 21, 2006, under 2006 KACD Business Meeting. Dave Epps, Linn County, made a correction to the minutes on page three, under Water Resources, changing "Dave Epps" to "Norman Epp." Wayne Lukert, Shawnee County, moved to approve the minutes as corrected. Carl Jordan, Mitchell County, seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurers Report

Ron Brown, KACD Secretary-Treasurer, reported year-end totals as of October 31, 2007, and moved for the acceptance of the Treasurers Report as presented. Bevin Law, Clay County, seconded. Motion passed and the budget was adopted. Ron Brown presented the KACD 2007-08 budget and moved the \$108,700 be approved as presented. Joe Keith, Graham County, seconded. Motion passed.

Reports from Standing and Special Committees

(NOTE: All resolutions adopted are shown in the Resolution section of the Proceedings Booklet.)

- **Conservation Education & Youth**
Kenneth Nelson is chairman. No report.
- **Soil & Water Stewardship**
Margaret Kraus, chairperson, reported on the Vesper service. Wayne Lukert, Shawnee County, moved to approve the report. Ted Nighswonger seconded. Motion passed.
- **Fair Booth**
A written report was submitted by Chairman Richard Neville. Norman Epp, Marion County, moved to approve the report as submitted. Carl Mitchell seconded. Motion passed.
- **Endowment Fund**
Chairman Lyman Nuss thanked Jon Starns, who won the drawing for the 42-inch HD television at the banquet and then returned it to the Endowment Committee to auction off during the banquet. This auction raised another \$1,000 for the Endowment Fund. Lyman then gave a committee report. Ted Nighswonger moved to approve the report. Jeff Hofaker seconded. Motion carried.
- **Employees Organization**
Gayla Speer, EO President, was not present and no report was submitted.
- **Kansas Water Authority**
Ron Brown gave the report. Dave Epp moved for approval. Kyle Hoffman seconded. Motion carried.
- **Community**
Lyle Newby, Reno County, gave the report and made a motion for approval. David Epps, Linn County, seconded. Motion carried.
- **District Operations & Outlook**
Chairman Wayne Lukert, Shawnee County, gave the committee report and made a motion for approval. Bevin Law, Clay County, seconded. Motion carried. There were no resolutions presented.
- **Finance & Development**
Chairman Bevin Law, Clay County, gave the committee report and moved for acceptance. Joe Keith, Graham County, seconded. Motion carried.

Bevin Law presented Resolution #5 (see Resolutions section of this handbook), which contains the 2009 State Conservation Commission Budget. He moved for acceptance of the resolution. Dave Epps, Linn County, seconded. No discussion. Motion carried.

- **Grasslands**

Ted Alexander, Barber County, gave the committee report and moved for acceptance. Wayne Thorpe, Bourbon County, seconded. Motion carried.

Ted Alexander moved for acceptance of Resolution #6 (see Resolutions section of this handbook). Wayne Thorpe moved to amend by striking deer and inserting wildlife. Norman Danielson seconded. No discussion. Resolution passed as amended.

- **Natural Resources Programs**

Chairman Jeff Hofaker, Phillips County, gave the committee report and moved for acceptance. Carl Jordan, Mitchell County, seconded. Motion carried.

Action on Resolutions (see copies of resolutions in Resolutions section of this handbook):

Resolution #1 – Jeff Hofaker, Phillips County, moved not to adopt. Kyle Hoffman, Comanche County, seconded. Wayne Lukert asked for an explanation. Hofaker explained that in the committee meeting, both Clark and Lincoln counties agreed to combine their resolutions as they are one and the same. W.D. Goode, Wilson, made positive comments on combining the resolutions.

Resolution #2 – Jeff Hofaker moved for acceptance. Bill Haney, Stanton County, seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Resolution #3 – Jeff Hofaker moved for acceptance. Norman Danielson, Riley County, seconded. No discussion. Motion carried.

Resolution #4 – Jeff Hofaker moved for acceptance. Wayne Thorpe, Bourbon County, seconded. No discussion. Motion carried.

- **Research**

LaVern Wetzel, Edwards County, gave the committee report. Ted Nighswonger, Graham County, moved for acceptance. Loren Berndt, Saline County, seconded. Motion carried.

- **Rural Development**

David Epps, Linn County, moved for acceptance of the verbal report. Norman Epp, Marion County, seconded. Motion carried.

- **Water Resources**

Chairman Doug Plegge, Marshall County, gave the committee report and moved for acceptance. Carl Jordan, Mitchell County, seconded. Motion carried.

- **Wildlife, Forestry & Recreation**

Chairperson Becky Wise, Jefferson County, gave the committee report and moved for acceptance. Mary Alexander, Clay County, seconded. Motion carried.

- **Resolutions**

Wayne Lukert, Shawnee County, reported that he will be making recommendations to KACD in the future. He moved for acceptance of the report. Norman Danielson, Riley County, seconded. Motion carried.

- **Auxiliary**

Auxiliary President Beverly Brown gave the report. Ron Brown, Bourbon County, moved to accept the report. Dave Epps, Linn County, seconded. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business

David Epps inquired about Harold Fraiser, Wallace County. Margaret Kraus asked for entertainment suggestions for future Vespers services. Pat Lehman requested that name tags and convention surveys be left at the registration table. Pat also presented an award to Don Rezac who is coming off the KACD Board of Directors. He served from 1995-2007.

Outgoing NRCS State Conservationist Harold Klaege stated that NRCS appreciates the partnership with KACD. Harold gave Haskell County

Conservation District an Earth Team Award. Four board supervisors and District Manager Bill Decker were present to receive the award.

President's Report

President Wetzel supports NACD Building Fund 509. He stated the building has not had repairs in about 30 years and is in need of them. He encouraged Kansas to donate \$100 from each county.

Ron Brown introduced Keira Franz, NACD Legislative Affairs Director. She expressed thanks to KACD for inviting her to attend the convention. Brad Shogren, McPherson, has been elected to the Board of Directors for the State Conservation Commission (SCC). Bevin Law, Clay County, has been elected to the KACD Board of Directors.

Andy Larson, Finney County, moved to adjourn. Wayne Thorpe, Bourbon County, seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:14 a.m.

Submitted by Sherri Martin

COMMITTEE

REPORTS



AUXILIARY COMMITTEE
November 21, 2006
Meeting Minutes

(not included in 2006 Proceedings Booklet)

The KACD Auxiliary met Tuesday, November 21, 2006, with President Beverly Brown presiding. The program, "Wildflowers in the Kansas Grasses," was given by Mike Haddock.

The main purpose of the Auxiliary has been to promote conservation education. We continue to do this with our support of the education of the Youth and Education Committee. Speech contestants that give their speeches at the state convention receive \$50; essay winners receive \$25; and the Teacher of the Year receives \$50. This year, instead of giving scholarships to Discovery Days, a donation of \$250 was given to the Envirothon. The Education Committee is given \$500 to use for education and \$200 is given to Ag in the Classroom to support half a scholarship for a teacher to attend.

We realize the important role the secretaries/managers have in fulfilling conservation work in Kansas. We are continuing to sponsor the Secretary/Manager Award. The 2006 winner was Tom Meed of Clay County. We want to congratulate the winner and thank all of the counties that made nominations.

We would like to thank all the counties that have paid dues to the Auxiliary. Without their support, we would not be able to fund the many educational programs in which we are currently involved. Our only other fundraisers are the Country Store (our Country Store items are brought to the convention by anyone wanting to support the Auxiliary – you do not have to be an Auxiliary member to participate) and we have a prize drawing held during the convention. We would like to thank those of you who support these two activities. Tickets are sold for a chance to win a quilt at the national convention. All states are to be represented on this quilt. The winner last year in Los Angeles was from Kansas.

KACD officers are:

Beverly Brown, President
Glenda Miller, Secretary
Anna Lee Nelson, Treasurer

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE
November 19, 2007
Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lyle Newby at 10:00 a.m. at the Wichita Airport Hilton.

Lyle welcomed everyone. The minutes of the 2006 meeting were read, amended to correct the start time to 10:00, and accepted.

The first speaker was Cheri Miller, Wyandotte County Conservation District Manager. WYCCD does extensive sediment and erosion control plans. These plans are given due attention by the Unified Government as well as Bonner Springs and Edwardsville. The land uses are a blend of urban and agriculture, since many farms are only three to ten acres.

Debra Sumner, NRCS, discussed the various reports used from EFOTG to assist with these plans. Together WYCCD and NRCS have worked on eight casino sites that have been submitted on farm ground. It has taken several years to convince the units of government that all of the natural resource issues need to be considered, but they feel it is finally happening.

Jim Weaver with the Douglas County Conservation District spoke on putting a workshop together. They held a Sediment and Erosion Control Workshop early in November that was very successful. The steps outlined were to choose a target audience, speakers, good time of day and year for those attending, location, and appropriate accommodations.

There were no resolutions brought before this committee.

Lyle Newby reported that Reno, McPherson, and Harvey counties have handled the Farm and Ranch Show in Wichita each year and would like other counties to commit to assisting with this project. Meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

CONSERVATION EDUCATION AND YOUTH COMMITTEE
November 19, 2007
Meeting Minutes

The KACD Conservation Education & Youth Committee met Monday, November 19, 2007, in the Multi-Media Theatre of the Airport Hilton, Wichita, Kansas. Approximately 75 people attended the meeting.

Kenny Nelson, Miami County Co-Chair, called the meeting to order. He appointed Jenny Jasper as acting secretary for the meeting. Committee members were introduced and advisors were announced. Jenny Jasper read the minutes of the November 20, 2006, meeting. Motion was made by Ireta Schwant, Pottawatomie County, and seconded by Mary Alexander, Clay County, to approve the minutes. The motion carried.

Ireta Schwant introduced the speech judges for the 26th Annual Speech Contest: Shanee Anderson, Curator of Education with the Sedgwick County Zoo; Tonya Bronleewe, EARTH Program Coordinator; and Bill Speigel, Editor for the Kansas Farmer Magazine. The timekeepers were Annalee Nelson and Mary Alexander. The speech contest topic was "Why Celebrate Conservation?" She introduced the three speech contestants: Ann Clawson, Clark County, Area II; Alayna Howell, Pratt County, Area III; Carlie Gernhart, Miami County, Area IV; Lauren Drake, Linn County, Area IV. Prior to naming the winner, Ireta interviewed the contestants. Ann Clawson was declared the first-place winner and was given a plaque and will receive a \$500 scholarship. Carlie Gernhart won second place and was given a plaque and will receive a \$250 scholarship. The Honorable Mention Winners, Alayna Howell and Lauren Drake, were also given a plaque and all contestants were presented monies from KACD Auxiliary as well as the KACD Board of Directors.

Shanee Anderson, KACEE, gave a presentation on some of the programs KACEE is currently doing.

Cathy Musick, KFAC, gave a report on their activities. The new Natural Resource Education Guide based on teacher focus groups is ready to print.

Katie Miller of the Twin Lakes Water Festival gave a presentation about their water festival that won the KACD Education & Youth Conservation District Educational Activity/Event of the Year award, which included Geary, Morris and Chase counties. They were each awarded a plaque and the water festival was awarded \$250 on behalf of Feyh Farms out of Alma, Kansas.

Peggy Ricker, Envirothon Co-Coordinator, gave a report on the 2007 Kansas Envirothon, which was held at the Banner Creek Reservoir near Holton, Kansas. Nineteen teams registered and eighteen teams competed. Individual gold, silver and bronze medals were awarded to the top three places in each event. In the afternoon the adults toured the Campbell Vineyard, Schlaegels Popcorn and downtown Holton. Grants were received from the Canon Envirothon and SCC NPS

Program. Donations were received from the following sponsors: KACD, Sharp Bros. Seed Co. in Healy, Kansas Forest Service, Pheasants Forever, Inc.-Pheasants Fever Chapter #543, Conservation Districts Auxiliary, Feyh Farm Seed Company in Alma, Holton Chamber of Commerce, Jackson County Development Corporation, Jackson County Commissioners, Glacial Hills RC&D in Valley Falls, Dennis Schwant of Blaine, Jackson County Conservation District, Banner Creek Reservoir, Larry Holliday of Soldier and Mary Fernkopf of Circleville.

Peggy reported that Clay County won the competition and competed in the Canon Envirothon at Geneva, New York, in late July 2007. Teams from 49 U.S. States and Canadian provinces competed. She announced that the 2008 Kansas Envirothon will be held May 14, 2008, with the hopes that it will be in Chase County, but it is not confirmed. The 2008 Canon Envirothon competition will be held in Flagstaff, Arizona.

Jenny Jasper, Annalee Nelson, and Mary Alexander presented the 2007 state contest winner awards in the poster, limerick and essay contests.

The meeting was adjourned.

DISTRICT OPERATIONS AND OUTLOOK COMMITTEE
November 19, 2007
Meeting Minutes

The District Operations and Outlook Committee met at 8:00 a.m. Monday, November 19, 2007, in Salon IV at the Airport Hilton in Wichita, Kansas, with 30 in attendance.

Committee Chair Wayne Lukert welcomed all and introduced committee members. He asked if any had an interest in serving on this or any other KACD committee, they should contact that committee chair or their KACD director.

The program consisted of:

FYI: Announcements and Things of Interest to Conservation Districts

1. 2008 Legislative Conservation Fair—Wednesday, January 23, 2008
2. District Law and the District Supervisor breakout session
3. SCC Training Modules available on the website
4. NACD Training site: <http://nacdnet.org/resources/presentations/leadership/>
5. Resolution Roundup—Brief update of current resolutions before KACD and status of Resolutions Committee and the KACD Resolution Process

NOW THAT THE CHECK IS CUT...IS KANSAS GETTING ITS MONEY'S WORTH?...AND DOES YOUR LEGISLATOR KNOW IT?!?! An open discussion was held on how Kansas conservation districts are spending their increase in State Aid to Conservation Districts and educating our funding sources on how this benefits their district and the state of Kansas.

There were no resolutions presented.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

KACD-EO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
November 18, 2007
Meeting Minutes

I. Meeting was called to order by President, Gayla Speer at 11:00 a.m.

II. Also Present were:

Mindy Vogt, Vice-President
Donna Greenleaf, Treasurer
Brenda Peters
Sandi Scott
Denise Benteman
Donna Fay Major
Keri Harris
Pat Lehman, KACD Executive Director
Jim Krueger, NRCS
Greg Foley, SCC Executive Director
Dee Turner, SCC

III. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

Brenda Peters made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2007 meeting. Mindy Vogt seconded the motion. Motion carried.

IV. TREASURER'S REPORT:

Donna Greenleaf presented the Treasurer's Report (attached). Donna Fay Major made a motion to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Kristi Vogts seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Donna Greenleaf reported on the membership numbers are the same as last meeting.

There are no scholarship applications to approve.

V. COMMUNICATIONS:

NCDEA President, Cindy Moon, sent a Thank You for 2007 dues.

Patti Winters, Secretary, arrived at 11:05 a.m.

VI. REPORTS:

Area I

Sandi Scott and Donna Fay Major are planning their area meeting. They are in the same management unit and currently have staff meetings every two weeks. A couple water festivals have been held this fall.

Area II

Donna Greenleaf reported that Connie Richmeier was not present due to medical issues with her husband. Ark Water Festival is being planned and could use volunteers as they have between 1,500 and 2,000 students attend. Mark Minx, Meade County, has resigned. Donna thanked everyone for the help and support after the tornado destroyed most of Greensburg.

Area III

Mindy Vogt, Brenda Peters and Patti Winters reported on activities. No employees have changed for Area III. Area meeting will be held April 24, 2008 @ Hesston. It was suggested to have "unified" topics, such as payroll reports, accounting basics, etc. for area meetings.

Area IV

Gayla Speer and Keri Harris reported the Susan has returned to work for Leavenworth County CD. Johnson County CD has moved to their new location. They are still having problems with internet.

Area V

Denise Benteman and Kristi Vogts, reported Chase County CD has moved. Budgets are tight and one district is not attending KACD Annual Meeting due to that fact. Denise also thanked the EO for their cards, emails and support. Denise and Kristi also had requests from employees for training, especially on items that must be completed the same in every county.

KACD

Pat Lehman, KACD Executive Director, reported the KACD convention registration went okay. Pat's wife, Robin, has diligently helped Pat during the process. Pat stated that a survey has been included in everybody's packet and would like to have these completed. Meal tickets will be available until 9:30 Monday morning. David Lake, Robin Lehman, and Donna Meader will be working registration table. Ten to 12 vendors have contacted Pat for a booth space.

NRCS

Jim Krueger provided a report for NRCS (attached). EQIP reimbursable agreement will open up to all counties. Counties can start recording hours as soon as request is made to SCC of intent to participate. Harold Klaege will be retiring January 2008. Currently, NRCS has 348 employees. Notice was sent out to GS 12's to volunteer to go to Liberal, Scott City and Medicine Lodge. If a work unit does not have at GS 12, no action will be taken until after new budget is set. No new CSP sign-up. EQIP sign-up amounted to

\$20.1 million. State Office will inspect PL-566 dams prior to August 1, 2008 to determine classification. NRCS is trying to get a general permit for waterways that are blue-lined.

SCC

Greg Foley, SCC, provided handouts (attached) on the FY 2008 and 2009. DOB recommends to cut both Water Resources and NPS program funding for 2009, in addition to reduction for FY 2008.

Dee Turner, SCC, provided information on EQIP Contribution Agreement and Technical Assistance. Technical Assistance for Area I will not be filled. EQIP agreement has been extended through March 31, 2008. District Employees are paid by the hour for EQIP contracts. Currently, 39 counties are active in the agreement. Any counties that are interested in participating in the agreement should contact Dee Turner. Dee also emphasized the 9 training modules for employees and supervisors on the SCC website. Employees were thanked for working the booth at the State Fair.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

Area Representatives Election - Three votes had been received by Gayla Spear prior to convention. She has had computer trouble, so she didn't know whether there were more e-mailed to her or not.

Northern Plains Regional Representative - Wyoming has joined Southern Region. Current President, Gerri Troublecook, is from Wyoming. There is currently a position open as representative, if interested, contact Gayla Spear. Gayla Spear will be attending NACD.

KACD -EO Area meetings - Area III meeting will be held April 24th at Hesston. Accounting basics (payroll, tax exemptions, do's and don'ts of Enterprise/Operations Funds, etc.) and SCC web modules were possible topics for the meetings. Jim Krueger would be willing to come to the area meetings, if representatives wanted him to attend.

KACD Annual Convention - Work room assistance should be minimal this year. Employees Annual Meeting was discussed. Theme is Survivor. Roll call will be answered with "Here". Changed YOU Book will be discussed and voted on.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS:

No new updates on health insurance for district employees were provided. Dee Turner felt like the cost of the insurance was the draw-back for employees to be on state insurance.

IX. ADJOURNMENT:

Kristi Vogts made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Donna Greenleaf seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 1:11 pm.

The next meeting will be November 19, 2007, at Airport Hilton, Wichita, KS.

KACD-EO ANNUAL MEETING
November 19, 2007
Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order by President Gayla Speer at 4:00 p.m.

Patti Winters read roll call by county.

Jim Krueger, NRCS, presented Jane Zook with an Earth Team Volunteer Award and read a letter sent by Harold Klaege, NRCS State Conservationist.

Beverly Brown, KACD Auxiliary, presented District Manager Awards to Stephanie Royer, Rush County, and Keri Harris, Franklin County. Beverly encouraged districts to continue to support the auxiliary by paying dues.

Motion by Connie Richmeier, seconded by Debbe Schopper, to approve minutes from the 2006 KACD-EO Annual Meeting held November 20, 2006, as printed. Motion carried.

Motion by Connie Richmeier, seconded by Mindy Vogt, to approve the November 19, 2006, through November 17, 2007, Treasurer's Report as printed. Motion carried.

Connie Richmeier gave an update on NCDEA. Cookbooks are being sold by NCDEA for \$20 each. Orders are being taken and books will be brought back from NACD in February and mailed to those purchasing one. A raffle is being held to raise funds for Don Aaron Memorial Scholarship, which provides scholarships up to \$1,000. February 9 -13 is the NACD annual meeting in Reno.

Dee Turner, SCC, gave a brief report and promoted the new website that is up and running. There are nine training modules for district employees and supervisors. Also available are Forums where district employees can ask questions.

Keri Harris retyped and updated the "YOU" Book. A few employees did not recall receiving the updated version through e-mail. Motion by Connie Richmeier to adopt the updated YOU Book and revise it at a later date if problems were found. Motion seconded by Dotti Harris. Motion carried. Gayla Speer thanked Keri Harris for retyping the book.

Sandi Scott presented Peggy Ricker with a 20 year service award.

Donna Greenleaf gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Greensburg Tornado. Slides contained pictures of Greensburg before the tornado and then pictures of destruction. Donna Greenleaf thanked everybody for the donations, cards and support they had received.

Elections were held for area representatives. All elections were by unanimous vote.

- Area I – Donna Fay Major
- Area II – Connie Richmeier
- Area III – Patti Winters
- Area IV – Gayla Spear
- Area V – Kristi Vogts

Donna Meader gave dates for the SCC Spring Workshops as follows:

- Area I – March 4, 2008 @ Hays
- Area II – March 5, 2008 @ Garden City
- Area III – March 6, 2008 @ Salina
- Area IV – March 11, 2008 @ Topeka
- Area V – March 12, 2008 @ Iola

Mindy Vogt presented a “Survivor” challenge. At check-in, attendees were given a challenge to find a letter with the “C” logo on vendor displays. The letters were to then be unscrambled and a name found. Those who got the name unscrambled were put in a drawing for a book, *Nature Deficit Disorder*. Donna Fay Major won the book. For the second challenge, attendees were divided into tribes by the color of bandana they received at the beginning of the meeting. The tribes were challenged to unscramble seven words dealing with conservation.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

KACD-EO EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
November 19, 2007
Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order by President Gayla Speer at 5:40 p.m.

Motion by Connie Richmeier, seconded by Brenda Peters, to cast a unanimous ballot for the current slate officers for one year. Motion carried.

Discussion regarding the QuickBooks training this past fall was held.

Motion by Connie Richmeier, seconded by Brenda Peters, to purchase a NACD cookbook as a thank you for Cheri Miller's time and request that KACD reimburse Cheri for supplies used for the activities in the breakout session. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:49 p.m.

ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE
November 18, 2007
Meeting Minutes

The KACD Endowment Committee met Sunday, November 18, 2007, at the Airport Hilton In Wichita, Kansas. Lyman Nuss, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Also present were committee members Ted Nighswonger, Richard Neville, Robert Binder, Pat Sauble, Don Rezac, Patti Winters, Jeff Hofaker, Sandi Scott, Dan Meyerhoff, NRCS Advisor, Pat Lehman, KACD Director, and Employee Representative Donna Fay Major.

Robert Binder moved to approve the minutes of the July 26, 200, meeting as printed. Pat Sauble seconded. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report was reviewed. Balance as of November 9, 2007, in the checking account is \$573.19. Pat Lehman reviewed the CD and savings account report. Robert Binder moved to approve the treasurer and CD report, Richard Neville seconded. Motion carried.

The KACD Endowment Committee received \$1,220.00 from the LaVerne Nuss memorial fund.

Old Business: A table is set up for the committee to sell raffle tickets. The TV was too large to bring so the winner will have to go to Hays to pick it up.

Robert Binder updated the committee on the sale of the original paintings.

Donna Fay reported on the current print inventory: In the Heartland – 222, Spring – 16, Summer – 85, and Fall – 58.

New Business: The committee discussed recommendations to submit to the KACD board on uses from fund proceeds. Robert Binder made a motion to recommend to KACD for several \$250 or a \$500 scholarship yearly and KACD develop the criteria, Pat Sauble seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
November 19, 2007
Meeting Minutes

A meeting of the KACD Finance and Development Committee was called to order by Chairman Bevin Law at 10:02 a.m. Eighteen people were present. Chairman Law introduced committee members Marion Krehbeil, Kyle Hoffman and Joe Keith. Committee advisors Gene Albers and Pat Lehman from KACD and SCC Commissioner Richard Neville were also present.

The Chairman read the minutes of the November 7, 2007, committee meeting held in Salina and moved their approval. The motion was seconded by Dennis Marston and carried.

Pat Lehman, KACD Executive Director, reported on the endowment funds held by KACD. A number of certificates of deposits have now been combined into one totaling approximately \$107,000. Interest is being deposited in a savings account for use by KACD.

Kyle Hoffman reported on the KACD budget for 2008. The budget included total revenues and expenses of \$108,700. Chairman Law moved to approve the KACD budget. The motion was seconded by Kyle Hoffman and carried.

Scott Carlson commented on the FY 2009 State Conservation Commission budget request. John Wunder noted that the budget request includes an increase of \$119,000 for State Aid to Conservation Districts.

Marion Krehbeil introduced a resolution to support the 2009 State Conservation Commission budget request and moved that it be approved. The motion was seconded by Joe Keith and carried.

Richard Neville reported that the State Fair Booth partnership that includes KACD, NRCS and the SCC is working very well. Expenses and time requirements for operating the booth are manageable when divided among the groups.

Jim Krueger reported on NRCS activities and developments.

There being no further business, it was moved by John Wunder and seconded by Richard Neville to adjourn. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 10:34 a.m.

GRASSLANDS COMMITTEE
Monday, November 19, 2007
Meeting Minutes

Chairman Ted Alexander called the KACD Grasslands Committee Meeting to order with 59 in attendance including 39 supervisors.

Ted Alexander introduced the committee members in attendance.

Ted Alexander presented the 2007 KACD Grasslands Award to Judd Ranch, Dave and Cindy Judd from Franklin County, Kansas. A PowerPoint presentation of their ranch was shown during the award. The annual state Grasslands Award is sponsored by Sharp Brothers Seed Company, Healy, Kansas.

Thank you to SCC for recognizing the State Grasslands Award Winner at the Monday luncheon.

KACD and the state Grasslands Committee honored the late Art Armbrust with a "Lifetime Achievement Award" that was presented to his son, Dave Armbrust. This award will honor the Outstanding Student attending Kansas Youth Range Camp by reimbursing his/her registration expense and inviting the student to attend the KACD Grasslands Committee meeting.

Pete Ferrell, Beaumont, Kansas, gave an excellent and informative PowerPoint presentation on "Wind Farming & Grazing Lands." Mr. Ferrell answered many questions.

Via Video PowerPoint, Mary Knapp from K-State Extension gave an update on Cocorah in Kansas. More weather volunteers are needed in the state.

No one from Kansas Grasslands Coalition was able to attend.

There was one resolution for consideration. Wayne Thorpe, Bourbon County moved and Robert Miller of Bourbon County seconded the motion to approve the following resolution, Deer Spreading Sericea. Resolution passed 36 -3 and will be presented at general session Tuesday Morning.

Resolution #1 Deer spreading Sericea

Asking that KACD urge the state legislature to appropriate funding to the Biology and Agronomy Departments at Kansas State University for a study to determine the severity of sericea being spread by deer.

Ted declared the meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

NATURAL RESOURCES PROGRAMS COMMITTEE
November 19, 2007
Meeting Minutes

The KACD Natural Resources Program Committee meeting was called to order Monday, November 19, 2007, at 10:05 a.m. with 64 guests present. Jeff Hofaker, Chairman, welcomed those in attendance and introduced Angela Kreps, President of Kansas BioEnergy. Angela spoke on plant, animal, human and industrial biosciences and research that is currently in progress at K-State University, as well as Pittsburg State University.

Don Jones, SCC, reviewed eligibility criteria for livestock watering facilities. Approximately 27% of FY 2007 cost-share funds were used for livestock watering facilities. Don Jones and Greg Foley, SCC, answered questions.

Four resolutions were presented to the committee.

Resolution No. 1 – Water Resources Cost-share Funds for Replacement Livestock Water Supplies.

Motion by Galen Rankin, Clark County, to accept resolution. Seconded by Hellen Arnold, Clark County. Motion carried. Resolution was discussed. Motion by Jim Gabelmann, Lincoln County, to table Clark County's resolution until after Lincoln County had presented their resolution. Seconded by Mick Macnair, Hodgeman County. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 2 – Cost-share Funds for Replacement Livestock Water Supplies

Motion by Jim Gabelmann, Lincoln County, to accept resolution. Seconded by Norman Danielson, Riley County. Motion carried. Discussion of resolution was held. Motion by W.D. Gudde, Wilson County, to amend current resolution and strike the word "native." Seconded by Galen Rankin, Clark County. Motion carried. After discussion, Clark County agreed that Lincoln County's resolution would encompass the presented resolution by Clark County. Motion by Jim Gabelmann, to adopt the resolution as amended. Seconded by Norman Daniels, Riley County, Motion carried.

Motion by Jim Gabelmann, Lincoln County, to bring Clark County's resolution back to the table. Seconded by Galen Rankin, Clark County. Motion carried with one Naye vote. Motion to withdraw resolution from table. Jim Gabelmann, Lincoln County, called to question. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 3 – Water Resources Cost-share Funds for Improvement of Existing Water Wells

Motion by Jim Bennett, Lane County, to accept the resolution and send to general assembly. Seconded by Hellen Arnold, Clark County. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 4 - Cost-share on Initial Water Supply

Motion by Mark Lehman, Crawford County, to accept the resolution and send to general assembly. Seconded by Wayne Lukert, Shawnee County.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:02 p.m.

RESEARCH COMMITTEE
November 19, 2007
Meeting Minutes

The Research Committee met at 10:00 a.m. in Consulate I of the Airport Hilton Hotel, Wichita, Kansas, on Monday, November 19, 2007. Chairman Dan Schmitt welcomed all 23 guests. He introduced the guest speaker.

Kermit Froetschner is a resident of Spearville, Kansas, and has been interested in Wind Energy since 2001. He was one of the leading forces behind the Wind Farm north of Spearville. He told the group about how he found Enxco and how the process started. He gave a PowerPoint presentation on the building and setting up of the wind turbines.

After questions, Dan adjourned the meeting with no committee actions or resolutions.

Submitted by Stacy Neilson, Secretary

RURAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
November 19, 2007
Meeting Minutes

The Rural Development Committee meeting was called to order by Chairman David Epps at 8:00 a.m. November 19, 2007. Dave welcomed everyone to the meeting. Twenty nine people attended the meeting. Dave introduced the first speaker.

Dr. Scott Brantley, CEO of West Wind Energy LLC, discussed a number of different items connected with wind energy. Items discussed were different types of wind turbines, numbers sold in prior years; transition to wind energy and the benefits; viewed a video from the history channel on wind energy; viewed Kansas wind map resources; discussed goals and objectives and supplemental sources; government involvement; advantages and disadvantages with today's situations; things to overcome – lack of information and poor information; hookup to existing utilities; farm/rural; net metering – five states have no form of net metering. Brochures were available and they also have a website. A question and answer discussion was held after this presentation.

Bob Mosier, President of RC&D State Association, gave information on the May 4, 2007, destruction to the community of Greensburg, Ks. He gave information on the events before the tornado, during and after. They lost all of the schools and churches. A video was shown on the destruction to this town and community. A number of organizations and volunteers came to help with the cleanup. They are starting to rebuild and will rebuild green. The school will be built in a flood plain area and have a sod roof. Many of the businesses will build energy efficient buildings. Discussed different materials to be used. FEMA has helped out a lot by providing mobile homes.

Bob Mosier also gave an update on the State RC&D Association. They have several new plans they are working on. They are working on a board training plan, and working to get sales tax exempt from RC&D projects

There were no resolutions presented at the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE
November 19, 2007
Meeting Minutes

Doug Plegge, Chairman, gave the opening remarks and introductions for the Water Resources Committee meeting. There were 74 people in attendance.

Greg Foley, Executive Director of the State Conservation Commission, was the first speaker. Greg gave an update on the commission. Greg also discussed the State Water Fund for Fiscal Year 2008-2009.

Tracy Streeter, Director of the Kansas Water Office, was the next speaker. Tracy discussed the strategic planning effort for the next year along with the 2008 Legislation.

Kyle Juracek, Research Hydrologist of the US Geological Survey, was the last speaker. Kyle discussed the Sediment Source Study. Kyle stated that effective control requires knowledge of where the sediment is coming from. Kyle mentioned the problems and concerns of the study. Four steps in conclusions were discussed.

No resolutions were mentioned or discussed. The chairman adjourned the meeting.

WILDLIFE, FORESTRY, AND RECREATION COMMITTEE
November 19, 2007
Meeting Minutes

The Wildlife, Forestry and Recreation Committee was called to order by Chair Becky Wise at 8:07 a.m., Monday, November 19, 2007.

Wise asked for an approval of the minutes from November 20, 2006. Brad Kratzer from Ellsworth County moved to approve the minutes. Seconded by Larry Klepper from Barton County. Motion carried.

Wise introduced the committee and advisors for this committee to the approximately forty people in attendance.

Wise introduced Doug Lauxman. Lauxman received his Bachelor of Science degree from the Kansas State University and his Master's from Friends University. Doug was employed by the US Army Corps of Engineers as a Park Ranger and Outdoor Recreation Planner. He joined the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks in 1994 and has performed duties as a Natural Resource Officer, a Training Officer and now is the Park Ranger for the El Dorado State Park. Lauxman gave a presentation on Cabins in the State Parks.

Wise then introduced Bob Atchison from Kansas Forest Service. Atchison is responsible for statewide coordination and promotion of a variety of programs that provide professional forestry assistance to rural landowners such as the Forest Stewardship Program. He coordinates the Forest Land Enhancement Program that offers cost-share funding to landowners to implement forestry practices and works closely with state and federal natural resource agencies to promote forestry practices through several USDA programs. Atchison is responsible for the Forest Inventory and Analysis Program that annually inventories and size and condition of Kansas forestland.

Mike Christensen is President of Pass It On, Outdoor Mentors, Inc. This is a mentoring group that provides an opportunity to get kids outdoors. They match caring adults with a passion for the outdoors with children that want to learn about the outdoors. Whether it is fishing, camping, hiking, bird watching, archery, hunting, shooting sports, sailing... or just about any other traditional outdoor activity, they work to provide opportunities for children to learn about them in a safe environment from mentors willing to share their time. Pass It On partners with local conservation groups like ducks unlimited, quail unlimited, pheasants forever, etc. Children are spending less than half as much time outdoors as their parents did. Only 6% of children 9-13 play outside on their own. Bicycle riding is down 31% since 1995. The Pass It On program has proven to be an effective recruitment tool for Big Brothers/Big Sister agencies wanting to involve more men in their mentoring programs. It has proven to be an effective tool for introducing children to traditional outdoor activities.

No resolutions were brought before the committee.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

Secretary: Dotti Harris, District Manager, Jefferson County

AREA
REPORTS



**AREA I MEETING
November 20, 2007
Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 8:35 a.m. by Jon Starns, Area I KACD representative.

Ted Nighswonger and Joe Keith, Graham County Supervisors, informed members of the hardships Don Paxson is currently facing. A sheet was passed around for members to sign with a card for Don.

The term of service for the Area I SCC representative, Ted Nighswonger, has expired. Jon Starns asked for nominations from the floor for Area I SCC representative. Joe Keith, Graham County supervisor, nominated Ted Nighswonger. Ken Windholz, Graham County, seconded the nomination. Ballots were distributed to all supervisors present by Lyman Nuss, Russell County. Ballots were counted, and Ted Nighswonger, Graham County, was re-elected unanimously.

Jon Starns, Thomas County, announced that he had brochures with information on the NACD 509 Capital Court Campaign to raise funds for building renovations.

No resolutions were presented for discussion.

Bob Binder, Ellis County, offered congratulations and thanks to Jon Starns for donating the 42" television that he won back to the endowment to be auctioned. He also thanked everyone for the Area I supervisor award.

Dean Graber, Sherman County, noted that conducting prescribed burns on some CRP tracts next year will be difficult, if not impossible, owing to major roadways next to the ground. After some discussion, their county committee will be consulted.

Ted Nighswonger, Graham County, announced that March 4 was tentatively set as the date for the spring SCC workshop, at the Ft. Hays State Extension Center.

Meeting adjourned at 8:53 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Danielle R. Freeman, MLS
District Manager
Thomas County Conservation District*

AREA II MEETING
Tuesday, November 20, 2007
Meeting Minutes

Area II President LaVern Wetzel called the meeting to order. He asked 18 attendees about the new format for the KACD convention. Everyone has positive remarks. He encouraged everyone to attend NACD in Reno this coming February.

Andrew Larson Area II Commissioner conducted elections. LaVern Wetzel had agreed to run again. He asked for nominations from the floor three times. Mr. Bill Haney moved to cease nominations, Mr. Mick MacNair seconded the motion, motion passed. LaVern Wetzel was nominated and elected by 18 votes to serve as Area II President. Mr. Bill Haney thanked LaVern for doing such a great job for our area.

There were no committee actions or resolutions so LaVern adjourned the meeting.

**AREA III MEETING
November 20, 2007
Meeting Minutes**

The Area III meeting was called to order by Gene Albers at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, November 20, 2007, in Consulate III of the Wichita Airport Hilton.

Election of an Area III SCC representative to replace Richard Neville was held. Loren Brandt nominated Brad Shogren of McPherson County. Dick Neville moved the close the nominations. Marion Krehbiel seconded the motion. Motion carried. Written ballots were collected. Dick Neville announced that Brad Shogren was elected as the new Area III SCC representative. Neville thanked Area III for letting him serve for six years. He is glad that more people are getting involved with conservation. He commended the SCC staff for its terrific job.

Gene passed around a sign-up for individuals to be added to Congressman Jerry Moran's email list.

Gene discussed his trip to Washington, D.C., with the KACD board members in July.

Gene discussed the 509 Capitol Court Campaign and the need to renovate the NACD office in Washington, D.C. Approximate cost is \$280,000. This is a prime location and relocating is not feasible or practical. Gene challenged the districts to each donate \$100. Each of the KACD directors have given \$100 personally.

Scott Carlson gave handouts for the SCC website. Three groups can access the website: (1) the public, (2) supervisors and employees, and (3) SCC staff.

Gene apologized for missing the Area III meeting due to surgery.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 a.m.

**AREA IV MEETING
November 20, 2007
Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was called to order by Don Rezac, Area IV Director, at 9:30 a.m. at the Airport Hilton in Wichita, Kansas.

Donna Meader, Program Consultant from the State Conservation Commission (SCC), presented all persons attending with a copy of the SCC Website Instructions.

John Wunder, SCC Commissioner, conducted the election of a new KACD director. Don Rezac announced that he would not be seeking reelection as KACD Area IV Director as he is planning on retiring. A motion was made by Mary Alexander, Supervisor from Clay County, and seconded by Kellen Kopfer, Supervisor from Clay Center, to nominate Bevin Law of Clay County for KACD Area IV Director. Motion carried. A motion was made by Becky Wise, Supervisor from Jefferson County, and seconded by Doug Plegge, Supervisor from Marshall County, to move that the nominations cease. Motion carried. Ballots were handed out, collected and tallied. Bevin Law will be our new KACD Area IV Director.

John Wunder welcomed Bevin Law as our KACD Area IV Director and thanked Don Rezac for his years of service as the KACD Area IV Director.

J. D. Cameron, Supervisor from Marshall County, suggested that KACD allow the KACD Auxiliary to move their meeting up to earlier in the day.

The State Conservation Commission (SCC) Spring Workshop will be March 11, 2008, at the Kansas Historical Museum in Topeka, KS.

The 2008 Legislative Fair will be January 23, 2008

A Disaster Cost-Share Program will be held next year.

An email sign-up list was presented to all attending for all those interested in receiving Jerry Moran's Newsletter and other emails.

A motion was made by Gary Schellhorn, from Geary County and seconded by J. D. Cameron, from Marshall County to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Don Rezac, Director

**AREA V MEETING
November 20, 2007
Meeting Minutes**

No minutes submitted.

TREASURER'S REPORT



**KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS
2008 BUDGET**

	2007 BUDGET	2007 ACTUAL BUDGET	2008 BUDGET
REVENUE			
DISTRICT DUES & AFFILIATE DUES	\$55,400	\$52,714	\$54,200
AFFILIATE DUES	\$3,500		
ANNUAL CONVENTION	\$44,000	\$45,060	\$52,000
FAIR BOOTH	\$3,000	\$2,326	\$2,500
TOTAL	\$105,900	\$100,100	\$108,700
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EXPENDITURES			
EX. DIR. CONTRACT	\$32,400	\$39,250	\$38,000
EX. DIR. TRAVEL	\$10,000	\$7,521	\$8,000
DIRECTORS TRAVEL	\$28,000	\$27,250	\$28,000
ANNUAL CONVENTION	\$22,000	\$24,347	\$24,400
OFFICE	\$1,000	\$293	\$300
FAIR BOOTH	\$2,000	\$1,163	\$1,250
TELEPHONE	\$1,500	\$1,614	\$1,600
POSTAGE	\$2,000	\$639	\$800
DUES	\$2,000	\$1,155	\$1,000
WEBSITE	\$1,000	\$5,066	\$2,250
DONATIONS	\$1,000	\$1,600	\$1,000
MISCELLANEOUS	\$500	\$68	\$500
PRINTING	\$1,500	\$588	\$600
MEETINGS	\$1,000	\$835	\$1,000
TOTAL	\$105,900	\$111,389	\$108,700

CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE AS OF OCTOBER 31, 2007: \$39,125.16

CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT AT EMPIRE BANK AS OF OCTOBER 31, 2007: \$107,529.46
INTEREST RATE OF 5% (APPROXIMATELY \$500 MONTHLY) AUTOMATICALLY TRANSFERRED TO KACD SAVINGS ACCOUNT

SAVINGS ACCOUNT BALANCE AS OF OCTOBER 31, 2007: \$3,967.54

**Kansas Association of Conservation Districts
2007 DUES PAID**

District	# of Farms	X \$.07/Farm	Regular Dues	Max Dues	Amt Paid	Date Paid	Max Pd
Allen	620	43.4	\$ 468.40	\$ 562.08	\$ 468.40	2/10/2007	
Anderson	660	46.2	\$ 471.20	\$ 565.44			
Atchison	620	43.4	\$ 468.40	\$ 562.08	\$ 468.40	3/10/2007	
Barber	470	32.9	\$ 457.90	\$ 549.48	\$ 457.90	2/26/2007	
Barton	780	54.6	\$ 479.60	\$ 575.52	\$ 479.60	2/10/2007	
Bourbon	840	58.8	\$ 483.80	\$ 580.56	\$ 580.56	3/10/2007	1
Brown	600	42	\$ 467.00	\$ 560.40	\$ 467.00	10/5/2007	
Butler	1310	91.7	\$ 516.70	\$ 620.04	\$ 516.70	3/10/2007	
Chase	260	18.2	\$ 443.20	\$ 531.84	\$ 443.20	1/10/2007	
Chautauqua	370	25.9	\$ 450.90	\$ 541.08	\$ 400.00	5/18/2007	
Cherokee	740	51.8	\$ 476.80	\$ 572.16	\$ 476.80	2/7/2007	
Cheyenne	440	30.8	\$ 455.80	\$ 546.96	\$ 455.80	10/5/2007	
Clark	290	20.3	\$ 445.30	\$ 534.36	\$ 250.00	2/26/2007	
Clay	580	40.6	\$ 465.60	\$ 558.72	\$ 558.72	8/17/2007	1
Cloud	540	37.8	\$ 462.80	\$ 555.36	\$ 462.80	3/26/2007	
Coffey	600	42	\$ 467.00	\$ 560.40	\$ 467.00	3/26/2007	
Comanche	270	18.9	\$ 443.90	\$ 532.68	\$ 443.90	1/19/2007	
Cowley	1000	70	\$ 495.00	\$ 594.00	\$ 495.00	2/26/2007	
Crawford	820	57.4	\$ 482.40	\$ 578.88	\$ 482.40	1/18/2007	
Decatur	370	25.9	\$ 450.90	\$ 541.08	\$ 541.08	8/17/2007	1
Dickinson	970	67.9	\$ 492.90	\$ 591.48	\$ 492.90	2/26/2007	
Doniphan	470	32.9	\$ 457.90	\$ 549.48	\$ 457.90	4/12/2007	
Douglas	880	61.6	\$ 486.60	\$ 583.92	\$ 583.92	3/10/2007	1
Edwards	350	24.5	\$ 449.50	\$ 539.40	\$ 539.40	2/26/2007	1
Elk	410	28.7	\$ 453.70	\$ 544.44	\$ 400.00	3/26/2007	
Ellis	750	52.5	\$ 477.50	\$ 573.00	\$ 573.00	2/26/2007	1
Ellsworth	470	32.9	\$ 457.90	\$ 549.48	\$ 457.90	2/7/2007	
Finney	480	33.6	\$ 458.60	\$ 550.32	\$ 550.32	2/7/2007	1
Ford	700	49	\$ 474.00	\$ 568.80	\$ 474.00	4/12/2007	
Franklin	980	68.6	\$ 493.60	\$ 592.32	\$ 592.32	2/7/2007	1
Geary	250	17.5	\$ 442.50	\$ 531.00	\$ 442.50	11/8/2007	
Gove	410	28.7	\$ 453.70	\$ 544.44	\$ 453.70	2/24/2007	
Graham	430	30.1	\$ 455.10	\$ 546.12	\$ 546.12	3/26/2007	1
Grant	300	21	\$ 446.00	\$ 535.20	\$ 446.00	4/12/2007	
Gray	460	32.2	\$ 457.20	\$ 548.64	\$ 457.20	3/10/2007	
Greeley	300	21	\$ 446.00	\$ 535.20	\$ 250.00	1/11/2007	
Greenwood	580	40.6	\$ 465.60	\$ 558.72	\$ 465.60	3/10/2007	
Hamilton	370	25.9	\$ 450.90	\$ 541.08	\$ 541.08	1/16/2007	1
Harper	530	37.1	\$ 462.10	\$ 554.52	\$ 554.52	4/12/2007	1
Harvey	820	57.4	\$ 482.40	\$ 578.88	\$ 578.88	2/25/2007	1
Haskell	230	16.1	\$ 441.10	\$ 529.32	\$ 441.10	1/23/2007	
Hodgeman	370	25.9	\$ 450.90	\$ 541.08	\$ 450.90	1/10/2007	
Jackson	1100	77	\$ 502.00	\$ 602.40	\$ 502.00	3/10/2007	
Jefferson	1040	72.8	\$ 497.80	\$ 597.36	\$ 550.32	8/13/2007	1
Jewell	590	41.3	\$ 466.30	\$ 559.56	\$ 466.30	1/17/2007	

Johnson	660	46.2	\$	471.20	\$	565.44	\$	471.20	1/9/2007	
Kearny	340	23.8	\$	448.80	\$	538.56	\$	538.56	1/16/2007	1
Kingman	830	58.1	\$	483.10	\$	579.72	\$	579.72	4/24/2007	1
Kiowa	360	25.2	\$	450.20	\$	540.24	\$	450.20	1/9/2007	
Labette	890	62.3	\$	487.30	\$	584.76	\$	487.30	1/9/2007	
Lane	310	21.7	\$	446.70	\$	536.04	\$	446.70	3/10/2007	
Leavenworth	1090	76.3	\$	501.30	\$	601.56				
Lincoln	470	32.9	\$	457.90	\$	549.48	\$	457.90	2/7/2007	
Linn	880	61.6	\$	486.60	\$	583.92	\$	583.92	3/10/2007	1
Logan	330	23.1	\$	448.10	\$	537.72	\$	448.10	2/24/2007	
Lyon	900	63	\$	488.00	\$	585.60	\$	488.00	2/10/2007	
Marion	1000	70	\$	495.00	\$	594.00	\$	594.00	1/17/2007	1
Marshall	960	67.2	\$	492.20	\$	590.64	\$	590.64	1/9/2007	1
McPherson	1180	82.6	\$	507.60	\$	609.12	\$	507.60	2/10/2007	
Meade	450	31.5	\$	456.50	\$	547.80	\$	456.50	1/29/2007	
Miami	1410	98.7	\$	523.70	\$	628.44	\$	523.70	2/7/2007	
Mitchell	480	33.6	\$	458.60	\$	550.32	\$	550.32	8/13/2007	1
Montgomery	980	68.6	\$	493.60	\$	592.32	\$	493.60	1/23/2007	
Morris	470	32.9	\$	457.90	\$	549.48	\$	457.90	2/26/2007	
Morton	300	21	\$	446.00	\$	535.20	\$	446.00	4/24/2007	
Nemaha	1020	71.4	\$	496.40	\$	595.68	\$	496.40	3/26/2007	
Neosho	770	53.9	\$	478.90	\$	574.68	\$	478.90	8/3/2007	
Ness	550	38.5	\$	463.50	\$	556.20	\$	556.20	1/10/2007	1
Norton	480	33.6	\$	458.60	\$	550.32	\$	458.60	1/16/2007	
Osage	920	64.4	\$	489.40	\$	587.28	\$	370.00	2/7/2007	
Osbourne	460	32.2	\$	457.20	\$	548.64	\$	457.20	2/24/2007	
Ottawa	520	36.4	\$	461.40	\$	553.68	\$	461.40	1/29/2007	
Pawnee	440	30.8	\$	455.80	\$	546.96	\$	455.80	4/12/2007	
Phillips	530	37.1	\$	462.10	\$	554.52	\$	462.10	3/26/2007	
Pottawatomie	840	58.8	\$	483.80	\$	580.56	\$	580.56	3/10/2007	1
Pratt	560	39.2	\$	464.20	\$	557.04	\$	464.20	5/18/2007	
Rawlins	420	29.4	\$	454.40	\$	545.28	\$	454.40	3/10/2007	
Reno	1560	109.2	\$	534.20	\$	641.04	\$	641.04	3/10/2007	1
Republic	660	46.2	\$	471.20	\$	565.44	\$	471.20	3/10/2007	
Rice	500	35	\$	460.00	\$	552.00	\$	460.00	1/22/2007	
Riley	500	35	\$	460.00	\$	552.00	\$	460.00	1/18/2007	
Rooks	480	33.6	\$	458.60	\$	550.32	\$	458.60	3/10/2007	
Rush	510	35.7	\$	460.70	\$	552.84	\$	460.70	3/10/2007	
Russell	610	42.7	\$	467.70	\$	561.24	\$	467.70	4/12/2007	
Saline	760	53.2	\$	478.20	\$	573.84	\$	478.20	7/20/2007	
Scott	350	24.5	\$	449.50	\$	539.40	\$	100.00	2/26/2007	
Sedgwick	1400	98	\$	523.00	\$	627.60	\$	548.00	2/7/2007	
Seward	330	23.1	\$	448.10	\$	537.72	\$	448.10	1/23/2007	
Shawnee	900	63	\$	488.00	\$	585.60	\$	448.00	2/7/2007	
Sheridan	420	29.4	\$	454.40	\$	545.28	\$	454.40	2/26/2007	
Sherman	420	29.4	\$	454.40	\$	545.28	\$	545.28	3/10/2007	1
Smith	560	39.2	\$	464.20	\$	557.04	\$	464.20	1/24/2007	
Stafford	520	36.4	\$	461.40	\$	553.68	\$	553.68	1/8/2007	1
Stanton	300	21	\$	446.00	\$	535.20	\$	535.20	1/9/2007	1
Stevens	380	26.6	\$	451.60	\$	541.92	\$	451.60	3/26/2007	

Sumner	1090	76.3	\$	501.30	\$	601.56	\$	501.30	3/10/2007	
Thomas	490	34.3	\$	459.30	\$	551.16	\$	551.16	3/26/2007	1
Trego	430	30.1	\$	455.10	\$	546.12	\$	546.08	8/17/2007	1
Wabaunsee	630	44.1	\$	469.10	\$	562.92	\$	250.00	4/12/2007	
Wallace	290	20.3	\$	445.30	\$	534.36	\$	445.30	1/16/2007	
Washington	800	56	\$	481.00	\$	577.20	\$	577.20	3/10/2007	1
Wichita	330	23.1	\$	448.10	\$	537.72	\$	448.10	8/17/2007	
Wilson	560	39.2	\$	464.20	\$	557.04	\$	464.70	2/10/2007	
Woodson	310	21.7	\$	446.70	\$	536.04	\$	446.70	2/10/2007	
Wyandotte	160	11.2	\$	436.20	\$	523.44	\$	523.44	2/10/2007	1
					\$					
Total	64,470	4512.9		49,137.90	\$	58,965.48	\$	49,650.64		29

RESOLUTIONS



RESOLUTION #1

WATER RESOURCES COST-SHARE FUNDS FOR REPLACEMENT LIVESTOCK WELLS

Natural Resources Committee

WHEREAS, groundwater is the primary source for livestock water in much of the state; and

WHEREAS, aquifer levels have fallen over much of the state, making many livestock wells non-functional; and

WHEREAS, falling groundwater levels are not in the immediate control of the ranching community; and

WHEREAS, adequate water is essential to the ranching community; and

WHEREAS, permanent infrastructure in the form of tanks, pipelines and other watering facilities are often properly located as to provide optimal grazing distribution and conservation of our rangeland resource; and

WHEREAS, it is often not economically practical to relocate a watering facility; and

WHEREAS, replacement of dry wells is an economic burden on the landowner;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kansas Association of Conservation Districts ask the State Conservation Commission to amend the Water Resources Cost Share Program to allow for cost sharing assistance on properly located replacement wells or improvement of existing wells, where falling aquifer levels have made livestock wells non-functional, on native grass tracts 40 acres or larger in size.

Resolution failed.

RESOLUTION #2

WATER RESOURCES COST-SHARE FUNDS FOR REPLACEMENT LIVESTOCK WATER SUPPLIES

Natural Resources Committee

WHEREAS, most of the state of Kansas relies on both surface runoff and groundwater for supplying adequate livestock water; and

WHEREAS, most of the state of Kansas has yet to recover completely from the last several years of severe drought; and

WHEREAS, aquifer levels have fallen over much of the state, making many livestock water supplies (wells, spring developments, spring fed ponds) non-functional; and

WHEREAS, storage capacity of ponds has decreased over many years of existence, due to sedimentation and increased water conservation practices which decreases the amount of runoff; and

WHEREAS, falling groundwater levels are not in the immediate control of the ranching community; and

WHEREAS, adequate water is essential to the ranching community; and

WHEREAS, permanent infrastructure in the form of tanks, pipelines and other watering facilities are often properly located as to provide optimal grazing distribution and conservation of our rangeland resource; and

WHEREAS, it is often not economically practical to relocate a watering facility; and

WHEREAS, replacement of dry wells, dry ponds, and dry spring developments is an economic burden on the landowner;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kansas Association of Conservation Districts asks the State Conservation Commission to amend the Water Resources Cost Share Program to allow cost share assistance for properly located replacement livestock watering facilities, which have proven to be unreliable, on grass tracts 40 acres or larger in size.

Resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION #3

IMPROVEMENT OF EXISTING WATER WELLS

Natural Resources Committee

WHEREAS, groundwater is the primary source for livestock water in Western Kansas; and

WHEREAS, an existing water well is a valuable resource; and

WHEREAS, drilling a new water well is a financial burden to a landowner; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to protect all groundwater, not just groundwater in a TMDL area;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kansas Association of Conservation Districts ask the State Conservation Commission to amend the Water Resources Cost-Share Program to include cost share assistance for the practice of Improvement of Existing Water Wells.

Resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION #4

COST SHARE ON INITIAL WATER SUPPLY

Natural Resources Committee

WHEREAS, establishment of grassland or pastureland is the best conservation plan for any cultivated land to reduce erosion and non point source pollution.

WHEREAS, landowners are required to fence the grassland or pastureland area at their own expense without any cost share funds.

WHEREAS, a suitable pond is a necessity for landowners to have built prior to grazing established grassland or pastureland for watering cattle.

WHEREAS, it would be a very difficult expenditure for any landowner to burden on his own without cost share help.

WHEREAS, the number of fields of grassland or pastureland to be established on cultivated land would decrease.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kansas Association of Conservation Districts urge that the State Conservation Commission (SCC) allow cost share funds for initial water supply on newly established grassland or pastureland for the benefit of conservation from erosion, loss of soil and non point source pollution.

Resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION #5

FISCAL YEAR 2009 STATE CONSERVATION COMMISSION BUDGET

Finance and Development Committee

WHEREAS, financial and technical assistance needs have been identified in high priority Total Maximum Daily Load watersheds of the Kansas – Lower Republican, Lower Arkansas, Marais Des Cygnes, Missouri, Neosho, Upper Arkansas, Verdigris and Walnut, Smoky Hill/Saline, Upper Republican, and Solomon River Basins; and

WHEREAS, a need exists to assist irrigators, particularly those impacting the Ogallala Aquifer, in improving irrigation system efficiencies; and

WHEREAS, the State Water Plan has identified the priority watershed areas that need assistance to address non-point source pollution problems, reduce urban and rural flooding, and to minimize the adverse impacts of stream channelization; and

WHEREAS, conservation districts have established a need for cost-share incentives to address local concerns; and

WHEREAS, the conservation provisions of the 2002 Farm Bill have increased the demand for conservation technical assistance;

WHEREAS, a need for priority multipurpose small lakes projects and riparian and wetland protection was identified in the State Water Plan; and

WHEREAS, the State Conservation Commission is responsible for carrying out programs of state assistance to conservation districts, state assistance in watershed dam construction, water resources cost-share, riparian and wetland protection, multipurpose small lakes, non-point pollution control, water quality buffer initiative, water rights purchase and surface mining land reclamation;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kansas Association of Conservation Districts support the State Conservation Commission FY 2009 budget request as described below, and in addition, supports the agency’s request for appropriation language allowing the carry over of funds from the current fiscal year to FY 2009:

STATE GENERAL FUND:

Administrative Operations	\$ 891,594	
Conservation Easements	\$ 311,500	
Subtotal - State General Fund		\$ 1,203,094

STATE WATER PLAN SPECIAL REVENUE FUND:

Aid to Conservation Districts	\$ 2,136,154
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Water Resources Cost-Share	\$ 3,412,218	
Multipurpose Small Lakes	\$ 4,019,012	
Non-Point Source Pollution	\$ 3,623,854	
Watershed Dam Construction	\$ 1,055,000	
Riparian and Wetland Protection	\$ 301,782	
Water Quality Buffer Initiative	\$ 350,000	
Water Rights Purchase Program\WTAP	\$ 1,498,000	
Subtotal - Special Revenue Fund		\$16,396,020
FEE FUND:		
Land Reclamation	\$ 133,987	
Subtotal - Fee Fund		\$ 133,987
FEDERAL FUNDS:		
Federal Grant Funds	\$ 460,738	
Subtotal Federal Funds		<u>\$ 460,738</u>
TOTAL - FY 2009 BUDGET REQUEST		\$18,193,839

Resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION #6

RESEARCH ON THE SPREAD OF SERICEA LESPEDEZA

Grassland Committee

WHEREAS, Sericea Lespedeza is a Noxious Weed in the State of Kansas and is required by law to be controlled by counties and property owners.

WHEREAS, Sericea Lespedeza has spread rapidly in Kansas and research should begin to determine cause of this rapid spreading.

WHEREAS, Sericea Lespedeza is the greatest threat that has ever come along to the Tallgrass Eco-system.

WHEREAS, there is belief that wildlife cause some spreading of this noxious weed by ingesting seed then excreting a viable seed.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kansas Association of Conservation Districts urge the State Legislature to appropriate funding to the Biology and Agronomy Departments at Kansas State University for a study to determine the severity of sericea lespedeza being spread by wildlife.

Resolution adopted.