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KACD GENERAL SESSION MEETING
November 22, 2011
Airport Hilton Hotel, Wichita, Kansas

THOSE PRESENT:

DIRECTORS

President - Ron Brown
Vice-President – Bevin Law
Secretary-Treasurer – Kyle Hoffman
Director – Gene Albers
Director – Jon Starns

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Pat Lehman, Lawrence, Kansas

RECORDER

Kristi Vogts, District Manager, Coffey County

The meeting was called to order by President Ron Brown at 10:15 a.m.

Wayne Lukert, Shawnee County, Sergeant at Arms, reported that a quorum was present and according to the by-laws business could begin.

President Ron Brown reviewed procedures by which Roberts Rules of Order will be used to conduct the business session. Rod Vorhees, Wilson County, was appointed Parliamentarian.

President's Report

Ron Brown thanked Pat & Robin Lehman for all that they do for KACD. Ron provided a short report of various activities that were done this past year.

REPORTS FROM STANDING and SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

(All resolutions adopted are shown in the resolution section of the Proceedings Booklet.)

Wildlife, Forestry and Recreation Committee:

Bill Simshauser, Kearny County, gave the committee report and moved for acceptance. Ted Nighswonger, Graham County, seconded. Motion carried.

Resolution #1 Eradication of Feral Swine in Kansas

Bill Simshauser, Kearny County, moved to adopt this resolution. Wayne Lukert, Shawnee County, seconded. Discussion points from Wayne Lukert and Nathan Larson.

Nathan Larson, Riley County, moved to amend the motion by striking the word "any" in the last sentence of the resolution. Johncie Hiese, Osage County, seconded. Motion carried.

Bill Simshauser, Kearny County moved to adopt the resolution. Wayne Lukert, Shawnee County, seconded. Motion carried.

Resolution #2 Stable Funding for Kansas Forest Service's Watershed Forester Position

Bill Simshauser, Kearny County, moved to adopt this resolution. Carl Jordon, Mitchell County, seconded. Motion carried.

Natural Resources Committee:

Chairperson Doug Plegge, Marshall County, provided the committee report and moved to accept the report. J D Cameron, Marshall County, seconded. Motion carried.

Grasslands Committee:

Chairperson Ted Alexander, Barber County, gave the committee report and moved for acceptance. Pat Sauble, Chase County, seconded. Motion carried.

District Operations & Resolutions Committee:

Chairperson Wayne Lukert, Shawnee County, gave the committee report and moved for acceptance. Don Paxson, Graham County, seconded. Motion carried.

Resolution #6 Encourage the National Association of Conservation Districts to Pursue Changing the Federal Tax Code to Remove District Supervisors as Employees

Wayne Lukert, Shawnee County, moved to adopt this resolution as printed. Wayne Thorp, Bourbon County, seconded. Discussion points were made by Wayne Lukert and Doug Plegge.

Doug Plegge, Marshall County, moved to table the motion. Pat Sauble, Chase County seconded. Motion carried.

Endowment Committee:

Chairperson Lyman Nuss, Russell County, reported on the activities of the committee and moved to approve this report. Pat Sauble, Chase County, seconded. Motion carried.

Finance & Development Committee:

Chairperson Marion Krehbiel, Reno County, gave the committee report and moved for acceptance. Dean Bailey, Bourbon County, seconded. Motion carried.

Resolution #3 Fiscal Year 2013 Division of Conservation Budget

Marion Krehbiel, Reno County, moved to approve this resolution as printed. Dean Bailey, Bourbon County, seconded. Motion carried.

Employees Organization Report:

Patti Winters, EO President, provided a report on the Annual Meeting.

Wayne Lukert, Shawnee County, moved to approve the report. Marion Krehbiel, Reno County, seconded. Motion carried.

Conservation Education & Youth Committee:

Jim Weaver, Douglas County Conservation District, provided the report. Eldon Schwant, Pottawatomie County, moved to approve the report. Don Paxson, Graham County, seconded. Motion carried.

Urban & Rural Development Committee:

Mark Lehman, Harper County, gave the committee report and moved for acceptance. Andy Larson, Finney County, seconded. Motion carried.

Resolutions from the Floor:

Resolution #5 Requiring Districts to Provide Recommendations To County Commissioners on Methods to Eliminate or Reduce Soil Erosion Caused by Wind Storms

Wayne Lukert, Shawnee County, presented the resolution and moved for its adoption. Don Paxson, Graham County, seconded. Discussion points were made by the following: Wayne Lukert, Don Paxson, Rod Voorhees, Mike Irwin, and Clancy Holeman. A call for the previous question was made. President Ron Brown asked for those in favor of the motion to show by raising your right hand and all opposed, same sign. Motion carried.

President Ron Brown asked if there were any more resolutions from the floor. No more resolutions were presented.

Scott Carlson, DOC, noted that 115 supervisors completed the training modules.

Pat Lehman, KACD Executive Director, encouraged everyone to take a copy of the KACD Operational Plan. Copies of the plan are on the back table. A Policy and Procedures Handbook is now on the web. This is a guide on how and why we do things within KACD. KACD is now a 501(c)(4). Every county has paid at least partial KACD dues.

Ron Brown announced that he will be donating back the Envirothon quilt that he won through the raffle so that the Envirothon Committee can raffle it off again next year.

Jon Starns provided an NACD report. He encouraged everyone to try and attend the NACD Convention. NACD is looking for good meeting locations that are not too expensive. If you have any suggestions, please contact Jon. Thank you for the dues that have been paid and he encourages every district to support NACD, for the dues are the foundation from which we operate.

Don Paxson, Graham County, asked if a list of committee presenters could be available in the future in order to know who is speaking at the various committee meetings. It was noted that committees are in need of more members and if you would like to serve on a committee to contact Pat Lehman. Lyman Nuss, Russell County, stated that the Endowment Committee is in need of a supervisor for a trustee position.

President Ron Brown thanked everyone for coming and for all that they do in regards to conservation in Kansas. With no more business to attend to, he entertained a motion to adjourn. A motion from the floor was made and Wayne Lukert, Shawnee County, seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:57 a.m.

Submitted by Kristi Vogts

COMMITTEE/AREA MEETING MINUTES*



** All committees/areas met but not all submitted minutes for inclusion in the Proceedings Book.*

WILDLIFE, FORESTRY & RECREATION COMMITTEE

November 21, 2011

The Wildlife, Forestry and Recreation Committee was called to order by Chair Becky Wise at 8:00 a.m. Monday, November 21, 2011. Number of people present: 33.

The group was welcomed by Wise. Wise then introduced the committee members and advisors.

The minutes of the November 22, 2010, meeting were approved as presented.

Wise then introduced Mark Jensen from Sharp Brothers Seed. Mark gave a presentation on "Native Species Revegetation: Local Ecotypes vs. Varieties." How we harvest seed and conservation efforts help.

Wise then introduced Bob Atchison, Kansas Forest Service. Bob gave an overview on Assessing Riparian Forests in the Delaware River Watershed. Riparian Forests outperform other land cover types in stabilizing streambanks and reducing downstream sediment delivery.

Wise then asked for a motion to accept the Resolution for Stable Funding for Kansas Forest Service's Watershed Forester Position. Committee member made a motion, fellow committee member seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Wise then introduced Curran Salter, USDA, Wildlife Services Program. Curran gave a presentation on "Eradication of Feral Pigs in Kansas." There are funding from two sources State – Kansas Animal Health Department and Federal – Wildlife Services. The main source of feral pigs are humans releasing pigs for hunting purposes. Crops, riparian areas are considerably damaged by feral pigs. Feral pigs also infect other livestock with Brucellosis and Psuedorabies. Not only do they infect livestock, they will also consume calves, fawns and birds. Methods of controlling feral pigs are as follows: Trapping, Arial Gunning, Snaring and Night Hunting.

Wise then made a motion to accept Resolution 1, Eradication of Feral Swine in Kansas. A motion was made to amend the resolution to strike the word education out of the statement. Discussion on the floor, motion died for a lack of second.

Wise then asked for a motion to accept Resolution 1, Eradication of Feral Swine in Kansas as written. Motion made by supervisor and seconded by committee member. Motion carried.

Wise asked Rob Reschke, Division of Conservation, to review the information provided concerning citizen complaints on dust, any plant or weed blowing from any particular land.

Meeting adjourned 9:30 a.m.

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE
November 21, 2011

Doug Plegge, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 8:04 a.m. with 21 in attendance. Doug Plegge introduced Susan Stover and Dane Baxa from the KS Water Office. Susan spoke about the current issues with the Ogallala aquifer, as well as future directions in order to slow down the depletion of the aquifer.

Doug handed out information sheets to supervisors on the wind erosion resolution to be presented at the General Session on November 22, 2011. The resolution requires Conservation Districts to provide recommendations to county commissioners on methods to eliminate or reduce soil erosion caused by wind storms.

With no further business, JD Cameron motioned to adjourn the meeting. Jim Carter seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:56 a.m.

KACD GRASSLANDS COMMITTEE
Monday, November 21, 2011

Chairman Ted Alexander called the KACD Grasslands Committee Meeting to order with 42 in attendance. Committee members Pat Sauble, Sam Baier, Jess Crockford, and Cheryl Davis were in attendance.

It was with highest recommendation that G.M.(Corky) and Jeri Albright were awarded the KACD Grasslands Merit Award for 2011. The Albrights' management philosophy and active involvement in promotion of the proper use and wise stewardship of rangeland resources in Kansas has won them many awards and recognition over the years. Corky and Jeri's son, Scott, and his wife, Barb, accepted the award on behalf of the Albrights.

David Kraft, NRCS Rangeland Management Specialist, gave a presentation entitled 'Drought Management and Contingency Plans' followed by Tonya Haigh's presentation 'Managing Drought Risk on the Ranch for Long Term Sustainability'.

As there were no resolutions brought before committee, the meeting was adjourned by Ted Alexander at 10:00 A.M.

Cheryl Davis, Secretary

URBAN & RURAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

November 21, 2011

Chairperson: Mark Lehman

The Urban & Rural Development Committee was called to order by Chairman Mark Lehman at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, November 21, 2011 at the Wichita Airport Hilton in Consulate III with 12 people present.

The agenda consisted of:

PJ Griekspoor – Editor of Kansas Farmers Magazine

PJ spoke of the severe drought in Texas. She told of the dust storm in Lubbock, Texas, on October 17 of this year, and how there have been 4 million acres burned from wildfires in Texas this year. PJ explained the need to take action to help prevent this in our State of Kansas. She explained to help prevent this we need to think about establishing CRP fields and shelterbelts. Groundcover needs to be put on all soil, since leaving soil without any residue only puts it in a situation where it can blow. Discussion was held on the importance of protecting our water sources. It was discussed how it is important to work with local NRCS and conservation districts on programs to put practices on the ground to help protect our natural resources and to become more proactive.

Dennis McKinney – Greensburg

Dennis McKinney of Greensburg presented a power point on Greensburg following the tornado in May 2007. The power point described the loss the town suffered and how the policy makers of the community came together to keep their sustainability and rebuild this urban area. They have researched and gone green with everything possible to be able to help protect natural resources. It was amazing to see how a small community torn apart came back so strong through the efforts of the local people.

Resolution:

A motion was made by JD Rector to support the Resource Conservation and Development Councils of Kansas. Motion was seconded by Andy Larson. Motion carried.

DISTRICT OPERATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE
Monday, November 21, 2011

15 people in attendance. The program included:

FYI

- KACD Funding Source Inventory—Is updated and will be available on KACD website.
- KACD Educating Funding Sources—Every county should have a hard copy and electronic copy. The Inventory will be posted on the KACD web page.

RESOLUTIONS BEFORE THE ASSOCIATION

- Eradication of Feral Swine in Kansas
- Exempting Supervisors From Income Tax on Expenses
- Stable Funding for Kansas Services Watershed Forester Position
- Requiring Districts to Provide Recommendations to County Commissioners on Methods to Eliminate or Reduce Soil Erosion Caused by Wind Storms
- Support the RC&C Councils of Kansas
- Finance Committee—Support DOC Budget

BUT WHAT HAVE YOU DONE FOR ME LATELY?

Is Your Conservation District Relevant to Its Funding Source

- Does your funding source know what you do? CDs should show them how the CDs benefit the county.
- Are you meeting your funding source's needs? Ask the commissioners if the CDs can help more or what the commissioners would like to see from the CDs.
- What about the "intangible" things your district does? Does your funding source see the relevance of the "intangibles?" Working with other departments on sediment controls, and public works are examples of intangibles.

ACTIONS TAKEN

- Exempting Supervisors From Income Tax on Expenses—There was much discussion. It was moved and seconded there will be no recommendation from this committee at this time. Motion passed.
- Requiring Districts to Provide Recommendations to County Commissioners on Methods to Eliminate or Reduce Soil Erosion Caused by Wind Storms—There was discussion on changing the wording of the resolution to: **Therefore, be it resolved, KACD encourages CDs to work closely with county commissioners to resolve natural resource concerns such as water and wind erosions; further be is it resolved KACD encourages the Kansas Association of Counties to support this effort.** It was moved and seconded to present this resolution as amended. Motion passed. By consensus, there will be no committee recommendation.

Wayne Lukert, committee chair

Nathella Humburg, secretary

FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes – Monday, November 21, 2011

Meeting called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Chairman Marion Krehbiel. There were 15 people in attendance.

KACD Executive Director Pat Lehman gave a report on the certificate of deposit and market market accounts. The certificate of deposit has a current balance of \$117,159.73. The money market savings account has a balance of \$8,176.30.

Lehman gave a report on the Fair Booth. Total expenses for the 2011 Kansas State Fair Partnership were \$2,453.82. Agency share of the expenses was divided as follows: NRCS, \$600.00; DOC, \$617.94; KACD, \$617.94; KFS, \$300.00; and KFA, \$300.00.

Lehman gave a report on the membership dues. Thirty-six conservation districts paid Maximum Club dues, sixty-two CD's paid regular dues, and three CD's paid partial dues.

Next, Lehman discussed the 2012 KACD budget. The total proposed amount budgeted is \$208,000. Joe Keith moved to approve the budget. Dean Bailey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

DOC Executive Director Greg Foley gave a report and discussed the Fiscal Year 2013 Division of Conservation Budget. The total budget request is \$9,188,214. Motion by Bevin Law, seconded by Ted Nighswonger, to approve the budget request resolution. Motion carried.

Lyman Nuss, chairman of the Endowment Committee, gave a report. No action needed.

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Marion Krehbiel.

KACD Area V November 22, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 8:43 a.m. by Rod Voorhees, State Conservation Commissioner for Area V. Everyone was asked to sign the registration sheet in the back of the room. Kristi Vogts, Coffey County Conservation District Manager, was appointed as the official recorder.

Minutes from last year's meeting and the KACD Area V Meeting in August were read by Kristi Vogts. No additions or corrections were made to the minutes. Wayne Thorp, Bourbon County, moved to approve the minutes. Pat Sauble, Chase County, seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ron Brown, KACD Area V Director, announced that Area V needs to elect an Area V State Conservation Commissioner. Rod Voorhees, Wilson County, was nominated for the position at the fall Area V meeting. Ron Brown asked three times for nominations from the floor. Wayne Thorp, Bourbon County, moved for nominations to cease. Pat Sauble, Chase County, seconded. Motion carried.

Ron Brown distributed the ballots. Greg Foley collected and counted the ballots. Ron Brown announced Rod Voorhees would be serving as the Area V State Conservation Commissioner.

The Area V Spring Workshop will be held in Iola at the Allen County Golf Course on March 15th.

Rod Voorhees spoke about differences between the Department of Agriculture and the State Conservation Commission and highlighted the opportunities that the "commission" has now. Discussion was held over the changes.

Rod Voorhees asked those present if they would be interested in learning about "real world" issues in the area at the Spring Workshop. Rod feels this would be the opportunity to educate the conservation district supervisors, which would allow districts to educate others before crises hit. All present felt that would be a good idea and maybe would stimulate interest in the Spring Workshops.

Rod and Ron Brown commended Greg and the conservation staff for all that they did during the agency transition.

Ron Brown discussed funding from NRCS for outreach training efforts, such as the No-Till Scholarships for supervisors. The question is what would you do to extend the conservation?

Ron encouraged participation at the upcoming legislative day in Topeka. Information about the event will be forthcoming.

If anyone is interested in serving on a KACD committee, please contact Ron Brown. Ron highlighted the activities of KACD & NACD this past year.

Please feel free to contact Ron Brown or Rod Voorhees with questions or concerns.

Meeting adjourned at 9:28 a.m.

Recorded by Kristi Vogts

**Minutes of the KACD-EO
Executive Committee Meeting
Airport Hilton, Wichita, KS
November 20, 2011**

Patti Winters, KACD EO President, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. Others present included: Donna Greenleaf, Connie Richmeier, Brenda Peters, Judy Boltman, Kristi Vogt and Stephanie Royer. Advisors present included: Pat Lehman, KACD; Jim Krueger, NRCS; and Greg Foley, Donna Meader and Max Foster, DOC. Also attending the meeting was Randi Jo Mings, Comanche County District Manager.

A motion was made by Connie and seconded by Stephanie to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Patti reported Donna Fay Major would not be at the meeting due to her mother passing away.

A motion was made by Connie and seconded by Brenda to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2011 meeting. Motion carried.

Donna presented the treasurer's report for September 15, 2011, through November 20, 2011. A motion was made by Brenda and seconded by Kristi to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.

Donna Greenleaf also presented the membership/dues report with 96 counties paid. There were no scholarship requests at this time. There is one scholarship still available for 2011.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. NACD: Information on the District Share Fair at the NACD Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, NV

Sandi Scott and Gayla Speer arrived at the meeting.

ADVISOR REPORTS

KACD, Pat Lehman

- Pat reported there would be a joint meeting of the KACD Board of Directors and the State Conservation Commission concerning the proposed statute change on wind erosion. They want to involve conservation districts to make recommendations when there is a problem of blowing dirt. The county commissioners want KACD and DOC support. Greg Foley reported there is a Dust Bowl statute on the books (2001.1 – 2000.11).
- The KACD Maximum Club reception will be Sunday evening. The reception is for members of the Maximum Club only.
- Pat reported the optometrist convention would end on Monday. This is the only year the two meetings will coincide.
- The agenda for the KACD Annual Meeting has changed to include breakout sessions on climate change and the IRS rulings for conservation districts.
- It was also noted all resolutions must be submitted by supervisors.

NRCS, Jim Krueger

- See attachment for report.

- Jim reported funds for Women In Ag workshops would be available. Conservation Districts will work through Pat Lehman, KACD Ex. Director, to obtain the funding.

DOC, Greg Foley and Donna Meader

- The DOC 2013 budget is a flat budget which would sweep Dee Turner's position.
- Greg encouraged the districts to stay engaged as there will be a lot of changes coming out.
- There is legislation proposing to do away with water rights.
- Technical Assistance: Presently there are 6 buffer coordinator positions funded. There is discussion changing the positions from buffer coordinators to wetland coordinators.
- Donna reminded the districts of the cancellation of uncommitted funds on December 1st. There will probably be a reallocation of funds in Water Resources. The NPS Program will not have a reallocation of funds.
- Area workshops will be March 6, 7, 8, 14 and 15, 2012.
- Greg expressed his thanks for the cards he received at the time of the death of his father.
- Donna reported she would be conducting a breakout session on CSIMS training Monday afternoon.
- Greg introduced Max Foster, Fiscal Administrator. Max gave a short history of his work. He also gave an overview of his duties with DOC.

NCDEA, Connie Richmeier

- Connie gave an overview of the Leadership Conference. NCDEA handled the grants for the conference. Connie reported on the state meetings she has attended. The new website will be up and running soon.

AREA REPORTS

- Area I There are no new employees. The Rawlins County district manager recently got married. There will not be a speech contest for the area.
- Area II New district employees include Randi Jo Mings, Comanche County, and Monica Beesen, Scott County. Leann Watson, Morton County, has resigned. The Arc River water festival is scheduled for April 30 and May 1, 2012.
- Area III Harvey County has advertised for a new district manager. There will be an area speech contest in Pratt. The districts have been busy with field days and water festivals.
- Area IV Districts have been busy with field days and water festivals. Gayla reported she had the name badges for those counties placing orders.
- Area V Deb Schopper passed away. Angela Anderson has been helping fill in. The districts have been busy with field days and water festivals.
- Member at Large Stephanie reported the missing shirts were found at Deb Schopper's home. Jenny Jasper has the shirts available here at the convention.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Area Representative Elections: Gayla reported she has the ballots for the election of the area representatives. Area V has two vacancies so the area district employees will vote for two representatives. Donna Meader will help count ballots.

Audit: Kristi and Gayla will perform the audit of the EO financial records.

EO Annual Meeting: The EO Annual Meeting is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday. The theme for the EO Annual Meeting will be "Let's Make A Conservation Deal". Sandi will conduct the roll call for the meeting. Patti has the books completed. Stephanie has the answer cards made for the game. Gayla and Brenda have taken care of the prizes for the game.

50/50 Raffle: Each area will have district employees selling tickets for the EO 50/50 raffle. The ticket prices are \$2 per ticket or \$5 for 3 tickets.

New Employees Orientation: Gayla and Judy will be conducting the New Employees Orientation on Monday morning. EO representatives are encouraged to stop by the meeting and introduce themselves to the new employees. A motion was made by Connie and seconded by Sandi to reimburse Judy for the favors for the New Employees Orientation. Motion carried.

Policies and Procedures Handbook/YOU Book: The board discussed changing the by-laws to establish how memorials to district managers who have passed away while still employed by the conservation district would be handled. It was decided this should be a policy instead of a by-law. The committee discussed the need for an EO policy and procedure handbook. Connie shared copies of the NCDEA Policy and Procedures Manual. After discussion, it was decided the EO Executive Committee will work on incorporating the EO policies and procedures into the YOU Book. The draft will be ready for the EO Executive Committee meeting in March.

Twitter/Facebook Use: NRCS has approved the use of Twitter and Facebook to promote the conservation programs. Mary Shaffer is the contact person for this.

Area Meetings: Ideas to discuss at the upcoming area meetings included the use of Facebook and idea sharing. Earlier ideas included certificate of deposits rules/guidelines and the disposition/filing of records.

The next EO Executive Committee meeting will be a short meeting on Tuesday, November 22, 2011 following the EO Annual Meeting at the Airport Hilton, Wichita. This meeting will be to reorganize the EO board. The next regular meeting will be March 28, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. at the NRCS State Office, Salina, KS.

Submitted by
Sandi Scott, Secretary

**KACD-EO Executive Committee
Airport Hilton, Wichita, KS
November 22, 2011**

Meeting was called to order by President Patti Winters at 8:05 a.m.

Sandi Scott read roll call by county. There were 67 district employees present.

Patti introduced Max Foster, Division of Conservation. Max gave an overview of his duties with DOC, which will include the majority of Dee Turner's past responsibilities.

The EO Executive Committee led the group in the "Let's Make A Conservation Deal" game show. Participants answered conservation district based questions in order to have a chance to better their prizes.

New Business:

A motion was made by Bob Lienemann and seconded by Sandy Rodgers to approve minutes from the 2010 KACD-EO Annual Meeting held November 23, 2010 as printed. Motion carried.

A motion by Stacy Neilson and seconded by Zoe Staab to approve the November 20, 2010 through November 20, 2011 Treasurer's Report as printed. Motion carried.

Connie Richmeier, NCDEA President, reported in six months she will become a past president of NCDEA. Connie gave highlights of NCDEA activities throughout the year. NCDEA has also worked on what would happen to conservation districts in the case of a federal shutdown.

Patti reported an executive decision was made to send flowers to the Deb Schopper service even though there was no policy on this. The executive committee will be working on a policy and procedure handbook which will be incorporated into the YOU Book.

Sandi Scott presented the 20, 25, and 30 year service awards. Retirees were also recognized. Deb Schopper was also recognized.

Pamela Hays and Deb Schopper received the KACD Auxiliary Award for District Employees. The awards were presented at the Monday evening banquet.

Elections were held for area representatives. The results of the elections were:

- Area I – Donna Fay Major
- Area II – Connie Richmeier
- Area III – Patti Winters
- Area IV – Gayla Spear
- Area V – Kelli Kramer, Abby Carpenter

Other Announcements:

Susan Schultz, NACD, promoted the upcoming NACD Annual Meeting. A district share fair will held in conjunction with the meeting. Information will appear in the eNotes.

Connie Richmeier announced a grant will be available for 2 district employees to attend the upcoming NACD Annual Meeting. Information will be sent out at a later date.

Donna Meader announced the cost share payments will not be made the last few days of the month due to the payment process in place with the Department of Ag. She also gave dates for the SCC Spring Workshops as follows:

Area I – March 6, 2012 @ Hays

Area II – March 7, 2012 @ Garden City

Area III – March 8, 2012 @ Salina

Area IV – March 14, 2012 @ Topeka

Area V – March 15, 2012 @ Iola

New employees were asked to stand and introduce themselves.

Patti thanked everyone for attending the EO Annual Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Minutes of the KACD-EO Executive Committee
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President Patti Winters, KACD EO, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. Others present included: Sandi Scott, Donna Greenleaf, Connie Richmeier, Brenda Peters, Judy Boltman, Gayla Speer, Abby Carpenter, Kelli Kramer, and Stephanie Royer.

Patti welcomed the two new area V representatives.

Patti turned the meeting over to Brenda, nominating committee spokesperson. Brenda reported the slate of officers was Patti Winters, President; Gayla Speer, Vice-President; Judy Boltman, Secretary; and Donna Greenleaf, Treasurer. A motion was made by Connie and seconded by Abby to accept the slate of officers. Motion carried.

The EO board offered to assist Abby and Kelli in planning their upcoming area meeting. Area meetings will try to include the same topics so there is uniformity across the state.

The next EO Executive Committee meeting will be March 28, 2012 at 10:00 at the NRCS State Office, Salina, KS. Meeting was declared adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

DUES REPORT



2011 KACD DUES REPORT

Maximum Club Member Counties

DISTRICT	AMOUNT PAID
Allen	\$ 561.32
Anderson	570.06
Barber	545.87
Bourbon	587.95
Brown	563.51
Cheyenne	545.45
Clay	558.97
Decatur	535.45
Douglas	597.36
Edwards	541.16
Ellis	567.71
Finney	553.34
Franklin	598.28
Gove	544.69
Graham	549.90
Greeley	535.45
Hamilton	546.20
Harvey	579.64
Kearny	538.31
Kingman	583.58
Kiowa	543.52
Marion	591.82
Marshall	586.69
McPherson	605.93
Miami	639.19
Ness	553.76
Pottawatomie	580.81
Reno	656.92
Saline	573.84
Shawnee	584.34
Sherman	546.62
Stafford	556.87
Stanton	537.55
Thomas	548.98
Wallace	535.45
Washington	578.63

Regular Dues Counties

DISTRICT	AMOUNT PAID
Atchison	\$ 474.77
Barton	472.46
Chase	443.20
Chautauqua	450.13
Cherokee	481.63
Clark	444.46
Cloud	457.62
Coffey	467.00
Comanche	442.71

Regular Dues Counties, continued

DISTRICT	AMOUNT PAID
Cowley	\$ 496.89
Crawford	488.77
Dickinson	498.22
Doniphan	465.11
Elk	450.27
Ellsworth	453.56
Ford	471.48
Geary	441.03
Grant	447.82
Gray	458.11
Greenwood	462.73
Harper	459.65
Haskell	442.36
Hodgeman	451.53
Jackson	503.89
Jefferson	504.59
Jewell	461.75
Johnson	467.70
Labette	498.94
Lane	444.88
Leavenworth	509.21
Lincoln	458.11
Linn	489.26
Logan	445.23
Lyon	490.10
Meade	456.36
Mitchell	452.72
Morris	458.53
Morton	449.71
Nemaha	498.78
Neosho	479.25
Norton	452.16
Osage	501.44
Osborne	451.46
Ottawa	463.22
Phillips	460.49
Pratt	462.66
Rawlins	448.73
Republic	472.74
Rice	465.60
Riley	462.24
Rooks	500.00
Rush	458.67
Russell	461.54
Scott	449.39
Sedgwick	524.33
Seward	448.94
Sheridan	451.60
Smith	459.23
Stevens	454.75
Sumner	501.93
Trego	451.60
Wabaunsee	471.20
Wichita	447.61

Regular Dues Counties, continued

Wilson	\$	463.71
Woodson		448.78
Wyandotte		438.37

Partial Dues Counties

DISTRICT		AMOUNT PAID
Butler	\$	337.45
Montgomery		100.00
Pawnee		100.00
TOTAL DUES PAID for 2011	\$	51,725.48

Dues Computation Procedure:

Base Dues \$425/district
Regular Dues Base dues plus \$0.07 per farm in district
Number of farms in the district taken from the County Summary Highlights Table
published by the Kansas Agricultural Statistics Service
Maximum Club Dues - regular dues plus 20 percent

KACD Dues History:

1989 base dues were set at \$400/district
1995 base dues were increased to \$425/district plus \$0.07 per farm in district and
20 percent above regular dues for Maximum Club

RESOLUTIONS



Resolution #1 – Wildlife, Recreation & Forestry Committee

ERADICATION OF FERAL SWINE IN KANSAS

WHEREAS, feral swine is an invasive species that poses an economic and environmental threat to domestic livestock, agricultural crop production, native wildlife, plants and ecosystems through its destructive lifestyle; and

WHEREAS, feral swine can spread diseases to domestic pigs and other livestock, such as swine brucellosis, pseudorabies or classical swine fever, among others that can kill or injure livestock or cripple a livestock industry's export potential.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kansas Association of Conservation Districts supports action and educational effort that contribute toward the eradication of feral swine in Kansas.

Resolution #2 - Finance and Development Committee

Stable Funding for Kansas Forest Service's Watershed Forester Position

WHEREAS, The Kansas Forest Service's Watershed Forester position, currently a Term Position, needs long term stability and since the position was refilled in 2009 the incumbent has:

- ~ secured a Kansas Department of Health and Environment Technical and Educational Assistance Grant that expands Kansas Forest Service District Forester time central to implementing riparian forest practices on private lands as well as planning and conducting watershed protection and restoration workshops and field days;
- ~ enhanced outputs in Kansas Forest Service's Riparian Forest Technical Service provider agreement with the Natural Resources Conservation Service;
- ~ secured a USDA Forest Service Grant for conducting an Assessment of Riparian Forest in the Delaware River Watershed;
- ~ secured a USDA Forest Service Grant for conducting an Assessment of Riparian Forest in the Tuttle Creek Reservoir Watershed;
- ~ assisted in garnering one-half million dollars of riparian forest cost share assistance funds through the Cooperative Conservation Partnership Initiative;
- ~ initiated and administers multiple contracts with the Kansas Department of Agriculture's - Division of Conservation to implement "top of bank" buffer restoration activities (tree and grass planting and maintenance) on private lands;
- ~ served as Co-Kansas Forest Service representative to the Kansas Water Office's Reservoir Siting Committee;
- ~ serves as current Chairman - Kansas Alliance for Wetlands and Streams; and

WHEREAS, these activities serve as means of honoring the Kansas Forest Service's role in the State's Water Plan as well as fulfilling the agency's legislated duties identified in Kansas Statutes and Act (KSA) 76 - 425d, and the agency's role in the Water Plan is forested riparian area protection and stream bank stabilization planning and implementation; and

WHEREAS, the Agency's legislated duties are:

KSA 76 - 425d

Powers and Duties. Under the general supervision of the Board of Regents and direct administration of Kansas State University, the Kansas Forest Service shall:

- h. foster and promote the control of soil erosion on forest lands;
- i. carry on an assistance program with forest landowners and operators in the practice of forestry, including the growing, harvesting, and marketing of forest products and in the management of forests for other multiple benefits such as water quality, stream bank stabilization, erosion control, wildlife and recreation;
- k. cooperate with other agencies and organizations in conducting forestry related programs, including riparian and wetland protection and nonpoint source pollution.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Kansas Association of Conservation Districts asks the State Legislature to allocate \$100,000 of Expanded Lottery Act Resources Fund (ELARF) to the Kansas Forest Service in the Kansas Water Authority's 2013 budget.

Resolution Number #3 - Finance and Development Committee

FISCAL YEAR 2013 DIVISION OF CONSERVATION BUDGET

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, Walnut, Smoky Hill/Saline, Upper Republican, Cimarron, and Solomon River Basins; and

WHEREAS, a need exists to improve and sustain the State’s rivers, streams and aquifers with conservation grants; 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 reduce stream bank erosion and degradation of riparian areas; and

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

WHEREAS, the conservation provisions of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (the 2008 Farm Bill) have increased the demand for conservation technical assistance; and

WHEREAS, a need for priority multipurpose small lakes projects, watershed dam construction and rehabilitation, restoration of water supply systems, and riparian and wetland protection was identified in the State Water Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Conservation 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\water transition assistance, water supply restoration and surface mining land reclamation;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kansas Association of Conservation Districts supports the Division of Conservation’s FY 2013 budget request as described below, and in addition, supports the Division’s request for appropriation language allowing the carry over of funds from the current fiscal year to FY 2013;

STATE GENERAL FUNDS:

Administrative Operations \$ 559,611

STATE WATER PLAN SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS:

Aid to Conservation Districts	\$ 2,260,000	
Water Resources Cost-Share	\$ 2,008,700	
Water Supply Restoration	\$ 190,000	
Non-Point Source Pollution	\$ 2,008,691	
Watershed Dam Construction	\$ 625,000	
Riparian and Wetland Protection	\$ 165,000	
Water Quality Buffer Initiative	\$ 270,000	
Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program\WTAP	\$ 425,000	
Subtotal - Special Revenue Fund		\$ 7,952,391

FEE FUNDS:

Land Reclamation Fee Funds \$ 148,495

FEDERAL FUNDS:

Federal Grant Funds \$ 452,717

OTHER FUNDS:

Kansas Dept. of Wildlife & Parks contract \$ 75,000

TOTAL - FY 2013 BUDGET REQUEST \$ 9,188,214

In addition to the FY 2013 Budget Request outlined above, the Division of Conservation is seeking KACD's support of the following FY 2013 budget enhancements, which total \$12,500,000.

Program	State General Fund	State Water Plan	ELARF	Motor Pool Fund	TOTAL
Nutrient and Sediment Reduction Streambank Stabilization/ Reservoir Protection	\$7,000,000				\$7,000,000
Water Right Purchase			\$1,000,000		\$1,000,000
Improved Irrigation System Efficiency			\$1,000,000		\$1,000,000
Water Supply Restoration			\$1,500,000		\$1,500,000
Dam Rehabilitation			\$1,000,000		\$1,000,000
TOTAL	\$7,000,000		\$5,500,000		\$12,500,000

Resolution Number #4 - Urban And Rural Development Committee

SUPPORT OF THE RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COUNCILS OF KANSAS

WHEREAS, KACD and the local county conservation districts have helped to develop and support the 10 Resource Conservation and Development Councils in Kansas; and

WHEREAS, each of those councils carry out conservation, urban development, and economic development activities within the conservation districts of KACD; and

WHEREAS, most conservation districts have given their financial support and have supported the programs and activities of the Resource Conservation and Development Councils of Kansas; and

WHEREAS, the local county conservation districts appoint representatives to, or have supervisors that are representatives to, the Area Resource Conservation and Development councils.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kansas Association of Conservation Districts will continue their support of each of the 10 Resource Conservation and Development Councils of Kansas.

Resolution Number #5 - Resolution from the Floor

**REQUIRING DISTRICTS TO PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS TO
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ON METHODS TO ELIMINATE OR
REDUCE SOIL EROSION CAUSED BY WIND STORMS**

WHEREAS, soil erosion caused by wind and dust storms are recognized and declared to be destructive to the natural resources of Kansas and the health and well being of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, landowners have a responsibility to take actions to prevent and reduce the amount of soil erosion caused by wind and dust storms; and

WHEREAS, the duties of county commissioners under K.S.A. 2-1004 are to inspect blowing dust and in their judgment determine what can be done to immediately eliminate or reduce blowing dust; and

WHEREAS, the board of county commissioners may order a landowner to cultivate the blowing soil to eliminate or reduce blowing dust; and

WHEREAS, the State Conservation Commission and the Division of Conservation, Kansas Department of Agriculture under K.S.A. 2-1904 has the duty "to facilitate arrangements under which conservation districts may serve county governing bodies and other agencies as their local operating agencies in the administration of any activity concerned with the conservation of natural resources;" and

WHEREAS, county conservation districts duties and authorities under K.S.A. 2-1901 et seq. provide for the comprehensive planning and guidance to landowners and other entities to prevent soil erosion by wind and other means.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kansas Association of Conservation Districts encourages conservation districts to work closely with county commissioners to resolve natural resource concerns, such as water and wind erosion.

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, that KACD encourage the Kansas Association of Counties to support this effort.

Resolution Number #6

**** NO ACTION TAKEN, TABLED UNTIL NEXT YEAR ****

**ENCOURAGE THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS
TO PURSUE CHANGING THE FEDERAL TAX CODE TO REMOVE
DISTRICT SUPERVISORS AS EMPLOYEES**

WHEREAS, Kansas Conservation Districts has been made aware during 2011 IRS compliance audits that districts have been incorrectly reporting supervisor tax information; and

WHEREAS, the IRS Compliance Examination concluded elected board member/officer compensation consisting of personal commuting mileage and reimbursed personal meals not related to overnight travel are subject to applicable payroll taxes; and

WHEREAS, the IRS Compliance Examination concluded the payments made to the elected board members/officers are properly treated as wages paid to them; and

WHEREAS, the IRS Compliance Examination concluded elected board members of governmental entities are considered to be "public officials," and as such, are to be treated as employees of the governmental entities for which they provide services; and

WHEREAS, conservation district supervisors serve without pay; and

WHEREAS, conservation district supervisors incur personal expenses in the disposition of their duties as an elected official; and

WHEREAS, conservation district supervisors perceive the reporting and taxation of reimbursed expenses as an unjust burden and a disincentive to public service; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kansas Association of Conservation Districts supports pursuit by the National Association of Conservation Districts to changes in the federal tax code to remove district supervisors as employees.