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**PROCEEDINGS BOOK**

**68th Annual Convention**

**November 18-20, 2012**

**Doubletree by Hilton Hotel Wichita Airport**



## 68th Annual Convention Proceedings

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KACD GENERAL SESSION MEETING  
November 20, 2012  
Doubletree by Hilton Hotel Wichita Airport

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 11:27 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.

**Minutes**

President Ron Brown presented the minutes as printed in the convention proceedings of the November 22, 2011, KACD General Session. Wayne Lukert, Shawnee County, moved to approve the minutes as presented. Wayne Thorp, Bourbon County, seconded. Motion carried.

**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. He noted that the travel expense exceeded the budgeted amount and noted the reason was activity on the national level. The involvement on the national level is vital because it helps to guide us in the right direction.

**REPORTS FROM STANDING and SPECIAL COMMITTEES:**

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

**Natural Resources Programs Committee:**

Chairperson Doug Plegge, Marshall County, provided the committee report. Francis Kelsey, Shawnee County, moved to accept the report. Wayne Lukert, Shawnee County, seconded. Motion carried.

**Wildlife, Recreation and Forestry Committee:**

Chairperson Becky Wise, Jefferson County, gave the committee report and moved for acceptance. Dean Bailey, Bourbon County, seconded. Motion carried.

**Grasslands Committee:**

Chairperson Ted Alexander, Barber County, gave the committee report and moved for acceptance. Doug Vieux, Hodgeman County, seconded. Motion carried.

**District Operations & Resolutions Committee:**

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

**Endowment Committee:**

Chairperson Lyman Nuss, Russell County, reported on the activities of the committee and moved to approve this report. Carl Jordon, Mitchell County, seconded. Motion carried.

**Finance & Development Committee:**

Chairperson Marion Krehbiel, Reno County, gave the committee report and moved for acceptance. Don Paxson, Graham County, seconded. Motion carried.

Resolution #1 Fiscal Year 2014 Division of Conservation Budget

Marion Krehbiel, Reno County, moved to approve this resolution as printed. Don Paxson, Graham County, seconded. Motion carried.

KACD Executive Director Pat Lehman gave an update on the Endowment Fund and the recent investment in a Farm Bureau Annuity, for which the original amount was increased to \$120,000. The interest will be used to fund educational activities. Pat thanked Don Paxson for his recommendations.

**Employees Organization Report:**

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

Wayne Lukert, Shawnee County, moved to approve the report. Brad Shogren, McPherson County, seconded. Motion carried.

**Conservation Education & Youth Committee:**

Mike Flory of Douglas County, Co-Chairperson of the committee, provided the report and moved for its acceptance. Dennis Schwant, Pottawatomie County, seconded. Motion carried.

**Urban & Rural Development Committee:**

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

**Resolutions from the Floor:**

President Ron Brown asked for any resolutions from the floor. He then asked for input on the funding decisions. Discussion was held. The Blue Ribbon Group will give recommendations at next year's meeting. Rod Vorhees, chairman of the State Conservation Commission, noted

that more information will be presented at the area meetings and we need to encourage our other supervisors to attend. Ron encouraged everyone to think outside the box; we need to step out of our comfort zone.

Kyle Hoffman stated that we need to focus on educating our legislators on why our funding is important. He noted that we have done a good job protecting ourselves, protecting the SCC budget, but just not the Aid to Conservation Districts.

Wayne Lukert, Shawnee County, strongly encouraged participation in the Conservation Day at the Capitol. We must be united. Don Paxson, Graham County, noted that members of the the Kansas Water Authority will also be visiting legislators.

A question from the floor was made requesting information on the tax code change for supervisors. Kyle Hoffman addressed the concern and stated the problem wasn't as big of a concern as originally thought.

President Ron Brown thanked everyone for coming. With no more business to attend to, he adjourned the meeting adjourned at 12:23 p.m.

*Submitted by Kristi Vogts*

FIELD OFFICE OF THE FUTURE  
WORK NOTES  
by Ray Ledgerwood

Available at

[www.kacdnet.org/field\\_office\\_initiative.pdf](http://www.kacdnet.org/field_office_initiative.pdf)



# COMMITTEE/AREA MEETING MINUTES\*



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

**WILDLIFE, FORESTRY & RECREATION COMMITTEE**  
**November 19, 2012**

The Wildlife, Forestry and Recreation Committee called to order by member Ray Johnson at 10:15 a.m. Monday, November 19, 2012. Number of people present: 41.

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

The minutes of the November 21, 2011, meeting were approved as presented.

Johnson gave an update on the eradication of feral pigs from Curran Salter's presentation at last year's meeting. He was happy to announce that numbers of feral pigs has decreased.

Johnson introduced John Ungerer from NRCS. Ungerer went over the Lesser Prairie Chicken Initiative. NRCS started the initiative in 2010 with 99 contracts covering 41,747 acres. In 2012 that number has changed to 36 contracts covering 36,000 acres. Kansas allows hunting of the chicken at this time.

Johnson introduced Aron Flanders with US Wildlife and Biology. Flanders went over the biology and management of Prairie Chickens. Kansas has two different Prairie Grouse, the Lesser and Greater Prairie Chicken. Flanders went over the ideal habitat for the Prairie Chicken. Grasses should be at least thigh high to give the chicken adequate coverage. There is only one nest per year. Hens clutch at least 10-12 eggs. In the near future there should be satellite transmittal to track the chickens.

Meeting adjourned 11: 18 a.m.

*Cheli Lopez, Secretary*



**NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE**  
**November 19, 2012**

Chairman Doug Plegge called the meeting to order at 10:14 a.m. There were 33 people present.

Greg Foley and Don Jones of the Division of Conservation gave an overview of the Emergency Drought Initiative and Chicken Litter Nutrient Reduction Plan. Tom Stiles of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment gave an overview of the Nutrient Reduction Framework and Strategy.

There were no requests for resolutions. Doug Plegge declared the meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

*Patti Winters, Secretary*

**KACD GRASSLANDS COMMITTEE**  
**Monday, November 19, 2012**

Chairman Ted Alexander called the KACD Grasslands Committee Meeting to order with 47 in attendance. Committee members Sam Baier, Kyle Hoffman, and Cheryl Davis were in attendance.

The KACD Grasslands Merit Award for 2012 was proudly awarded to Jeffery Dewerff and Blake Dewerff. For generations the Dewerffs' have been mindful of the importance of wise stewardship and conservation of their grasslands. Other family members present were Jeffery's wife, daughter, and grandson.

David Kraft, NRCS Rangeland Management Specialist, and Tim Christian, Executive Director of the Kansas Grazing Lands Coalition, gave a presentation entitled 'How to Improve Grasslands Conservation and Build Grass-roots Capacity'. Rancher and founder of the SW Grazing Group, Bill Barby, complemented the presentation with a talk on his experiences in utilizing assistance from the KGLC in establishing a regional grazing group.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Ted encouraged those in attendance to seek out the assistance of the KGLC. He also reminded supervisors not to underestimate their influence on other producers and urged them to become more involved in serving on committees such as the KACD Grasslands.

As there were no resolutions brought before committee, the meeting was adjourned by Ted Alexander at 11:00 A.M.

*Cheryl Davis, Secretary*

**DISTRICT OPERATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE**  
**Monday, November 19, 2012**

The KACD District Operations and Resolutions Committee met at 10:00 AM, Monday, November 19, 2012, at the Airport Double Tree at Hilton, with 16 people in attendance.

Committee chair Wayne Lukert presented the program.

Announcements:

- KACD Committee Structure—the committee is taking the lead
- Information available on the KACD website
- Training Modules 15 & 16 are on the web site
- Day at the State House, Tuesday, January 22, 2013

There will not be time to do displays, but possibly in the future districts can put up displays.

No resolutions at this time from any districts.

A resolution will be submitted by the Finance Committee for recommendation to support the DOC budget.

Nine people took the District Law and District Supervisor, Accepting Fiduciary Responsibility course on Sunday evening, November 18, 2012.

Discussion on options available to districts to increase efficiencies as well as options available to districts should their field office be closed. There was discussion on combining districts and the process. Ray Ledgerwood was available to participate in these discussions.

There was additional discussion on Natural Resources plans.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

*Submitted by Nathella Humburg, Secretary*

**FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**  
**Meeting Minutes – Monday, November 19, 2012**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Marion Krehbiel. There were 9 people in attendance.

KACD Executive Director Pat Lehman gave a report on the Farm Bureau Annuity and the Money Market Grant Program, member dues, and the fair booth.

The 2013 KACD budget was approved as submitted. Reports were given by DOC/SCC and the Endowment Committee.

The FY 2014 Division of Conservation budget resolution was submitted and approved.

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Marion Krehbiel.

## **KACD Area III Meeting November 20, 2012**

KACD Director Gene Albers called the Area III meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. An attendance list of those participating is attached.

Director Albers turned the meeting over to SCC Commissioner Brad Shogren for the election of the Area III Director's position. John Meng nominated Gene Albers to be re-elected to the position. Marion Krehbill seconded the motion. Shogren asked if there were any other nominations to be offered. None were heard. Calvin Boyd motioned to cease the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for the election of Gene Albers. John Bowden seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Director Albers opened a discussion on the question of Conservation District funding mechanisms and the possibility of utilizing dedicated mill levies. A question was asked about whether that course of action would then necessitate that Conservation District supervisors would have to be elected on conducted on regular county election ballots. (It was thought that it would.) However, it was suggested that a benefit of this option would be that Conservation Districts would be less "at the mercy of" more and more urbanely dominated interests in county commissions

A related comment for consideration was made about future legal representation by the state's Attorney General if Conservation Districts moved closer to completely independent political subdivision status in general elections.

Commissioner Shogren suggested that the state's current political climate might be quite unfavorable to legislation for any new sales tax or mill levy funding proposals. He also mentioned the possibility of working towards more dedicated funding for Conservation Districts through the State Water Plan. He said this will be a discussion over the next year as we don't know exactly where we are headed in Conservation District changes right now. A comment was made that this might actually be a very good time to ask for dedicated local funding since state legislators now want to reduce reliance on state resources and move more fiscal responsibility to local units of government.

A comment was made that it was undesirable for County Commissioners to get the idea that Conservation Districts are part of county government, and that they can use the locally developed funding for something else if they want. We should also look at casino / lottery revenues, sin taxes and other revenue resources at the state level to support Conservation District funding. Commissioner Shogren again stated that we must look to the future possibility of consolidation in Conservation Districts, and that we need to see what other things will happen before we change our funding.

Grassland Committee Chairman Ted Alexander stated that there is a need for both new and more committee members. Director Albers asked for volunteers to come forward, and asked whether term limits should be set for committee positions so that people don't always

depend on others to do the committee work. A comment was made that new members also bring new ideas to the table.

Director Albers mentioned the KACD website as a source to access information on updates and training modules, and also that Tuesday, January 22, 2013 is Conservation Day in the state capitol. He reported on the previous day's report from Secretary of Agriculture Dale Rodman about global market conditions and other KDA activities. He also mentioned the possibility of changes in the KACD officer rotations due to a possible resignation from Director Kyle Hoffman.

There were no resolutions offered in the committee. No other concerns. No other questions. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

## **Area IV Conservation District Supervisors Meeting Tuesday, November 20, 2012**

A meeting of Area IV Conservation District Supervisors was called to order at 8:35 a.m. by Bevin Law, Area IV Director of the Kansas Association of Conservation Districts (KACD). The purpose of the meeting was to elect a State Conservation Commissioner from Area IV, a position currently held by John Wunder of Jefferson County, and to conduct any other business brought before the group.

Bevin Law reported that the name of John Wunder had been previously placed in nomination for the office. The chairperson called for nominations from the floor three times, with no other persons being nominated. Motion by Wayne Lukert to cease nominations, seconded by Doug Plegge and carried. Eligible electors proceeded to vote by ballot.

As the ballots were being counted, John Wunder announced that uncommitted state cost share funds would be cancelled December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Computers for district bookkeeping programs have been distributed by Division of Conservation staff. The proposed 2014 State Conservation Commission budget was made available to the group.

Bevin Law reported that John Wunder was unanimously re-elected to the State Conservation Commission, receiving all of the twenty-three votes cast.

A discussion of funding alternatives for conservation districts followed. Motion by Doug Plegge to adjourn, seconded by Becky Wise, and carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:21 a.m.

Minutes Recorded by Tom Meek, District Manager  
Clay County Conservation District

## KACD Area V November 20, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 8:38 a.m. by Ron Brown, Area V KACD Director. Everyone was asked to sign the registration sheet in the back of the room. Kristi Vogts, Coffey County Conservation District, District Manager was appointed as the official recorder.

Both Ron & Rod noted the need to discuss funding issues. Ron stated his concerns on the funding levels at the county level. We need to think outside the box on what we should do. This task will not be easy, but it is not impossible. Rod reminded those in attendance on how the state is now passing the funding problems to counties. Now more than ever we need to keep a good relationship with our county commissioners. We also need to educate ourselves on the various options that are available when it comes to financial resources. Discussion was held over various options being used and one to consider.

Rod Voorhees, Area V State Conservation Commission Commissioner announced that Area V needs to elect a KACD Area V Director. Ron Brown, Bourbon County was nominated for the position at the fall Area V meeting. Rod Voorhees asked three times for nominations from the floor. Mark Lehmann, Crawford County moved for nominations to cease. Joyce Brecken, Wilson County seconded. Motion carried.

Rod Voorhees distributed the ballots, collected and counted them. Rod Voorhees then announced that Ron Brown would be serving as the Area V KACD Director. Ron thanked everyone and stated that he appreciated the opportunity to serve.

The Area V Spring Workshop will be held in Fredonia on March 14<sup>th</sup>. More information on the Area Workshop will be forth coming.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:09 a.m.

*Recorded by Kristi Vogts*



# DUES REPORT



## 2012 KACD DUES REPORT

### Maximum Club Member Counties

DISTRICT	AMOUNT PAID
Barber	\$ 545.87
Barton	566.95
Bourbon	587.95
Brown	563.51
Cheyenne	545.45
Clay	558.97
Coffey	560.40
Comanche	531.25
Decatur	535.45
Douglas	597.36
Edwards	541.00
Ellis	567.71
Finney	553.34
Franklin	598.28
Gove	544.69
Graham	549.90
Greeley	535.45
Hamilton	546.20
Kearny	538.31
Kingman	583.58
Kiowa	543.52
Marion	591.82
Marshall	586.69
McPherson	605.93
Miami	639.19
Morton	539.65
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
Allen	\$ 467.77
Anderson	475.05
Atchison	474.77
Butler	524.89
Chase	443.20
Chautauqua	450.13
Cherokee	481.63
Clark	444.46
Cloud	457.62

Regular Dues Counties, continued

DISTRICT	AMOUNT PAID
Cloud	\$ 457.62
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
Harvey	483.03
Haskell	442.36
Hodgeman	451.53
Jackson	503.89
Jefferson	504.59
Jewell	461.25
Johnson	465.70
Labette	498.64
Lane	444.88
Leavenworth	509.21
Lincoln	458.11
Linn	489.26
Logan	445.23
Lyon	490.10
Meade	456.36
Mitchell	452.72
Montgomery	494.58
Morris	458.53
Nemaha	498.78
Neosho	479.25
Norton	452.16
Osage	501.44
Osborne	451.46
Ottawa	463.22
Pawnee	455.10
Phillips	460.49
Pratt	462.66
Rawlins	448.73
Republic	472.74
Rice	465.60
Riley	462.24
Rooks	454.33
Rush	458.67
Russell	461.54
Scott	444.39
Sedgwick	559.33
Seward	448.94
Sheridan	451.60
Smith	459.23
Stevens	454.75
Sumner	501.93

**Regular Dues Counties, continued**

Trego	\$	451.60
Wabaunsee		471.20
Wichita		447.61
Wilson		463.71
Woodson		448.73
Wyandotte		438.37

**Partial Dues Counties**

<b>DISTRICT</b>		<b>AMOUNT PAID</b>
Wyandotte	\$	225.00
<b>TOTAL DUES PAID for 2011</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>52,511.75</b>

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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 Number #1 - Finance and Development Committee

### FISCAL YEAR 2014 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 2014 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 2014;

#### STATE GENERAL FUNDS:

Administrative Operations \$ 481,590

#### STATE WATER PLAN SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS:

Aid to Conservation Districts	\$ 2,326,934	
Water Resources Cost-Share	\$ 2,166,424	
Water Supply Restoration	\$ 287,060	
Non-Point Source Pollution	\$ 2,066,415	
Watershed Dam Construction	\$ 640,973	
Riparian and Wetland Protection	\$ 169,742	
Water Quality Buffer Initiative	\$ 277,759	
Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program\WTAP	\$ 500,000	
Subtotal - Special Revenue Fund		\$ 8,435,307

#### FEE FUNDS:

Land Reclamation Fee Funds \$ 146,789

#### FEDERAL FUNDS:

Federal Grant Funds \$ 409,297

#### OTHER FUNDS:

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

**TOTAL - FY 2014 BUDGET REQUEST \$ 9,547,983**

**SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET REQUEST FOR 2014:**

A supplemental of \$5,777,000 is requested for the Division of Conservation to address emergency livestock water supply issues.

As Governor Brownback has toured the state assessing the extreme conditions of drought, he has witnessed this problem firsthand. As an initial step to address emergency livestock water supply issues, the Kansas Department of Agriculture responded to the message heard across the state for financial assistance to help prepare to capture future rainfall, to drill new wells and other livestock water supply practices.