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69th Annual KACD Convention

November 24-26, 2013

Doubletree by Hilton Hotel Wichita Airport



69th Annual Convention Proceedings

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KACD GENERAL SESSION MEETING
November 26, 2013
Doubletree by Hilton Hotel Wichita Airport

THOSE PRESENT:

DIRECTORS

President - Bevin Law
Vice-President – Gene Albers
Secretary-Treasurer – William Simshauser
Director – Ron Brown
Director – Jon Starns

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Pat Lehman, Lawrence, Kansas

RECORDER

Kristi Vogts, District Manager, Coffey County

The meeting was called to order by President, Bevin Law at 10:03 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 Bevin Law reviewed procedures by which Roberts Rules of Order will be used to conduct the business session. Rod Voorhees, Wilson County, was appointed Parliamentarian.

Minutes

President Bevin Law presented the minutes as published online in the convention proceedings of the November 20, 2012, KACD Business Meeting. Ted Nighswonger, Graham County, moved to approve the minutes as presented. Dean Bailey, Bourbon County, seconded. Motion carried.

President's Report

President Bevin Law provided a report on this year's activities. A highlight for the year was receiving the Supervisors' Training Award at the National Convention.

REPORTS FROM STANDING and SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

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

GRASSLANDS COMMITTEE:

Chairperson Ted Alexander, Barber County, gave the committee report and moved for acceptance. Wayne Lukert, Shawnee County, seconded. Motion carried.

Resolution # 1 Common and Cut-Leaved Teasel-New Invasive Plant of the Midwest.

Wayne Thrope, Bourbon County, moved to adopt this resolution. Carl Jordan, Mitchell County, seconded. Motion carried.

WILDLIFE, FORESTRY AND RECREATION COMMITTEE:

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

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE:

Chairperson Doug Plegge, Marshall County, provided the committee report and moved to accept the report. John Meng, Kingman County, seconded. Motion carried.

Resolution #2 Protection and Conserving Our Groundwater Resources

Doug Plegge, Marshall County, moved to adopt the resolution as printed. John Meng, Kingman County, seconded. Discussion was held.

Wayne Lukert, Shawnee County, moved to amend the motion by striking in the fifth paragraph "and revocation of water rights for a period of 12 months upon a third offense." Gene Albers, Kingman County, seconded. Discussion was held. Trent Winters, Washington County, called for the question. The amendment passed. Gregg Gartrell, Rooks County, moved to amend the amended resolution by striking the sixth paragraph. Wayne Lukert, Shawnee County, seconded. Discussion was held. Amendment passed. The motion before the body was to adopt the resolution as previously amended. A vote was taken by show of hands: 25 for adopting the resolution 26 against. Motion failed. Resolution did not pass.

Resolution # 3 Enabling Producers to Plant Cover Crops in Fallow Rotation

Doug Plegge, Marshall County, moved to adopt the resolution. Rush Renner, Miami County, seconded. Motion carried.

DISTRICT OPERATIONS & RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:

Chairperson Wayne Lukert, Shawnee County gave the committee report and moved for acceptance. Wayne Thorpe, Bourbon 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 Jordan, Mitchell County, seconded. Motion carried.

FINANCE & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

Chairperson Marion Krehbiel, Reno County, gave the committee report and moved for acceptance. Becky Wise, Jefferson County, seconded. Motion carried.

Resolution #4 Fiscal Year 2015 State Conservation Commission Budget

Marion Krehbiel, Reno County, moved to approve this resolution as printed. Trent Winters, Washington County, seconded. Motion carried.

EMPLOYEES ORGANIZATION:

Patti Winters, EO President, provided a report on the Employee Organization's Annual Meeting. Wayne Lukert, Shawnee County, moved to approve the report. Carl Jordan, Mitchell County, seconded. Motion carried.

CONSERVATION EDUCATION & YOUTH COMMITTEE:

Chairperson Mike Flory, Douglas County, provided the report and moved for the acceptance of the report. Lon Colton, Ottawa County, seconded. Motion carried.

URBAN & RURAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

Chairperson Mark Lehman, Crawford County, gave the committee report and moved for acceptance. Ron Brown, Bourbon County, seconded. Motion carried.

Resolutions from the Floor:

Resolution #5 Sustainable Funding For District Operations

Carl Jordan, Mitchell County, moved to hear the resolution by the District Operations & Resolutions Committee via Wayne Lukert, Shawnee County. Wayne Thorpe, Bourbon County, seconded. Motion carried.

Wayne Lukert, Shawnee County presented the resolution and moved for adoption. Carl Jordan seconded. Discussion was held.

Rod Vorhees, Wilson County, moved to amend the motion by striking in the third paragraph "amend the Kansas Conservation District Act" and inserting "develop a sub-committee/working group to revisit current and future funding mechanisms for conservation district operations, program funding for voluntary incentive-based efforts, and to outline/define the five greatest conservation priorities for the next 50 years and for this committee to report back at the 2014 KACD Convention." Brad Shogren, McPherson County, seconded. Discussion was held. Motion carried.

The resolution passed with a 32 to 8 vote. The following volunteered to be on the committee: Rod Voorhees, Wilson County; Wayne Lukert Shawnee County; Alan Roth, Ellis County; Brad Shogren, McPherson County; and Tommy Barrett, Ottawa County.

With no more business to conduct, President, Bevin Law adjourned the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 12:14 p.m.

Submitted by Kristi Vogts

COMMITTEE/AREA MEETING MINUTES*



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

CONSERVATION EDUCATION & YOUTH COMMITTEE

November 24 & 25, 2013

The Committee met three times since the 2012 KACD Convention.

A spring Meeting was held at Paxico, Kansas, in which we finalized out Committee Operating Guidelines, and adopted a new membership roster. We reviewed the committee responsibilities contained in the KACD Strategic Plan and took action to work toward completing those tasks. The members suggested several judges for the 2013 Speech contest and tasked the Committee Secretary with securing judges for the contest.

A second meeting was held on September 12, at the State Fair in Hutchinson. At that meeting we developed the format for the Speech Contest Program to be used at the contest on November 25, 2013 at KACD Convention. The members discussed attempting to reach more home schooled and special schools students, and identified several state wide organizations that represent those students. The decision was reached to have those students participate in our contests through their county Conservation District.

The third meeting was held on November 24th and 25th, 2013 at Wichita at the Annual KACD Convention.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Mike Flory at 3:07 PM Sunday November 24, with the following members and guests present: Dennis and Ireta Schwandt, Mike and Cheryl Flory, Sam and Bonnie Baier, Roberta Spencer, Gail Harshaw, Cathy Musick, Tim Crossman, Jenica Nelson, Dawn Buehler, Joyce Bracken Sheldon Hightower and Tom Meek.

The Minutes of the Fall Meeting were presented by Jim Weaver, and Approved with one correction, by a motion by Dennis Schwandt and seconded by Bonnie Baier.

The Treasurers Report was presented by Jim Weaver, and special notice was given regarding a new Summary Report. The report was approved by a Motion by Bonnie Baier and Second by Dennis Schwandt.

Roberta Spencer provided an Envirothon Report and Treasurers report and they were received by the committee without action.

The Committee finalized assignments for members at the Speech Contest. Cathy Musick provided a brief KFAC Report.

The meeting was recessed at 4:25 PM and scheduled to resume at 8:00 AM Monday November 25, 2013 at the Media Theater.

The Meeting was resumed at 8:30 AM and called to order by Chair Mike Flory. There were sixty members and guests present for the meeting. Chair Mike Flory introduced the Committee Members, Advisors and Sponsors to the meeting, and gave a short motivational speech.

Ireta Schwandt opened the Thirtieth Annual Speech Contest by introducing the contest participants and explaining the contest rules. Four Contestants participated and the speeches all received a round applause from the audience.

A short break was taken at 9:30, and the meeting was reconvened at 10:50 AM.

Roberta Spencer presented an Envirothon Presentation set to music that was very well received. Roberta also introduced Tom Meek as the new Envirothon Chair, and Tom will serve a three year term.

Cathy Musick presented a report on the activities of the Kansas Foundation for Ag in the Classroom, and noted their new offices in Manhattan.

Ireta Schwandt interviewed the Speech Contestants and asked several questions regarding their goals, and activities.

Jackie McClaskey, Deputy Secretary of Agriculture, gave a speech about her participation in the KACD Speech Contest in 1984, and how that experience had affected her career in agriculture.

The Speech Contest Results announce by Ireta Schwandt were:

First Place: Katie Buhler, Pratt County

Second Place: Tristan Parks, Jackson County

Honorable Mention: Danielle Comstock, Wilson County

Honorable Mention: Liz Heath, Lane County

Cheryl Flory and Jim Weaver read the names of the winners in the Poster, Essay and Limerick Contests.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 PM

DISTRICT OPERATIONS & RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE November 25, 2013

The District Operations and Resolutions Committee met in the Salon IV room at the Wichita, KS Double Tree by Hilton Hotel at 8:00 AM. Sixteen people attended the meeting.

After introductions, Chairman Wayne Lukert reported on committee activities and announcements of interest to member districts, which included: Assisting KACD committee chairs in writing guidelines for their committees; January 21, 2014, as the tentative date for KACD's Day at the State House; Availability of a grant for a paid registration the 2014 NACD convention.

7 people completed the District Law and District Supervisor, Accepting Fiduciary Responsibility training course on Sunday, November 24, 2013.

Four resolutions are before the membership at this time. They are:

- 1) *Protecting and Conserving our Groundwater Resource* – Kingman Co. CD, referred to Natural Resources Committee
- 2) *Enabling Producers to Plant Cover Crops in Fallow Rotation* – Gove Co. CD, referred to Natural Resources Committee
- 3) *Common and Cut Teasel* – Bourbon Co. CD, referred to Grassland Committee
- 4) Fiscal Year 2015 Division of Conservation Budget – a committee resolution from Finance and Development Committee

An open forum on district operations and other topics was held. Discussion included:

- District Funding
- District Operations regarding hard copies of district documents being sent to DOC; start using electronic archiving and giving the districts the responsibility of keeping these records
- Federal furlough provisions and how other counties conducted business

There were no resolutions assigned to this committee to be addressed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nathella Humburg, Ness County

ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE November 24, 2013

The KACD Endowment Committee was held Sunday November 24, 2013 at the Wichita Airport Double Tree, Wichita, KS

Lyman Nuss, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. Also present were committee members, Ted Nighswonger, Jon Starns, Patti Winters, Rod Vorhees, Sandi Scott, Dan Meyerhoff, advisor, Pat Lehman, Exec Director, and employee representative Donna Fay Major.

Ted moved to approve the August 1, 2013 minutes. Patti seconded. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report was reviewed. Balance as of November 20, 2013 in the checking account is \$503.35. Sandi moved to approve the treasurer and CD report. Ted seconded. Motion carried.

Rod moved to send proceeds from the raffle to KACD within 30 days after the convention. Sandi seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business:

A committee member will schedule a time to pick up the paintings so the K-State Foundation can look at them.

The current inventory for the prints is: In the Heartland-139.

New Business:

Patti moved to reappoint Ted Nighswonger as trustee. Sandi seconded. Motion carried.

The date of next meeting will be in Thursday, July 24th, 1:30 p.m. via conference call.

Ted moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:20 p.m. Sandi seconded. Motion carried.

Submitted by Donna Fay Major

ENVIROTHON COMMITTEE

November 24, 2013

Members in attendance: Tom Meek, Roberta Spencer, Angela Beavers, Nina Meyer, JoBea Titus-Hutchinson, Marlene Schmidt, Chalee Braun, Melinda Bergmann, Pamela Hays, Dana Schmelzle, Vicki Goertzen, Kelli Kramer, Cindy Woofter, Mandy Shoemaker, Abby Carpenter, Laura Cruz, Ryan Armburst, Troy Munsch, J D Rector, Dan Meyerhoff, Dwayne Beckford, Rush Renner, Harrison McCallop, and Larry Biles

The meeting was called to order by Tom Meek at 4:00 p.m. on November 24, 2013. Tom Meek designated Nina Meyer as Recording Secretary.

Minutes of the August 27, 2013 meeting were reviewed. Roberta Spencer made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 27, 2013 meeting. Kelli Kramer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report-The report in the packet was reviewed by the committee. JoBea Titus-Hutchinson moved to accept the treasurer's report. Angela Beaver seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Roberta Spencer reported on the November 13th training event. 15 teams participated in the training. Roberta thanked Troy Munsch/NRCS for their involvement in the training event.

Angela Beavers reported on fund raising. A booth will be set up at the KACD Convention with a raffle of "themed baskets". The winners will be announced at the banquet on Monday evening. The money from the booth will go towards scholarships and prize money. She encouraged anyone who has any free time, to work in the booth. Abby Carpenter will assist Angela on the fund raising committee.

Roberta Spencer reported that she will be giving a power point presentation at the Youth and Education Committee meeting and also at the banquet on Monday evening.

2014 Regional Competition reports were given:

Pamela Hayes: competition will be held at Wilson Lake on April 9, 2014.

Dana Schmelzle: competition will be held at Centralia Lake on April 16, 2014.

Kelli Kramer-competition will be held on April 2, 2014.

JoBea Titus-Hutchinson: competition will be held on April 16, 2014 at the Council Grove Reservoir.

Tom Meek asked if we will have an oral presentation slot at the regional competitions. The consensus was to have one. Roberta Spencer hopes to have the scenario on the website by January 1, 2014.

2014 State Competition will be held at the Webster Center in Salina on April 30, 2014.

The 2014 North American Envirothon will be held in Georgia. Roberta Spencer encouraged committee members to attend.

The Natural Resources Conference will be held on January 30-31, 2014 in Wichita. Angela Beaver will attend and set up a booth.

The North American Envirothon dues were discussed. Roberta Spencer moved to pay the \$300.00 regular dues to the North American Envirothon, plus an additional \$200.00 to support the national competition. Vicki Goertzen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

It was the consensus of the committee to approve the envirothon registration form. Team eligibility was discussed. The question was asked if a 4-H team could be made up of individuals from multiple clubs, but were in the same county. Tom Meek will visit with the national committee on the 4-H question. The committee discussed the college/career fair booths at the Kansas Envirothon. It was mentioned to have the booths set up in the gym and give them time to speak to the group. Pamela Hays moved to keep the \$100.00 per college fee for booth space at the Kansas Envirothon. Dana Schmelzle seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Abby Carpenter presented the idea of purchasing megaphones to be used at Envirothon competitions. Roberta Spencer moved to purchase 4 megaphones at \$12.00 a piece to be used at the Regional and State Envirothons. Marlene Schmidt seconded the motion. Motion carried. Angela Beaver moved to have megaphones for sale at the convention booth for \$20.00 a piece. JoBea Titus-Hutchinson seconded the motion. Motion carried. The \$12.00 will go to Abby Carpenter for the cost of the megaphone with the extra \$8.00 going to the Envirothon account.

Announcements, for the 2014 year, Tom Meek-Chairperson, Angela Beavers-Vice Chairperson, Pam Hays-Treasurer, Jan Klaus-Secretary, and Roberta Spencer-will keep the website updated and will be a representative to the North American Envirothon.

Meetings for 2014 will be held on February 26 at 10:00 am, April 29 at 1:00 pm, and also meetings in June, August, and November, with times to be announced later.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
November 26, 2013

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Marion Krehbiel. There were 10 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 2014 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.

GRASSLANDS COMMITTEE November 25, 2013

Chairman Ted Alexander called the KACD Grasslands Committee Meeting to order with 40 in attendance. Committee members Sam Baier, Don Jones, Vaughn Sothman, and Cheryl Davis were in attendance.

Bourbon County Supervisor, Dean Bailey, presented a resolution to the committee: Common and Cut-Leaved Teasel-New Invasive Plant of the Midwest. Motion was made by Carl Jordan, Mitchell County CD, to recommend the resolution to the general session for consideration and adoption. Motion was seconded by Wayne Thorpe, Bourbon County CD. Motion carried.

The KACD Grasslands Merit Award for 2013 was proudly awarded to Doug and Laura Fortmeyer. Not only are the Fortmeyers conscientious stewards of their grasslands, they are recognized as strong leaders in grasslands management in Brown County.

Doug Peterson, NRCS State Soil Health Specialist, Gallatin, MO, gave a very stimulating presentation "Healing the Land with High Density Grazing". Doug believes the most powerful tool we have to manage our grasslands resources is high stock density and animal impact followed by long recovery periods. His emphasis is on building healthy soil and challenged the attendees to "with purpose, with thought, with planning" take care of their soil organisms as well as their cattle.

The meeting was adjourned by Ted Alexander at 9:30 A.M.

Cheryl Davis, Secretary

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE
November 25, 2013

Doug Plegge, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. with 38 in attendance.

Motion by JD Cameron, seconded by Alan Roth to approve the minutes of November 19, 2012. Motion carried.

Doug Plegge introduced Greg Foley, DOC, who spoke on watersheds and "How to Breathe New Life into the Watershed Districts." Greg discussed changes that have taken place in the Vermillion Watershed District No. 70. Changes include political boundaries, tax base, modification to the mission of the watershed, and organizational structure of the board.

Chad Voigt, Division of Water Resources, spoke on the stream obstruction of dams and changes to the permit.

Greg Foley then gave some highlights on his trip to Isreal to tour their water desalinization plant.

Doug Plegge asked for any resolutions. Two resolutions had been submitted to the committee.

- 1) Gove County submitted a resolution to request that KACD make a request to the Kansas RMA to not view covercrops as crops and crop insurance should not be affected by cover crops. Motion by Larry Manhart seconded by Darrel Kaiser to recommend to KACD that this resolution be adopted. Motion carried.
- 2) Kingman County and Reno County submitted a resolution to establish fines for wasting water by over-use or negligence. Discussion followed presentation of the resolution. Motion by Gene Albers, seconded by John Meng to recommend that KACD adopt the resolution. Motion carried.

With no further business, Doug Plegge, Chairman adjourned the meeting at 9:25 a.m.

Submitted by Patti Winters

AREA II MINUTES
November 26, 2013

The meeting was called to order by Area II KACD Board Member Bill Simshauser. There were 12 members present.

Reports/updates were given by Bill Simshauser, Kyle Hoffman, and Andrew Larson.

Glen Teeter moved that nominations for the Area II KACD Board Member cease. It was seconded by Bill Haney. Motion carried.

Bill Simshauser was nominated as Area II KACD Board Member. He was elected by 11 votes.

Discussion was held on the noxious weeds resolution and the county mill levy. The group also discussed water rights with DOC Executive Director Greg Foley.

The meeting was adjourned by Bill Simshauser.

AREA IV MINUTES November 26, 2013

A meeting of Area IV Conservation District Supervisors was called to order at 8:40 a.m. by John Wunder, Area IV State Conservation Commissioner, with 21 supervisors in attendance. The purpose of the meeting was to elect a Director of the Kansas Association of Conservation Districts (KACD) from Area IV, a position currently held by Bevin Law of Clay County, and to conduct any other business brought before the group.

John Wunder announced that the State Conservation Commission (SCC) spring workshop for Area IV would be held March 4, 2014 at the Farm Bureau building in Topeka. The next SCC meeting will be February 10, 2014 in Topeka. Wunder also announced that the cancellation date for uncommitted state cost share funds has been moved back two weeks to December 20, 2013. The 2015 Division of Conservation proposed budget was circulated.

Wunder reported that the name of Bevin Law had been previously placed in nomination for the Area IV director position. The chairperson called for nominations from the floor three times, with no other persons being nominated. Motion by David Thompson to cease nominations, seconded by Becky Wise, and carried. Eligible electors proceeded to vote by ballot.

As the ballots were being counted, a discussion of methods to provide a stable source of funding for district operations took place. A sales tax dedicated to conservation, and enabling conservation districts to levy property taxes were two options that were discussed.

It was reported that Bevin Law had been re-elected as the Area IV KACD Director.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

AREA V MINUTES
November 26, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 8:39 a.m. by Rod Voorhees, Area V State Conservation Commissioner. 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.

Kristi Vogts read the minutes from the previous meeting. JD Cameron moved to approve the minutes as read. It was seconded and carried.

Ron Brown, Area V KACD Director announced that Area V needs to elect an Area V Conservation Commissioner. Rod Voorhees, Wilson County was nominated for the position at the fall Area V meeting. Ron Brown asked three times for any other nominations from the floor. Doug Blex, Montgomery County moved for nominations to cease. Dean Bailey, Bourbon County seconded. Motion carried.

Ron Brown distributed the ballots. Terry Romig, Coffey County collected and assisted Ron in counting them. Ron Brown then announced that Rod Voorhees would be serving as the Area V State Conservation Commissioner. Rod thanked everyone and stated that he appreciated the opportunity to serve.

Ron Brown led the discussion regarding finance in the future; the pros and cons of a mill levy. Don Jones, DOC answered questions about the current law and funding levels. Other topics discussed were John Redmond dredging and Poultry Litter. Meeting information regarding both topics would be coming later.

Rod congratulated Joyce Bracken, Wilson County for being recognized as Area V Supervisor of the Year.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:29 a.m.

Recorded by Kristi Vogts

DUES REPORT



2013 KACD DUES REPORT

Maximum Club Member Counties

DISTRICT	AMOUNT PAID
Anderson	\$ 570.06
Barber	545.87
Barton	566.95
Bourbon	587.95
Brown	563.51
Clay	558.97
Coffey	560.40
Comanche	531.25
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
Kearny	538.31
Kingman	583.58
Kiowa	543.52
Lane	533.86
Linn	587.11
Marshall	586.69
McPherson	605.93
Miami	639.19
Ness	553.76
Pottawatomie	580.81
Reno	656.92
Russell	553.85
Saline	573.84
Shawnee	584.34
Sheridan	541.92
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	\$ 467.27
Atchison	474.77
Butler	524.89
Chase	443.20
Chautauqua	450.13
Cherokee	481.63
Cheyenne	454.54
Clark	444.46

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
Harvey	483.03
Haskell	442.36
Hodgeman	451.53
Jackson	503.89
Jefferson	504.59
Jewell	461.75
Johnson	467.70
Labette	498.94
Leavenworth	509.21
Lincoln	458.11
Logan	445.23
Lyon	490.10
Marion	493.18
Meade	456.36
Mitchell	452.72
Montgomery	494.58
Morris	458.53
Morton	449.71
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	524.33
Seward	448.94
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		448.73

Partial Dues Counties

DISTRICT	AMOUNT PAID
Wyandotte	225.00
TOTAL DUES PAID for 2011	\$ 50,926.43

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 – Grasslands Committee

COMMON AND CUT-LEAVED TEASEL - NEW INVASIVE PLANT OF THE MIDWEST

WHEREAS, the Common and Cut-Leaved Teasel is currently found in most of the United States.

WHEREAS, Common and Cut-Leaved Teasel was used in raising the nap on wool and other fabrics and also has been used in horticulture plantings and dried floral arrangements. Thus, Teasel often occurs near cemeteries.

WHEREAS, it disperses along roads and waterways. It occupies sunny and open spots such as riparian areas, meadows, grasslands, forest openings, and disturbed areas.

WHEREAS, after flowering the plant becomes woody and persists through the following winter and has become a problem invasive species and has rapidly spread along State and Federal highways. It is believed to be spread by late season mowing.

WHEREAS, it has already been declared a noxious weed in some states, (ex: Colorado and Missouri), early detection and rapid response can help stop the spread.

WHEREAS, Common and Cut-Leaved Teasel is so aggressive that it can invade and displace native plants within high-quality prairie fields as documented by other states.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that KACD encourage the State of Kansas Legislature and/or County Weed Directors Assoc. of Kansas to declare Common and Cut-Leaved Teasel a noxious weed in Kansas subject to individual County approval (Level2).

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Center for Invasive Species Management (CISM) be contacted for more assistance.

Resolution #2 - Natural Resources Committee

PROTECTING AND CONSERVING OUR GROUNDWATER RESOURCES

WHEREAS, the Kansas Water Appropriation Act states that “all water within the state of Kansas is dedicated to the use of the people of the state”; and

WHEREAS, a recent study at Kansas State University finds that if current irrigation trends continue, 69 percent of the groundwater stored in the High Plains Aquifer of Kansas, will be depleted in 50 years; and

WHEREAS, the groundwater in the central portion of the state has also been over-appropriated and some areas are showing significant declines; and

WHEREAS, current laws have been ineffective in curtailing waste of water especially with regard to watering of public right-of-way;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kansas Association of Conservation Districts urge the state legislative to amend KSA 68-184 to establish fines for waste of water in the amount of \$5,000 for a first offense, \$10,000 for a second offense, and revocation of water rights for a period of 12 months upon a third offense.

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, that KACD ask the Division of Water Resources and Ground Water Management Districts work diligently with local landowners to evaluate safe yield and reduce usage in areas that have been over appropriated through methods including closing areas to new appropriations and reducing permitted quantities.

Resolution #3 - Natural Resources Committee

ENABLING PRODUCERS TO PLANT COVER CROPS IN FALLOW ROTATION

WHEREAS, the Risk Management Agency Special Provisions of Insurance specifically state, "insurance shall attach to a crop following a cover crop when the cover crop meets the definition provided in the Basic Provisions;" and

WHEREAS, the National RMA, FSA and NRCS jointly released Cover Crop Termination Guidelines to allow planting of cover crops in fallow rotations with proper termination dates; and

WHEREAS, the Termination Guidelines define a Harvested Cover as: "If an annual "cover" crop is harvested (e.g. as hay or silage) then that annual "cover" crop is considered a "crop;" and

WHEREAS, cover crops will help mitigate effects of drought, improve soil health, improve infiltration and retention of moisture and increase organic matter; and

WHEREAS, the improvement of soil health and long term regeneration of soils has received national attention and over the long term has the potential to reduce crop losses:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kansas Association of Conservation Districts urge the Topeka Regional Risk Management Agency office to recognize the FSA, NRCS, National RMA Cover Crop Termination Guidelines and to not consider annual cover crops a "crop" and therefore allow cover crops to be planted in wheat-fallow rotations without requiring it to be considered continuous cropping.

Resolution Number #4 - Finance and Development Committee

FISCAL YEAR 2015 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 2015 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 2015;

STATE GENERAL FUNDS:

Administrative Operations \$ 471,447

STATE WATER PLAN SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS:

Aid to Conservation Districts	\$ 2,092,637	
Water Resources Cost-Share	\$ 1,948,289	
Water Supply Restoration	\$ 258,156	
Non-Point Source Pollution	\$ 1,858,350	
Watershed Dam Construction	\$ 576,434	
Riparian and Wetland Protection	\$ 152,651	
Water Quality Buffer Initiative	\$ 249,792	
Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program\WTAP	\$ 449,577	
Subtotal - Special Revenue Fund		\$ 7,585,886

FEE FUNDS:

Land Reclamation Fee Funds \$ 186,101

FEDERAL FUNDS:

Federal Grant Funds \$ 276,090

OTHER FUNDS:

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

TOTAL - FY 2015 BUDGET REQUEST \$ 8,594,524

SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET REQUEST FOR FY 2015:

A supplemental of \$800,000 in the Riparian and Wetland Protection Program is requested for the Division of Conservation to address the reduction of sediment and nutrient loading in targeted areas above reservoirs in danger of storage losses and water quality impairment. Growing evidence shows that a significant source of sediment in our reservoirs is generated from erosion of stream channels in riparian areas. Streambank erosion can also contribute nutrients which can cause severe water quality impairments such as dangerous blue-green algae blooms. Re-constructing eroded streambanks to stable gradations with adequate riparian buffers and protection can greatly reduce sediment and nutrient loading in stream systems.