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November 23-25, 2014
DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel
Wichita Airport



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KACD GENERAL SESSION MEETING
November 25, 2014
DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Wichita Airport

THOSE PRESENT:

DIRECTORS:

President - Bevin Law
Vice-President – William Simshauser
Secretary-Treasurer – Gene Albers
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 Vorhees, Wilson County, was appointed Parliamentarian.

Minutes

President Bevin Law presented the minutes as published online in the convention proceedings of the November 25, 2013, KACD Business Meeting. Wayne Lukert, Shawnee County, moved to approve the minutes as presented. Ted Nighswonger, Graham County, seconded. Motion carried.

President's Report

President Bevin Law provided a report on this year's activities. Ron Brown is a member of the NACD Executive Board. Ron flew back to Washington, DC, in March and met with legislative officials. Bevin enjoyed the Open House of the Kansas Department of Agriculture.

Reports from Standing and Special Committees: (All resolutions adopted should be shown in the resolution section of the Proceedings Booklet.)

CONSERVATION EDUCATION & YOUTH COMMITTEE:

Mike Flory, Douglas County Conservation District, provided the report and moved for the acceptance of the report. Eldon Schwant, Pottawatomie County, seconded. Motion carried.

WILDLIFE, FORESTRY and RECREATION COMMITTEE:

Becky Wise, Jefferson County, gave the committee report and moved for acceptance. Tommy Barrett, Ottawa County, seconded. Motion carried.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE:

Brad Shogren, McPherson County, gave the report and moved for acceptance. Ted Nighswonger, Graham County, seconded. Motion carried.

FAIR BOOTH COMMITTEE:

Scott Carlson, Division of Conservation, and the fair booth committee provided the report. Wayne Lukert, Shawnee County, moved to accept the report. Glenn Peters, Stanton County, seconded. Motion carried.

ENDOWMENT FUND COMMITTEE:

Chairperson Lyman Nuss, Russell County, reported on the activities of the committee and moved to approve this report. Don Paxson, Graham County, seconded. Motion carried.

DISTRICT OPERATIONS & RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:

Chairperson Wayne Lukert, Shawnee County, gave the committee report and moved for acceptance. Tommy Barrett, Ottawa County, seconded. Motion carried.

GRASSLANDS COMMITTEE:

Chairperson Ted Alexander, Barber County, gave the committee report and moved for acceptance. Darrell Donahue, Wilson County, seconded. Motion carried.

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE:

Richard Schotte, Marshall County, provided the committee report and moved to accept the report. Nathan Larson, Riley County, seconded. Motion carried.

URBAN & RURAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

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

KANSAS WATER AUTHORITY REPORT:

Don Paxson, Graham County, provided the report. Carl Jordon, Mitchell County, seconded. Motion carried.

EMPLOYEES ORGANIZATION REPORT:

Patti Winters, EO President, provided a report on the Annual Meeting. Carl Jordon, Mitchell County, moved to accept the report. Brad Shogren, McPherson County, seconded. Motion carried.

FINANCE & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

Chairperson Marion Krehbiel, Reno County, gave the committee report and moved for acceptance. Shea Baird, Thomas County, seconded. Motion carried.

Resolution #1 Fiscal Year 2016 Division of Conservation Budget

Marion Krehbiel, Reno County, moved to approve this resolution as printed. From the floor a question of correct balances was made. Marion Krehbiel then moved to withdraw his motion. It was seconded from the floor. Motion carried.

Marion Krehbiel, Reno County, moved to approve this resolution as shown on the screen with corrected balances. Trent Winter, Washington County, seconded. Motion carried.

SUSTAINABLE FUNDING COMMITTEE:

Bill Simshauser, Kearny County, reviewed the activity of the committee from this past year. He moved to accept the report. Alan Roth, Ellis County, seconded. Discussion was held:

Wayne Lukert, Shawnee County
Rod Vorhees, Wilson County

Motion carried.

New Business:

Jamie Cheatum, Hamilton County, moved to join the AgriLand Booth for the Kansas State Fair Booth. Ted Nighswonger, Graham County, seconded. Motion carried.

Ron Brown, KACD Board Member and NACD Executive Board Member, encouraged KACD's continued support of NACD. He also thanked NACD President Earl Garber for his attendance at the 70TH Anniversary of KACD. President Garber encouraged everyone to participate on the Agree Website, which is an evaluation on how NACD is doing. He also thanked everyone for their support.

Greg Foley, DOC Executive Director, reminded those in attendance of the December 10th deadline to submit names to serve on the 14 different areas of the Vision of Water Committees. District representation is needed.

With no more business to conduct, President Bevin Law adjourned the meeting at 11:27 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.*

DISTRICT OPERATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

November 24, 2014

The Kansas Association of Conservation Districts' District Operations and Resolutions Committee met at 8:00 a.m. Monday, November 24, 2014, in Salon 4 of the Double Tree by Hilton hotel in Wichita, Kansas, committee chair Wayne Lukert presiding. Fifteen attended the meeting.

After introductions, items of interest to conservation districts were announced. 1. The Kansas Forest Association and the Kansas Forest Service will be contacting districts to ask their assistance in identifying tree farmers in Kansas. 2. No date for "Date at the State House."

The committee assisted KACD committees in writing guidelines for the association committees to be included in the KACD Policies and Procedures book. Additions to the Ops and Res web page include "Loyalty of the District Supervisor." Future additions to the web page will include "Committee Chairs Responsibilities to the KACD Resolution Process." Committee chair Lukert has been meeting regularly with the KACD board. Committee member Tommy Barrett, supervisor, Ottawa CD, assisted with the supervisor orientation at this year's convention.

There were no resolutions before the association at this time.

The program consisted of a review of action items from the Sustaining a Legacy report. The full report can be found on the KACD web site. There is a wealth of information on the KACD web site for member districts to take advantage of.

An open discussion of topics of interest to member districts followed.

- District space in field offices
- Auditors
 - ◊ There are auditors across the state that are willing to travel;
 - ◊ There will be discussion at the employee meeting regarding audits; how necessary are they and are they fulfilling the intent of the law.
 - ◊ Some counties take bids for complete audits.
 - ◊ There was discussion on the different types of audits.
 - ◊ It is important for supervisors to review financial reports at meeting.
 - ◊ Auditors are not always familiar with district functions and partnerships.
- Scott Carlson reminded districts to scan all district minutes and send them to DOC for secure storage.
- The Personnel section of the handbook is currently being updated and will be posted on the CSIMS
- There was discussion on attrition of NRCS and district staff and the need to do more with less people. We need to look at doing business in different ways to cover the necessary duties.

- The need to keep local leadership is the key to sustainability
- The conservation commission is going to be looking at ways to better serve districts

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nathella Humburg

Ness County

FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

November 24, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Marion Krehbiel. There were 10 people in attendance.

KACD Executive Director Pat Lehman gave a financial report and updates on the Farm Bureau Annuity and the Money Market Grant Program, as well as the status of the fair booth. Pat proposed changing KACD's budget year from November 1-October 31 to January 1-December 31. Motion by Ted Nighswonger to approve that change; seconded by Bevin Law. Motion carried.

The 2015 KACD budget was approved as submitted. The FY 2016 and FY 2017 Division of Conservation budget resolution was submitted and approved as Resolution 1.

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Marion Krehbiel.

GRASSLANDS COMMITTEE

November 24, 2014

Chairman Ted Alexander called the KACD Grasslands Committee Meeting to order with 51 in attendance. Other committee members in attendance were Dan Meyerhoff, Walt Fick, Vaughn Sothman, and Cheryl Davis.

'Only You Can Prevent A Forest' was the topic of this year's meeting. Jason Hartman, Fire Prevention Specialist for Kansas Forest Service, started the meeting with an overview of the Kansas Prescribed Fire Council and their mission. He spoke of challenges they face and the plans they are putting in place to deal with those issues.

Jess Crockford, SW Regional Coordinator for the Kansas Prescribed Fire Council, continued with his presentation on assisting Prescribed Burn Associations with developing burn plans.

Eva Yearout concluded the discussion. She spoke of the importance of neighbors banding together to accomplish their goals of burning safely.

The KACD Grasslands Merit Award for 2014 was proudly awarded to Eva Yearout, not only for her efforts in maintaining healthy grasslands on the ranch she and her husband, Keith, operate in Barber County, but also in large part for her active promotion and support of prescribed burn associations throughout the state of Kansas.

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

Cheryl Davis, Secretary

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

November 24, 2014

Doug Plegge, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. with 15 in attendance.

Motion by Don Paxson, seconded by Glen Teeter to approve the minutes of November 25, 2013. Motion carried.

Doug Plegge introduced Greg Foley from Division of Conservation, who spoke on the Waters of the U.S. Greg Foley then introduced Dr. Peter Tomlinson. Dr. Tomlinson spoke on Nutrient Management dealing mainly with poultry litter. He spoke on the best management practices that are being utilized in 10 SE counties of Kansas where the poultry litter is being used as fertilizer.

Questions were fielded from the audience.

With no resolutions submitted or further business, Doug Plegge, Chairman adjourned the meeting at 9:20 a.m.

Patti Winters
Secretary

URBAN AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

November 24, 2014

Chairman Mark Lehman called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. There were 11 people present.

Kent Askren, Farm Bureau Public Policy Director of Water, presented a program on the value of water, water laws of Kansas, how water is used in Kansas, and rules for water appropriation. Kent covered concerns about sedimentation of federal reservoirs, depletion of aquifers of western Kansas, and how priority use of water is determined. He also discussed options for Kansas water and water rights in the future.

No resolution or committee action was taken.

Submitted by Mark Lehman, Chairman

WILDLIFE, FORESTRY AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

November 24, 2014

The Wildlife, Forestry and Recreation Committee was called to order by chairman Becky Wise at 8:00 a.m. Monday, November 24, 2014. Number of people present: 28.

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

There were no committee actions or resolutions at this time.

Wise introduced Aaron Deters with Star Seed. He then presented 'Benefits of Cover Crops for Wildlife.' Deters spoke how the survival of quail is less than a year without good habitat. Limiting factors for upland birds, they are coming up with cover crop mixes for brood rearing. Broadleaf cover crops in the fall are really good for deer and help with quail habitat. KDWPT is partnering with Star Seed and NRCS in the RCPP payments for planting cover crops.

Wise introduced Andy Burr, State Biologist for NRCS. 'What Does this Position Entail?' Follow policy with NRCS to help landowners and their needs. Review NRCS programs, as well as reviewing threatened and endangered species. NRCS must follow policy and procedure when working with a landowner if any of these are found on a project site. These include Topeka Shiners, Neosho Musket Muscle, Prairie Chickens and Northern Long Eared Bats.

Meeting adjourned 9:30 a.m.

KACD AREA I
November 25, 2014

The Area I meeting was held in the Control Tower at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Wichita Airport on Tuesday, November 25, 2014, at 8:30 a.m.

Jon Starns called the meeting to order. First he discussed the handout and told supervisors they can find information online about funding or other information they may need. Discussion was held.

The Area I Spring Area Meeting will be held in Grainfield on March 3, 2015. A teleconference was discussed and no one was impressed with that idea. Discussion was held on how to improve attendance.

Allen Roth was nominated at the Fall Area Meeting. Lyman Nuss, Russell County, moved to nominate Allen Roth to serve on the KACD Board. Seconded by Don Paxson, Graham County. Dennis Shank, Sherman County, moved that nominations cease. Ken Windholz, Graham County, seconded the motion. Voting took place by ballot. After reviewing ballots, it was determined that Allen would serve on the KACD Board of Directors representing Area I. He won by 17 to 0 votes.

Jon asked if there was any other business. None was brought to the table.

Larry Manhart, Gove County, then asked for ideas on how to improve/increase attendance at the county annual meeting. All counties shared ideas.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:46 a.m. on a motion by Don Paxson, Graham County, seconded by Ted Nighswonger, Graham County. Motion carried.

Submitted by Shea Baird, Thomas County

KACD AREA IV
November 25, 2014

A meeting of Area IV Conservation District Supervisors was called to order at 8:48 a.m. by Bevin Law, Area IV KACD Director, with 23 supervisors in attendance. 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 reviewed the qualifications for the office of State Conservation Commissioner. John Wunder was nominated by Becky Wise, seconded by David Thompson. The chairperson called for further nominations three times, with no other persons being nominated. Motion by Wayne Lukert to cease nominations. Eligible electors proceeded to vote by ballot.

John Wunder announced that the SCC Spring Workshop would be held March 10th at the Kansas Department of Agriculture building in Manhattan. John asked that supervisors continue to provide input for the Governor's Water Vision and consider nominations for the watershed leadership groups.

Bevin Law reported that John Wunder had been re-elected to the State Conservation Commission.

A presentation on "Sustaining a Legacy of Local Governance" was viewed and discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:33 a.m.

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

KACD AREA V
November 25, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 8:41 a.m. by Rod Voorhees, Area V State Conservation Commissioner. Everyone was asked to sign the registration sheet in the back of the room. 10 Supervisors, one employee, and one DOC staff member was present for the meeting. Kristi Vogts, Coffey County Conservation District, District Manager was appointed as the official recorder.

Kristi Vogts read the minutes from the previous meeting. Doug Blex, Montgomery County moved to approve the minutes as read. Dean Bailey, Bourbon County seconded. Motion carried.

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

Rod distributed the ballots. Darrell Donahue collected and assisted Rod in counting 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 for the Area.

Ron then discussed the direction of NACD and encouraged everyone support.

A presentation titled, "Sustaining a Legacy of Local Governance" was presented. Rod provided background information on how the committee was formed (via a resolution at last year's convention.) He also discussed the activity of the committee. Discussion was held over district funding issues and concerns.

The State Fair Booth entities have the opportunity to join forces with AgriLand. Discussion was held over the opportunity.

Spring DOC Workshop will be held March 11th in Fredonia.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:37 a.m.

Recorded by Kristi Vogts

DUES REPORT



2014 KACD DUES REPORT

Maximum Club Member Counties

DISTRICT	AMOUNT PAID
Bourbon	\$ 561.32
Brown	563.51
Clark	533.35
Clay	558.97
Cloud	549.14
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
Linn	587.11
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
Barber	454.89
Barton	472.46
Chase	443.20
Chautauqua	450.13
Cherokee	481.63
Cheyenne	454.44

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	498.64
Lane	444.88
Leavenworth	509.21
Lincoln	458.11
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	524.33
Seward	448.94
Sheridan	451.60
Smith	459.23
Stevens	454.75
Sumner	501.93
Trego	451.60
Wabaunsee	471.20

RESOLUTIONS



FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

Resolution No. 1: Fiscal Year 2016 and Fiscal Year 2017 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 Agricultural Act of 2014 (the 2014 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 2016 and FY 2017 budget request as described below, and in addition, supports the Division's request for appropriation language allowing the carryover of funds from the current fiscal year to FY 2016; as well as the carryover of funds from FY 2016 to FY 2017;

	FY 2016	FY 2017
STATE GENERAL FUNDS:		
Administrative Operations	\$ 484,447	\$ 503,622
STATE WATER PLAN SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS:		
Aid to Conservation Districts	\$2,092,637	\$2,092,637
Water Resources Cost-Share	\$1,948,289	\$1,948,289
Water Supply Restoration	\$ 258,156	\$ 258,156
Non-Point Source Pollution	\$1,858,350	\$1,858,350
Watershed Dam Construction	\$ 576,434	\$ 576,434
Riparian and Wetland Protection	\$ 152,651	\$ 152,651
Water Quality Buffer Initiative	\$ 249,792	\$ 249,792
Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program/WTAP	\$ 449,577	\$ 449,577
Subtotal – State Water Plan Special Revenue Funds	\$7,585,886	\$7,585,886
FEE FUNDS:		
Land Reclamation Fee Funds	\$ 130,000	\$ 130,000
Agricultural Liming Material Fee Funds	\$ 34,380	\$ 35,140
Subtotal – Fee Funds	\$ 164,380	\$ 165,140
FEDERAL FUNDS:		
Federal Grant Funds	\$ 181,280	\$ 181,280
OTHER FUNDS:		
Kansas Dept. of Health & Environment contract	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000
Kansas Dept. of Wildlife, Parks & Tourism contract	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000
Subtotal – Other Funds	\$ 125,000	\$ 125,000
TOTAL - BUDGET REQUEST	\$8,540,993	\$8,560,928

SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET REQUEST FOR FY 2016 and FY 2017:

The Kansas Association of Conservation Districts unilaterally advocates the Kansas Legislature to fully fund the Aid to Conservation Districts program as per K.S.A. 2-1907c. The 2015 annual budgets submitted by each district contain county certification of the amount allocated to each county for calendar year 2015. These budgets serve as the basis for the Division of Conservation's FY 2016 and FY 2017 State Aid to Conservation District request. The Kansas Association of Conservation Districts requests full funding of Aid to Conservation Districts in the amount of \$297,917 for FY 2016 and \$297,917 for FY 2017 to meet county conservation district budget needs.