



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**April 30, 2014 -10:00 AM**  
**Webster Conference Center – Salina, KS**

**Board of Directors Present**

Bevin Law, President  
Bill Simshauser, Vice President  
Gene Albers, Secretary/Treasurer  
Ron Brown, Director  
Jon Starns, Director

**Guests Present**

Eric Banks, State Conservationist, NRCS  
Larry Biles, State Forester  
Don Jones, DOC/SCC  
Patti Winters, EO President  
Wayne Lukert, Shawnee County CD Supervisor

**Meeting Called to Order**

Bevin Law, KACD President, called the meeting to order at 10:00 am at Webster Conference Center, Salina, KS.

**Additions to the Meeting Agenda**

It was suggested to add State Fair to the agenda that was approved.

**Approval of Agenda**

Gene Albers moved to approve the agenda. Bill Simshauser seconded the motion. Motion approved.

**Election of William Simshauser as Vice President**

Gene Albers moved to nominate William Simshauser as vice president of the KACD Board of Directors. Ron Brown seconded the motion. Motion approved.

## **Board Minutes**

William Simshauser moved to approve the January 22, 2014 KACD board minutes. Jon Starns seconded the motion. Motion approved.

## **Financial Report**

Executive Director Pat Lehman presented the summary of the KACD check register. Lehman reported that he paid the \$1,990.00 for rent for the state fair. He reported that the Farm Bureau Annuity comes in each month to the grant account in the Sunflower bank. Lehman reported the dues have come in with nine counties having not paid at this point. Discussion was held about the dues structure. Jon Starns moved to approve the financial report. Gene Albers seconded the motion. Motion approved.

## **KS Forest Association Dues**

Gene Albers moved to approve \$50.00 dues to the KS Forest Association. Ron Brown seconded the motion. Motion approved.

## **SCC Report**

Don Jones SCC/DOC Water Quality Program Manager presented the report concerning SCC. No action required.

## **KFS Report**

Larry Biles, Kansas State Forester, presented the report for the Kansas Forest Service. Larry asked about the state fair and Lehman reported that as long as we have the same number of groups participating as last year and we do not buy items to give away, the cost will be between \$375-\$400 per group. No action required.

## **KACD EO Report**

Patti Winters, EO President, presented the report for the EO organization. No action required.

## **Leopold Conservation Award Program**

Dave Neu, National Program Director & Barth Couch, Conservation Policy Director at Playa Lakes Joint Venture, Inc. appeared before the board to discuss the Leopold Conservation Award Program. Barth began with the introduction of everyone present to hear the report-Gaye Benfer, NRCS, Steve Riley, Pheasants Forever, Tim Christian, KS Grassland Association, Mike Beam & Stephane Manis and Tim Connell, Ranchland Trust. Dave showed a video to show the background and history of the program. The board along with Barth Crouch will look into this and see how we may be able to make this work in Kansas. No action required at this time.

## **NRCS Report**

Eric Banks, Kansas State Conservationist, gave the report from NRCS. Several questions were asked but no action was required.

## **NACD Report**

Ron Brown reported on happenings with NACD. No action required.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Donation for Envirothon**

Bill Simshauser moved to donate \$750.00 to the Kansas Envirothon competition occurring at this time. Ron Brown seconded the motion. Motion approved.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Northern Plains Meeting June 12-14 in Denver, CO**

The attendees from KACD as representatives for the Northern Plains Region, Bevin Law & William Simshauser will attend along with Pat Lehman. No action required.

### **Regional Envirothon at Rock Springs Ranch, Junction City, KS July 21-25, 2014**

Jon Starns moved to donate \$750.00 along with Liability Insurance of \$371.00 to fund the regional Envirothon from the grant program. Gene Albers seconded the motion. Motion approved.

### **KACD Convention (informational)**

Lehman reported on the preliminary planning for the 2014 convention and asked for suggestions. No action required.

### **The Governor's Conference on Future of Water in Kansas, October, 2014-Manhattan, KS**

Gene Albers moved to approve \$250.00 to the water conference in Manhattan, KS. Jon Starns seconded the motion. Motion approved.

### **Next KACD Board Meeting**

Joint KACD/DOC meeting July 28, 2014 in Clay Center, KS.

### **Adjournment**

Gene Albers moved to adjourn the meeting. Ron Brown seconded the motion. Motion approved.