



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**August 3, 2009 – 10:00 a.m.**  
**Swedish Country Inn - Lindsborg, Kansas**

**Board of Directors Present**

Gene Albers, President  
Ronald Brown, Vice President  
Bevin Law, Secretary/Treasurer  
Jon Starns, Director  
Kyle Hoffman, Director  
Pat Lehman, Executive Director

**Guests Present**

Jim Krueger, Assistant State Conservationist, NRCS  
Mindy Vogt, EO President  
Scott Carlson, Assistant Director, SCC

**Meeting Called to Order**

Gene Albers, President, called the meeting to order at the 10:00 a.m. at the Swedish Country Inn, Lindsborg, Kansas.

**Approval of Agenda**

Ronald Brown moved to approve the agenda as presented. Motion seconded by Bevin Law. Motion approved.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the May 13, 2009, board meeting were corrected as follows: Kyle Hoffman stated that his name had been left off the list of directors in the minutes and the letter “s” had been left off Kansas on the second page. Bevin Law moved to approve the minutes with the noted corrections. Motion seconded by Ronald Brown. Motion approved.

**Financial Report**

Lehman reported on the checking account register, the year-to-date KACD budget as of July 31, 2009, the savings account at Emprise Bank, the current Certificate of Deposit held by the

Sunflower Bank at 3.20% interest for one year, and the savings account at Sunflower Bank with the interest from the CD automatically transferred to a savings account also at the Sunflower Bank each month. The interest has been transferred to the Emprise savings account once a quarter.

### **CD & Savings Accounts**

Lehman reported that the CD was to come due August 8, 2009. He talked to Sunflower and Emprise Banks about the rates offered, and his recommendation was to renew the CD at Sunflower Bank. They currently offer a 29-month plan at 2% interest with the ability to take one-half of the face value one time. Money can be added to the CD at any time and one time during the duration of the CD the interest rate can be increased. Lehman said that the interest money each month would be deposited in a passbook account at Sunflower to be used as the Board of Directors chose. Lehman stated that currently we have a passbook savings account at Emprise and recommended that we move the money from it to the Sunflower passbook savings account. Kyle Hoffman moved to invest the money in the 29-month CD and to move the passbook savings from Emprise to the passbook savings account at Sunflower and close the account at Emprise. Ronald Brown seconded the motion. Motion approved.

### **Financial Report Approval**

Ronald Brown moved to approve the financial report. Motion seconded by Bevin Law. Motion approved.

### **Report**

Questions were asked how the dues structure was established. Dues were approved at the 1994 convention business meeting, and 1995 was the first year the current system was established. It has not changed since that time.

#### **DUES COMPUTATION PROCEDURE:**

BASE DUES \$425.00/DISTRICT

REGULAR DUES - \$425.00 BASE DUES PLUS \$0.07 PER FARM IN DISTRICT

NUMBER OF FARMS PER DISTRICT TAKEN FROM THE COUNTY SUMMARY HIGHLIGHTS

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MAXIMUM CLUB DUES – REGULAR DUES PLUS 20 PERCENT.

#### **KACD DUES HISTORY:**

1989 BASE DUES WERE SET AT \$400.00/DISTRICT

1995 BASE DUES WERE INCREASED TO \$425.00/DISTRICT PLUS \$0.07 PER FARM IN DSISTRIC  
AND 20% ABOVE REGULAR DUES FOR MAXIMUM CLUB.

### **SCC Report**

Scott Carlson, Assistant Director at the State Conservation Commission, discussed a letter from the Kansas Water Authority concerning the Clean Water Restoration Act of 2009. The letter stated that the problem lies in the proposed definitional change. Whereas, the current Clean Water Act uses the term “navigable waters” to determine jurisdiction, S. 787 would apply jurisdiction to what it defines as “waters of the United States.” This would subject many average Kansans to regulation under the Clean Water Act. The letter said, “The obvious examples that

come to mind are farm ponds and ephemeral streams. Many Kansas farmers have farm ponds that would be required to meet water quality standards of the CWA under S. 787. Quite frankly, we cannot imagine how or why such jurisdiction would be necessary on a privately-held pond.” We will discuss this at the area meetings and encourage districts to contact their congressional members.

### **NRCS Report**

Jim Krueger, Assistant State Conservationist, reported that Kansas is in the process of updating its workload analysis (WLA) for 2009. Conservation district workload for state and county cost-share programs will be included. The WLA will be used to assist NRCS and cooperation partners in determining the proper number of staff at each location to best serve our customers and meet the workload demands. The NRCS clerical assistance agreement with the conservation districts through the SCC expired June 30<sup>th</sup> and was not extended. NRCS and partners including SCC, Kansas Water Office, conservation districts, Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, Kansas Forest Service, Pheasants Forever, Quails Unlimited and possibly others are beginning work on a cooperative agreement that all parties may participate in to get more technical assistance staff in field offices. This effort is in the planning stages and is not well-defined at this point.

All NRCS laptop users will have an encryption function added to their computers by July 31, 2009, to further protect sensitive information. An order has been placed to replace the rest of existing 2004 computers, monitors, and printers located in the field offices. IT equipment is scheduled to be updated on a five-year rotation. This requisition will get Kansas NRCS on schedule.

Jim discussed NRCS programs, technology and other topics with the board. No action required.

### **EO Report**

Mindy Vogt, EO President, said the EO board had not met since their last meeting in late April. The next EO meeting will be at the State Fair September 17<sup>th</sup>. The board members will work at the fair booth September 16<sup>th</sup>. No action required.

### **Board Member Reports**

Gene Albers reported that he, Ronald Brown, Jon Starns, Connie Richmeier, Pat Lehman and Eric Banks attended the Legislative Conference in Washington, DC. The conference was educational and we had good visits with members of the Kansas delegation. No other board member reports.

### **Old Business**

#### **KACD Convention Program**

Lehman presented the schedule for the convention and discussion was held on the Sunday activities. The board agreed with the schedule as presented with the exception of the evening activities. The board requested that the Vespers ceremony begin at 7:30 pm, lasting 30 minutes. Kick-off for the convention would be the motivational speaker after Vespers around 8:00 pm. The Monday schedule was discussed. Ronald Brown asked that the committees announce what will be discussed and if they have speakers to advertise so attendees will know what is going on

during the meetings. The committee restructure will be discussed at the meeting September 17<sup>th</sup>. The breakouts were discussed and Lehman reported that all the presenters had been contacted and confirmed. Kyle Hoffman moved to approve the breakouts as presented. Jon Starns seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Registration forms were presented and Lehman reported that two years ago we changed the registration process and we gave any refund that was requested with no penalty. The form has the timeline for registration and the refund policy. Discussion was continued that the dues had not been raised since 1995 and that it was important that the convention make money for the association. Bevin Law moved to accept the registration amount and form as presented. Ronald Brown seconded the motion. Motion approved.

### **Committees/Grant Application**

The application was discussed and the board suggested that no maximum dollar amount be listed on the form. Applications submitted will be considered by the board at a regular board meeting. Eligible applicants will be KACD committees or associated groups to obtain money for their operations. The application form will be available for download on the KACD website. Jon Starns moved to approve the committee/grant application with revisions. Bevin Law seconded. Motion approved.

### **KACD Directors Shirts**

Lehman reported on the shirts from a sports store in Lawrence. The store allowed him to bring different size shirts for everyone to try to get the right size. The directors submitted their shirt sizes and Lehman will order the shirts with the KACD logo above the pocket on the left side.

### **New Business**

#### **Northern Plains Region Leaders Meeting – Bismarck, ND, June 14-16, 2009**

Gene Albers had discussed the meeting earlier so no more discussion occurred.

#### **Northern Plains Region Leaders Meeting – Wichita, KS – June 2010**

The board discussed June 6, 7, & 8, 2010 as potential dates for the Northern Plains Region Leaders Meeting in Wichita. Lehman will discuss the dates with Deb Bogar and events to occur. It was decided that we arrange for a hotel in downtown Wichita for the event.

### **Executive Director's Report**

No additional report.

### **Next Board Meeting**

The next board meeting will be September 17, 2009, at the State Fair in the "Pride of Kansas Building" at 9:30 a.m.

### **Communications**

Lehman discussed communications received recently. He reported on the email from Jack Majeres, NACD treasurer, discussing dues for NACD. Kansas counties are in the upper levels of counties paying dues on the national level. Jon Starns reported that NACD would like to have

updated contact information for supervisors, and he asked that we try to get email addresses to be forwarded to NACD.

**Adjournment**

Jon Starns moved to adjourn the meeting. Kyle Hoffman seconded the motion. Motion approved.