



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
August 10, 2015 – 10:30 A.M.
Norton, Kansas

Board of Directors Present

Bill Simshauser, President
Bevin Law, Vice President
Allen Roth, Secretary-Treasurer
Ron Brown, Director
Jerry Clasen, Director
Jim Krueger, Executive Director

Guests Present

Eric Banks, State Conservationist, NRCS
Stephanie Royer, KACD Employees Organization

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by president William Simshauser at 10:30 a.m. at Sleep Inn, Norton, Kansas.

ADDITIONS TO THE MEETING AGENDA

Allen Roth moved to approve the agenda as presented. Ron Brown seconded the motion and the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ron Brown moved to accept the minutes of the April 29, 2015 meeting; Jerry Clasen seconded the motion and the motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Jim Krueger presented the budget and financial documents for the period of January 1, 2015 through August 5, 2015. Ron Brown moved to approve the financial reports; Allen Roth seconded the motion and the motion carried. Jim reported that 7 counties have not paid their dues as of April 29th and 29 counties had paid the maximum club dues. A discussion was held regarding the recent KACD Endowment Committee. Jim was instructed to check on what kind of insurance was backing the Farm Bureau annuity and then provide a letter to the Endowment Committee regarding their questions on the account including a full history of the KACD Endowment money market account since November 2014. Jim was also instructed to check on the maturity date of the annuity. Bevin moved and Allen second that \$500 be sent to the KACD Endowment Committee for their operating budget. Motion carried.

The board discussed a request from the Kansas Rural Center to assist in sponsoring their soil quality forum. Bevin Law moved and Jerry Clasen second motion to provide \$150 to Kansas Rural Center to assist.

SCC REPORT

Greg Foley, Department of Agriculture Department of Conservation, (DOC) Director reported on activities at the DOC during the joint SCC/KACD meeting. Items include the Kansas Water Vision, DOC budgets, personnel changes, the Watershed Institute holding easements, the Agriland group and the state fair display.

NRCS REPORT

Eric Banks, NRCS State Conservationist presented a report including new hires, reassignments, and retirements. The Public Affairs position has been filled by Mitch Theiry. He reported the Kansas NRCS budget is in good shape for fiscal 2015. Eric reported on program activities in the Conservation Stewardship Program, the Easement Programs, the Environmental Quality Incentives Program and the Watershed Rehabilitation Program. Eric reported on activities of the different technical sections of the state office staff. A discussion was held regarding the EQIP allocation process. Eric said he was working on a solution to be implemented with next year's allocation.

KACD EO REPORT

Stephanie Royer, (EO) presented the EO Report at the meeting representing Patti Winters, KACD Employees Organization President. She reported on the many Earth Day activities and stewardship activities conducted by the county conservation districts in Kansas. She discussed the Soil Tunnel trailer to be used at the state fair and the schedule of NRCS, DOC, and conservation district staff to man the trailer during the fair. She added that KACD EO would be working the State Fair booth on Wednesday, September 16, 2015 prior to their next meeting on September 17.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Ron Brown reported that NACD is having some cash flow issues. Dues to NACD are slow compared to most years. Kansas district dues paid to NACD are approximately \$2000 less than at this time last year. The new NACD treasurer is updating their accounting system at this time. Ron reported that the Missouri River Implementation meeting was held at the Northern Plains meeting. Kansas has three counties involved in the program.

Bill, Bevin and Ron reviewed the highlights of the Northern Plains meeting along with a discussion of tour stops reviewed during the tour. A discussion was also held of the NACD Spokane, WA. meeting and tour highlights.

OLD BUSINESS

Leopold Conservation Award

Jim led a discussion on the Leopold Award through the Sand County Foundation in cooperation with the Ranchland Trust of Kansas. Tucker Boyd who has been contracted by KACD to prepare the video will complete filming of the recipient on September 9, 2015. KACD has entered into an agreement with NRCS to assist in the contract to video the Leopold Award winner for the presentation at convention, assist with some

convention speaker costs and assist in implementing the 2016 Kansas Envirothon.

The revised Pat Lehman Memorial Legacy Award was reviewed. Bevin Law moved and Jerry Clasen second to approve the award proposal as presented. Motion carried. It was decided to set an October 19 for submission of applications.

The 2016 Northern Plains NACD meeting will be held in Wichita at the Hilton on June 6, 7, & 8, 2016. Jim reported that the hotel had been booked and that some possible tour stops could include Equis Beds, Cheney Lake project, and soil health stops.

NEW BUSINESS

Ted Alexander has submitted his resignation as the KACD Grasslands Committee Chairman. Jerry Clasen moved and Bevin Law seconded to have Jim Krueger contact Kevin Carothers and Daryl Donohue to see if they would serve on the committee. A new chairman could be elected at the convention. Motion carried.

Jim Krueger had been contacted by the convention hotel that the noon meal meat was no longer available and the board needed to decide on what to replace it with. Most of the choices included some sort of chicken. It was unanimously decided to go with meatloaf as the best alternative.

Jim Krueger will be working the State Fair booth in Agriland on Friday, September 11, from 4:00 to 9:00 and board members were encouraged to sign up for a session.

The schedule and agenda for the KACD Fall meetings was reviewed with the board members to inquire if there were any issues or questions.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

Bill Simshauser reported the next meeting will be September 17, 2015, in the Pride of Kansas Building at the Kansas State Fair at 10:00 a.m.

ADJOURN

Ron Brown moved and Allen Roth seconded the motion to adjourn. Motion carried.