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November 20-22, 2016 Double Tree by Hilton Hotel Wichita Airport

KACD GENERAL SESSION MEETING
November 22, 2016
Double Tree by Hilton Hotel Wichita Airport

Those Present:

DIRECTORS:

President – William Simshauser
Vice-President – Bevin Law
Secretary/Treasurer – Allen Roth
Director – Jerry Clasen
Director – Ronald Brown

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

James Krueger

RECORDER:

Cindy Woofter, Administrative Specialist, Division of Conservation

The meeting was called to order by President William Simshauser at 9:03 a.m.

President William Simshauser reported that a quorum was present, and according to the by-laws, business could begin.

President William Simshauser reviewed procedures by which Roberts Rules of Order will be used to conduct the business session.

Minutes

President William Simshauser presented the minutes as published online in the convention proceedings of the November 24, 2015, KACD Business Meeting. Wayne Lukert, Shawnee County, moved to approve the minutes as presented. Ted Nighswonger, Graham County, seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Last Year's Resolutions:

- #1 NRCS Use of ID # - was looked into, NRCS is trying to get changed
- #2 Availability of KACD Marketplace – failed – board fought to get it passed
- #3 DOC Budget - no action – KACD supported it
- #4 Support of Water Vision – attended all meetings
- #5 Support for WOTUS – took to NACD - passed

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Allen Roth presented the Treasurer's Report. Ron Brown, Bourbon County, made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Ted Nighswonger, Graham County, seconded the motion. Motion carried.

President's Report

President William Simshauser provided a report on this year's activities. He thanked all for attending the convention and their continued interest and dedication. He mentioned that all should be proud of the KACD Board of Directors, as they logged over 5,500 hours of attending conservation-related meetings, as well as representing Districts at over 260 meetings throughout the year. It was William's opinion that it is imperative to contact legislature about the importance of conservation, as well as the need to fund conservation. All should be proud of Jim Krueger for his hard work and devotion to KACD.

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

ENDOWMENT FUND COMMITTEE:

Chairman Lyman Nuss, Russell County, reported on the activities of the committee, which included the following: 11 members were present at the committee meeting and no resolutions were presented. Nuss moved for the acceptance of the report as presented. John Starns, Thomas County, seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CONSERVATION EDUCATION AND YOUTH COMMITTEE:

Trent Winter, Washington County, reported on the activities of the committee, which included the following: 49 members were present at the committee meeting, the speech contest was held, limerick contest and photo contest winners were announced, and no resolutions were presented. Winter moved for the acceptance of the report as presented. Lyle Wobker, Miami County, seconded the motion. Motion carried.

WILDLIFE, FORESTRY AND RECREATION COMMITTEE:

Becky Wise, Jefferson County, reported on the activities of the committee, which included the following: 30 members attended the meeting, Bob Atchison, Kansas Forest Service, and Katie Burke, DOC, attended the meeting, Resolution #5 as listed below was discussed and recommended to adopt at the business meeting. Wise moved for the acceptance of the report as presented. Bevin Law, Clay County seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Resolution #5: Windbreak Practice Eligibility

Becky Wise, Jefferson County, moved to amend the resolution to read as is without the word "homestead" in it. Doug Blex, Montgomery County, seconded the motion. Motion carried

Katie Burke, DOC, explained the reason for amending the resolution and that soil erosion is the main goal of the resolution. She also explained the DOC analysis of the resolution.

Discussion: It was suggested to send the Resolution back to the Wildlife, Forestry and Recreation Committee for them to review and present it again at next year's KACD Business meeting. There was concern expressed by the crowd that Districts should be able to make the determination individually.

Wayne Lukert, Shawnee County, moved to withdraw the amendment. Tom Barrett, Ottawa County, seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Wayne Lukert, Shawnee County, moved to table the resolution until next year. Lyman Nuss, Russell County, seconded the motion. Motion carried.

GRASSLANDS COMMITTEE:

Chairman Daryl Donahue, Wilson County, reported on the activities of the committee, which included the following: 62 members attended the meeting, Resolution #3 and #4 as listed below were discussed and recommended to adopt. Donahue moved for acceptance of the report as presented. Baron Shively, McPherson County, seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Resolution #3: Policy Change for Equitable Renewal and Rental Rates on CRP

Daryl Donahue, Wilson County, moved to accept this resolution as printed. Dwayne Beckford, Miami County, seconded the motion. Motion carried. It was voted upon to adopt the resolution.

Resolution #4: Increasing Nationwide Caps on CRP Acreage

Daryl Donahue, Wilson County, moved to accept this resolution as printed. Dennis Shank, Sherman County, seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Discussion: Concerns included the question wondering if we are encouraging less erodible land, which diminished the criteria for CAP. The type of soil is just one of the criteria used in the payment structure. CRP has been one of the best conservation practices; it is a good time to increase the acreage. The idea of the resolution is to NOT disqualify any land from qualifying for CRP signup.

It was voted upon by the majority to adopt the resolution.

DISTRICT OPERATIONS & RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:

Chairman Wayne Lukert, Shawnee County, reported on the activities of the committee, which included the following: The necessity to get supervisors more involved in District activities, and Resolutions #6, #7, and #8 as listed below were discussed and recommended to adopt. Lukert moved for acceptance of the report as presented. Tom Barrett, Ottawa County, seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Resolution #6: KACD Support for Governor's Water Vision, or KACD Support for Governor's Vision 50

Wayne Lukert, Shawnee County, moved to accept this resolution as printed. Bevin Law, Clay County, seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Discussion: Concerns included possibly adding Watershed Districts to the resolution. There is a need to inform others of success stories; just because all partners are not listed does not mean they are not as important. Districts are primary delivery systems, and excel with partners. If you want something done, let it be known to legislature. It is also important not to step on partners' toes.

It was voted upon by the majority to adopt the resolution.

Resolution #7: District Annual Audit Requirement

Wayne Lukert, Shawnee County, moved to accept this resolution. John Wunder, Jefferson County, seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Wayne Lukert, Shawnee County, moved to amend the resolution as follows:

Strike "request" and insert "continue to work with", and after the words "Division of Conservation" insert "to assist Conservation Districts to", and after the word "implement" strike the words "a more", and add "and" in between "comprehensive" and "cost".

John Wunder, Jefferson County, seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Discussion: The way the resolution was originally worded would require certain actions to be completed and possibly costs Districts more money to have audits performed.

It was voted upon by the majority to adopt the resolution.

It was voted upon by the majority to adopt the amended resolution.

Resolution #8: Protection of County Cost Share Funds

Wayne Lukert, Shawnee County, moved to accept this resolution as printed. Tom Barrett, Ottawa County seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There was no discussion.

It was voted upon by the majority to adopt the resolution.

URBAN & RURAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

Chairman Mark Lehman, Crawford County, reported on the activities of the committee, which included the following: 12 members attended the meeting, Resolution #1 and #2 as listed below were discussed, and Kerry Wefald, Director of Marketing, KDA gave an update on Farm to Food. Lehman moved for acceptance of the report as presented. Lyle Wobker, Miami County, seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Resolution #1: NRCS Policy Change and Land Use for High Tunnels

Mark Lehman, Crawford County, moved to accept this resolution as printed. Ron Brown, Bourbon County, seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Discussion: Concerns that the resolution needs clarification and is misleading. There was a question why an individual has to go through all the work just to have a high tunnel. NRCS requirements should adhere to this resolution. Tonya Alleman, NRCS, provided clarification – if it is land to be cropped the individual can have FSA re-classify that as small as .1 acre. If a crop was never raised, then a vegetable garden needs to be planted for a year prior to the high tunnel.

The resolution was voted upon, but due to the nays having the majority of the vote, the motion failed.

Resolution #2: Cost Share for Xeriscape

Mark Lehman, Crawford County, moved to accept this resolution as printed. Bevin Law, Clay County, seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dave Jones explained the DOC analysis of the resolution.

Discussion: There are no current practices written, qualifications, or certifications. There were questions of how much water will actually be saved with this practice. Native plants do not have to be used, and this practice is not for implementation just in yards. Who will set the guidelines and specifications? Not looking for an immediate practice – may need to amend the resolution to allow DOC and NRCS research the practice more. There are concerns about cost share money already being spread thin.

The resolution was voted upon, but due to the nays having the majority of the vote, the motion failed.

FINANCE & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

Chairman Marion Krehbiel, Reno County, reported on the activities of the committee. Resolution #13 as listed below was discussed. Jim Krueger provided the KACD Treasurer's Report, Paid Dues Report, and KACD Budget Report. Steve Frost, DOC, presented the DOC report. Bevin Law, Clay County, discussed the necessity of increasing KACD dues. Krehbiel moved for the acceptance of the reports as presented. Dwayne Beckford, Miami County, seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Resolution #13: Fiscal Year 2018 and Fiscal Year 2019 Division of Conservation Budget

Marion Krehbiel, Reno County, moved to approve this resolution as printed. Bevin Law, Clay County, seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There was no discussion. It was voted upon by the majority to adopt the resolution.

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE:

Chairman Doug Plegge, Marshall County, reported on the activities of the committee, which included the following: 26 members attended the committee meeting, Dave Jones provided a DOC update, and Resolutions #9, #10, #11, and #12 as listed below were discussed and recommended to adopt. Plegge moved for acceptance of the report as presented. Richard Runnebaum, Shawnee County, seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Resolution #9: Relax Crop Insurance Rules For Companion Cover Crops

Doug Plegge, Marshall County, moved to approve this resolution as printed. Spencer Schlepp, Cheyenne County, seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Discussion: It was noted that there is a slim chance that an insurance company will accept the terms of the resolution. Dick Went, NACD Second Vice President, made suggestions on how to re-word the resolution.

Bevin Law, Clay County, moved to amend the motion as follows: Insert the words "National Association of Conservation Districts" after "will ask the".

Ron Brown, Bourbon County, seconded the motion. Motion carried.

It was voted upon by the majority to adopt the resolution.

It was voted upon by the majority to adopt the amended resolution.

Resolution #10: Change State Cost Share Rates to Flat Rates.

There was not a motion presented.

The resolution was voted upon, but due to the nays having the majority of the vote, the resolution failed.

Resolution #11: Lagoon Added to Practice 110A (Elimination of Abandoned On-Site Wastewater System)

Doug Plegge, Marshall County, suggested amending the resolution as follows:

Insert after Conservation the words "and the State Conservation Commission".

Richard Runnebaum, Shawnee County, moved to accept the proposed amended resolution. Wayne Lukert, Shawnee County, seconded the motion. Motion carried.

It was voted upon by the majority to adopt the resolution.

It was voted upon by the majority to adopt the amended resolution.

Resolution #12: Water Transfer Accountability

Lance Higbie, Edwards County, moved to accept the proposed resolution as printed. Janet Wetzal, Edwards County, seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Wayne Lukert, Shawnee County, moved to amend the motion as follows: Strike all "whereas".

Richard Runnebaum, Shawnee County, seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Discussion: There needs to be at least one "whereas" in the resolution. It was an opinion that there should be an explanation of the 99.7% comment in the resolution.

It was voted upon by the majority to adopt the resolution.

The amended resolution was voted upon, but due to the nays having the majority of the vote, the motion failed.

Wayne Lukert, Shawnee County, moved to amend the motion as follows: Strike all "whereas" from the resolution EXCEPT for the last "whereas". John Wunder seconded the motion. Motion carried.

It was voted upon by the majority to adopt the amended resolution.

New Business:

None

EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATION REPORT:

Stephanie Royer, KACD-EO President, gave a brief report on the KACD-EO. Stephanie Royer, Rush County, is President; Gayla Speer, Johnson County is Vice-President; Donna Fay Major, Russell County, is Treasurer; Patti Winter, Lincoln County, is Secretary; and Donna Greenleaf, Kiowa County is Member at Large. The State KACD-EO conference will be held the first week of May, 2017.

NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE REPORT:

Eric Banks, State Conservationist, had no report to present for NRCS, but opened up the opportunity for questions.

DOC Report:

Rob Reschke, DOC, had no report to present for the DOC, but opened up the opportunity for questions.

SCC Report:

Chairman Rod Vorhees, Wilson County, had no report to present for SCC, but opened up the opportunity for questions.

Dana Ladner, Compliance Education Coordinator, KDA, gave a quick report and emphasized that Districts need to stay involved.

Other Business:

Scott Carlson, DOC, discussed Spring and Fall meetings and the opportunity to make some changes. The survey that was distributed earlier in the year had great feedback. An area of concern regarding combining a meeting with NRCS will be the breakout sessions in which NRCS and KACD/SCC need to have separately. The goal is to find out what each area is interested in doing. Keri Harris, Franklin County, expressed her concern about combining NRCS and KACD meetings and how that will work because the KACD and NRCS areas of some are different and overlap.

Adjournment:

President William Simshauser expressed his appreciation to all partners for making the KACD Annual Convention a success, as well as thanking Dick Went, NACD Second Vice President, for attending the convention. He left all with the comment of "do we want to be proactive or reactive....keep that in mind".

With no more business to conduct, President William Simshauser adjourned the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

COMMITTEE/AREA
MEETING
MINUTES*



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

District Operations and Resolutions Committee Minutes:

Double Tree by Hilton Wichita Airport

November 21, 2016

The District Operations and Resolutions committee for the Kansas Association of Conservation Districts met in Salon IV of the Doubletree by Hilton hotel in Wichita, KS, at 10:00 AM, Monday, November 22, 2016. There were 10 in attendance.

Introductions were made by chairman, Wayne Lukert.

Wayne reported on committee activities throughout the year which included statewide resolutions schools in each area, working with KACD board to strengthen the associations committee structure, conducting supervisor training and a resolution review. A discussion was held on getting supervisors more involved in district and association activities.

Resolutions No. 6, 7, and 8 were reviewed and discussed by the committee. Action was taken on each resolution.

Meeting adjourned 11:45 AM.

Respectably submitted by Nathella Humburg.

Natural Resources Committee Meeting Minutes

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Doug Plegge, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. with 26 in attendance.

Doug Plegge introduced David Jones from Division of Conservation (DOC). Mr. Jones provided the group with an update of DOC activities. David stated office reviews of cost-share and administrative activities are being completed by Donna Meader. Donna plans to do 1/3 of the state each year. A few of the findings were relayed. Districts were reminded of soil health funds that were available for field days and first time attendees to No-till on the Plains. FY18 budgets will decrease slightly.

Four resolutions were presented to the committee. (Resolutions are numbered as received from KACD.) Resolution #9: Relax Crop Insurance Rules for Companion Crops was read by Chairman Plegge. It was consensus of the group to support and submit to KACD body at the business session with a vote of 14 Aye and 1 Nay. Resolution #10: Change Cost-share Rates to Flat Rate was read by Doug Plegge. Consensus of the group by a vote of 0 Aye and 16 Nay to recommend not supporting the resolution at the business session. Motion carried. Resolution #11: Lagoon Added to Practice 110A. After discussion, motion by Rod Vorhees (Wilson Co.) seconded by Isaac Broeckleman (Cowley County) to amend the resolution to

add "State Conservation Commission" in the resolution and to read "...encourage Kansas Department of Agriculture, Division of Conservation and State Conservation Commission to add lagoon..." and submit to KACD for approval. Vote 17 Aye and 0 Nay. Motion carried. Resolution #12: Water Transfer Accountability. Lance Higbie (Edwards Co.) presented the resolution. After discussion and clarification, motion by Isaac Broeckleman (Cowley Co.) seconded by Mike Schraeder (Hodgeman Co.) to submit and recommend KACD approve the resolution. Vote 16 Aye and 0 Nay. Motion carried.

Doug Plegge provided a brief overview of how the watershed district in his county provided funds for cost-share in that watershed through DOC.

With no further business, Chairman Plegge declared the meeting adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 10:57 a.m.

Patti Winters
Secretary

KACD Education & Youth Committee Meeting Minutes

November 20, 2016

Doubletree by Hilton Hotel Wichita Airport

The KACD Education & Youth Committee met on November 20, 2016 at the KACD Convention.

Brandon Dibben, Acting Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. with the following members, advisors and guest present:

Mike and Cheryl Flory, Brandon Dibben, Trent Winter, Nina Meyer, Pamela Walker, Tom Meek, Angela Beavers, Roberta Spencer, Dana Stahl, Sheldon Hightower, Donna Meader and Cathy Musick. Jarrod Bowser's family is sick and with a newborn girl he has decided not to attend the convention. His duties were delegated to committee members.

Dana Stahl from Harvey County introduced herself to the committee members and expressed an interest in serving on the committee. Dana informed the committee of the educational activities and events that she has hosted in her county. She also informed the committee that Dwayne Roux, her board chair, is also considering becoming a member of the committee as well but was not present. A motion was made by Tom Meek and seconded by Angela Beavers to happily accept Dana Stahl as a member of the committee. Motion carried. A motion was made by Trent Winter and seconded by Pamela Walker to approve Dwayne Roux as a committee member pending his decision to serve. Motion carried.

The committee was given a copy of the KACD Ed & Youth committee convention booklet. The committee reviewed the November 21, 2016 agenda and duties were assigned. Five members of the Don Peterson family will be attending the KACD banquet to receive a plaque from the committee recognizing them for their 20

years of financial support to the Peterson scholarship. Valeria Torres Lopez and her parents will attend the SCC luncheon in which Valeria will be recognized as the 2015 NACD poster contest winner in the 4-6 category.

The committee also reviewed the list of counties that participate in the KACD contests. Of the 105 counties 47 districts participate in the contests.

A motion was made by Angela Beavers and seconded by Nina Meyer to approve the September 16, 2016 committee meeting minutes as printed. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trent Winter and seconded by Nina Meyer to approve the treasurer's report and the 2016 financial statement as printed. Motion carried. It was noted that KACD reimbursed the committee \$200 for the Don Peterson family banquet tickets.

A motion was made by Nina Meyer and seconded by Angela Beavers to approve the committee's annual report as printed. Motion carried.

Committee Chair-elect Succession Planning Structure will be discussed at the next committee meeting when Jarrod Bowser is in attendance.

Concerning the 2017 KACD Poster Contest, a motion was made by Nina Meyer and seconded by Pamela Walker to approve the rules as printed with the NACD theme – "Healthy Soils Are Full of Life!" required to be on the poster. Motion carried.

Concerning the 2017 KACD Speech Contest, a motion was made by Trent Winter and seconded by Pamela Walker to approve the speech topic: "We All Need Trees." Motion carried.

Concerning the 2017 KACD Essay and Limerick Contests, a motion was made by Trent Winter and seconded by Angela Beavers to approve the same rules as the 2016 contest. Motion carried.

Concerning the 2017 KACD Photo Contest, a motion was made by Pamela Walker and seconded by Cheryl Flory to keep the subject matter the same as the 2016 Photo Contest - Conservation Practices. Motion carried. Pamela Walker reported that there were 3 photo contest entries.

A motion was made by Pamela Walker and seconded by Cheryl Flory to assign the following counties to judge the 2017 KACD Education and Youth Contests.

Poster Contest – Nemaha County

Essay Contest – Sherman County

Limerick Contest – Labette County

Photo Contest – Wilson County

Motion carried.

The committee reviewed the list of 2016 district sponsorship support to the KACD Education and Youth Committee. It was noted that 50 districts contributed \$2,515. Concerning the 2017 sponsorship support letters, a motion was made by Mike

Flory and seconded by Tom Meek to add a Gold Key Membership for those districts that donate \$250 to the KACD Education & Youth Committee and those districts will be recognized at the KACD Convention along with their names listed on the Contest Award Winners Display.

Tom Meek and Angela Beavers presented the Kansas Envirothon annual report and treasurer's report as found in the program booklet. Tom read off the list of 2016 sponsors and reported on the November trainings that were recently held. The Kansas Envirothon state competition will be held April 26th at Camp Aldrich in Barton County. The NCF Envirothon competition will be held July 23 – 29, 2017 at Mount St. Mary's University in Emmitsburg, Maryland. Tom and Angela left the meeting at 3:52 p.m. to attend the Envirothon meeting.

Advisor Reports included Cathy Musick, KFAC; Sheldon Hightower, NRCS; and Donna Meader, KDA-DOC. Sheldon had made arrangements for a display board to be used to showcase the KACD Ed&Youth award winners.

The KDA-DOC Supplemental I&E funds (Soil Health & Grazing Management) will be used by KACD Education & Youth Committee to support speakers to the Kansas Farm Bureau Young Farmer & Rancher Conference scheduled for January, 2017.

The committee did not schedule a date for the next meeting but discussed an April or May, 2017 meeting contingent on spring planting.

Brandon Dibben recessed the meeting at 3:56 p.m.

Committee members assisted in the hotel lobby with the contest award winner display.

Brandon Dibben called the KACD Education & Youth committee meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. on Monday, November 21st in the Multi-Media room at the KACD Convention hotel. Brandon introduced the committee members present and appointed Roberta Spencer as secretary. A motion was made by Mike Flory and seconded by Pamela Walker to approve the November 23, 2015 minutes as printed. Motion carried.

The 33rd annual speech contest began with Brandon Dibben introducing the speech contestants and judges. The topic is: Local Heroes – Your Hardworking Pollinators.”

Area I – Devin Carter, Sheridan County
Area II – Katie Payne, Lane County
Area III – Alesha Bergner, Pratt County
Area IV – John Kennedy, Jackson County
Area V – Samantha Simons, Linn County

Judges for the speech contest include: Jackie McClaskey – Kansas Secretary of Agriculture, Susan Metzger, KDA; and Dean Krehbiel – Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Each of the judges received a thank you gift from the committee.

Timekeepers include: Cathy Musick and Pamela Walker

After the speech contest was completed, the judges left the room to assemble the judges scoring.

Emma Ebert from Pottawatomie County presented her winning essay. Brandon Dibben presented Emma with \$100 and a plaque.

Megan Hensley from Kingman County presented her winning limerick. Megan was presented a plaque for her winning limerick.

Trent Winter recognized the Don Peterson Memorial recipients and the 20 years that the Peterson Family has contributed to the scholarship fund.

Pamela Walker recognized the following winners of the photo contest – 1st Place, Dylan Koehn, Ottawa County; 2nd Place, Dylon Harris, Franklin County; and 3rd Place, Makenzie Creekmore, Butler County.

Roberta Spencer presented Dennis and Ireta Schwant a certificate and gift for their 33 years of service on the Education & Youth Committee. They retired from the committee in 2016. Dennis and Ireta encouraged those present to volunteer on the KACD committees.

Cheryl Flory read the names of the poster, limerick and essay award recipients. Plaques and medals were presented to the counties with winning entries.

Tom Meek and Angela Beavers gave a brief Kansas Envirothon report.

Brandon Dibben interviewed the five speech contestants by asking them to tell about their family, school activities, and what they have learned about the topic when preparing their speech.

It was announced that the order of placement in the speech contest will be announced and awards presented by Farm Credit Association of Kansas at the SCC Luncheon. The 1st place winner will give their winning speech at the SCC luncheon.

A motion was made by Cheryl Flory and seconded by Angela Beavers to adjourn the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

Following are the speech contest results and scholarship amounts:

1st Place – John Kennedy, Jackson County - \$1,000

2nd Place – Alesha Bergner, Pratt County - \$500

Honorable Mention:

Devin Carter, Sheridan County - \$250

Katie Payne, Lane County - \$250

Samantha Simons, Linn County - \$250

Trent Winter introduced Shawn Tiffany with Tiffany Cattle Company for the afternoon breakout session "Grazing Cover Crops for Livestock and Soil Health. This session was from 2:15 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. and was provided through the Kansas Education & Youth Committee with funding provided by the KDA-DOC through appropriation from the Kansas Water Plan.

Submitted by: Jarrod and Sarah Bowser, KACD Education & Youth Committee Co-Chairs.

Finance & Development Committee Meeting Minutes
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The meeting was called to order by Committee Chairman Marion Krehbiel.

Jim Krueger, Executive Director, presented the financial status of the Kansas Association of Districts, a proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2017.

Sheldon Hightower, NRCS Assistant State Conservationist, reviewed the potential budget for Kansas NRCS for this fiscal year.

Bevin Law moved to accept the KACD budget for 2017 as developed by the committee and the 2016 Financial Statement as presented. Trent Winter seconded the motion carried.

The Division of Conservation Budget Resolution was discussed as being presented by the Natural Resource Committee.

The committee then spent considerable time discussing the proposal to raise conservation district dues. Bevin Law presented information that included that dues had not been raised for 21 years and even then dues were only raised \$25.00. The proposed dues increase the committee had recommended we equate to a 1.8% annual raise in dues over those 21 years.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:10

Grassland Committee Meeting Minutes
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Chairman Daryl Donohue called the KACD Grasslands Committee Meeting to order with 57 in attendance. Other committee members in attendance were Allen

Roth, John Meng, Jerry Clasen, Dan Meyerhoff, Walt Fick, Vaughn Sothman, Rob Reschke for David Jones, and Cheryl Davis. John Johnson, KDWP&T, gave a very thought provoking presentation on "Growing Season Burning". John spoke of his experience in performing prescribed burns outside of the traditional spring burning season, and the response and recovery of pastures burned during the summer months. Kearny and Sherman Counties presented Resolution #3: Policy Change for Equitable Renewal and Rental Rates on CRP. Motion was made by Dennis Shank, Sherman County, that the Grasslands Committee recommend that KACD adopt the resolution, passing the resolution from the committee to the KACD business session. Motion was seconded by Bill Edwards, Pottawatomie County. Motion carried. Bourbon and Clay Counties presented Resolution #4: Increasing Nationwide Caps on CRP Acreage. Motion was made by Dennis Shank, Sherman County, that the Grasslands Committee recommend that KACD adopt the resolution, passing the resolution from the committee to the KACD business session. Motion was seconded by Scott Jarrett, Sherman County. Motion carried. Chairman acknowledged Sharp Bros. Seed Co. for providing the grasslands signs again this year. 30 conservation districts participated in the offer this year with a total of 44 signs. Chairman reviewed the criteria for the Kansas Grasslands Merit Award, and encouraged nominations for this award next year. Closing comments by the Chairman were to encourage supervisors to consider the importance of their roles as Conservation District Supervisors both to educate and to be advocates on behalf of their districts in addressing grasslands resource concerns. The meeting was adjourned by Daryl Donohue at 11:00 A.M.

Minutes recorded by:
Cheryl Davis
Barber County District Manager

Urban and Rural Development Committee Meeting Report
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The Urban & Rural Development Committee was called to order by Mark Lehman, Chair. 12 members were present.

Two resolutions were presented to the Committee. Resolution #1 - NRCS policy change and land use for high tunnels. Discussion was held with questions for NRCS personnel about current policy. It was moved and seconded to present this resolution as proposed with no recommendation from the committee. Resolution #2 – Cost share for Xeriscape was discussed. Kansas DOC officials were questioned on the department policy to see if the projects could meet the criteria for state cost share funds to be used. NPS funds could be used, but new practice standards and specifications would have to be added to the DOC Program Manual. There was also a question as to who would be qualified to certify the practice. It was moved and seconded to present this resolution as proposed with no recommendation from the committee.

Kerry Wefald, Agricultural Marketing Director, updated the committee on the State activities to increase the sale of Kansas products both locally and abroad. Then she updated the committee on the Farm to Food Task Force findings and possible recommendations for the State Legislature.

Cindy Woofter, Secretary
Submitted by Mark Lehman, Chairman

Wildlife, Forestry & Recreation Committee November 21, 2016 Meeting Minutes Double Tree by Hilton Wichita Airport November 21, 2016

The Wildlife, Forestry and Recreation Committee called to order by Chairman Becky Wise at 10:05 a.m. Monday, November 21, 2016. Number of people present: 30. The group was welcomed by Wise. Packets of resolutions were handed out. Wise then introduced the committee members and advisors. There are two vacancies on the committee that need to be filled for Area I and Area V. Wise invited anyone who is interested from those areas to contact her. Committee members Sam Sanders and Bill Simshauser were present. The minutes of the November 23, 2015, meeting was approved as presented. Wise reviewed the windbreak resolution. Katie Burke from the Kansas Department of Agriculture, Division of Conservation (DOC) handed out DOC analysis for KACD Resolution # 5 Windbreaks. This is used for Windbreaks in state cost share programs. Guest speaker Bob Atchison, Kansas Forest Service spoke about windbreaks. Windbreaks being established will have to comply with EQIP specifications and standards. DOC can make adjustments for the State Cost Share Programs. For a windbreak to be eligible it must have resource concerns. If windbreaks meet poor and fair condition it would meet eligibility. Floor was opened for point of view and opinions. Farmsteads need to be defined. Not addressed. Will each conservation district have the ability to make decisions regarding farmsteads. 1) The suggestion was made to eliminate Farmstead from the resolution. 2) FSA defines rural and urban areas 3) Allow each county to designate acres. 4) Farmsteads must be occupied. Hodgeman County District Manager suggested to not permit cost share on windbreaks for new homes/farmsteads. Would livestock concentrate to wooded area? Motion to amend resolution was made by Ted Nighswoner that we discuss resolution. Seconded by Don Paxson. Doug Blex, Montgomery County made a motion to strike Farmstead from the resolution. Ted Nighswonger seconded. Motion carried. Committee would direct KACD to move Windbreak Resolution to NACD so it can get to Washington D.C. No other business. Meeting adjourned 11:00 a.m.

AREA I Meeting
Double Tree by Hilton Wichita Airport
November 21, 2016

Allen Roth called the meeting to order at 4:40. Everyone then introduced themselves to the group.

Elections were conducted for the KACD Area Director. Don Paxson nominated

Allen Roth and Jon Starns seconded the motion. There were no other nominations from the floor and there were no write-in nominations. Jon Starns moved that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot for Allen Roth be cast. Spencer Schlepp seconded the motion, motion carried. Allen Roth was selected by a unanimous vote.

Allen Roth then discussed with the group the current and proposed dues for KACD. The consensus of the area was to recommend raising dues by \$175 in the future.

Katie Burke discussed WRAPS and area meetings content, time of the meetings, attendance of other items from the supervisor survey taken earlier this year. It was a consensus of the group that a four hour meeting would be best with a catered meal.

Lyman Nuss brought up the possibility of having a new print made for sell as a money maker for the endowment fund. The print would be of rangeland from the different areas of the state.

The meeting adjourned at 5:44.

Minutes prepared by:
Allen Roth
KACD Area Director

Area II Meeting
Double Tree by Hilton Wichita Airport
November 21, 2016

Bill Simshauser called the meeting to order at 4:40 p.m. Bill asked for nomination for the State Conservation Commission Commissioner. Andy Larson was nominated. Glean Teeter moved nomination cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Andy. Doug Weins seconded the motion. Motion carried. Andy Larson was unanimously approved as the Area II commissioner.

Bill led a discussion of raising KACD dues which haven't been raised in 21 years. Bill reported that KACD is running short on funds and are barely breaking even. Efforts have been made to make the convention as profitable for KACD as possible, but still not raise costs to districts to attend the convention. Additional vendors have been added to increase profits. KACD is considering raising dues by \$175, which would equate to a 1.9% annual increase in dues. It was suggested to possibly split the dues increase over a couple years.

Bill reported that he did attend the Governor's Water Conference and was disappointed to have not heard the conservation districts mentioned.

Steve Frost had a few items to review with the area regarding the Spring and Fall Bill for his leadership as KACD President. Meeting adjourned at 5:26 p.m.

Bill Simshauser, Area II Director

Area III Meeting

Double Tree by Hilton Wichita Airport
November 21, 2016

Jerry Clasen opened the meeting at 4:40. Jerry reviewed the agenda with the attendees who included KACD Director, a discussion on KACD dues, and a discussion on the area meeting schedule.

Brad Schogren opened the election. Marion Krehbiel, nominated Jerry Clasen, Sandra Lyne seconded the motion. Motion carried. Brad requested nominations three more times with no additional nominations from the floor. Attendees submitted their ballots. Brad counted all votes for Jerry Clasen.

Jerry led a discussion of raising KACD dues which haven't been raised in 21 years. Jerry reported that KACD is running short on funds and are barely breaking even. Efforts have been made make the convention as profitable for KACD as possible, but still not raise costs to districts to attend the convention. Additional vendors have been added to increase profits. KACD is considering raising dues by \$175, which would equate to a 1.9% annual increase in dues. It was suggested to possibly slit the dues increase over a couple years.

Brad Shogren presented the report from the State Conservation Commission. He reported that the Governor's conference on water was last week and that the Department of Conservation had been a partner throughout the visioning process and plans to continue through roll-out of the educational outreach piece.

Jerry noted that numerous resolutions will be presented at the business meeting. He then asked for feedback from the floor. There being none the meeting was adjourned at 5:40.

Minutes prepared by:
Chloe Wilson
District Manager
Reno County

Area IV Meeting
Double Tree by Hilton Wichita Airport
November 21, 2016

A meeting of Area IV Conservation District Supervisors was called to order at 4:38 p.m. by Bevin Law, Area IV KACD Director, with 30 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 and noted that John Wunder had been nominated for the position at the fall KACD Area IV workshop. The chairperson called for further nominations three times, with no other persons being nominated. Motion by Doug Plegge to cease nominations. Second by Richard Runnebaum. Supervisors proceeded to vote by ballot.

Dave Jones, Division of Conservation staff member, asked for input regarding the format and the locations of the spring SCC workshops and fall KACD workshops, and the possibility of combining with an NRCS All-Personnel meeting. It was agreed that the agendas for the meetings need to be driven by the SCC and KACD.

Nathan Larson reported that John Wunder had been re-elected with 19 votes.

Wayne Lukert led a discussion of resolutions that will be brought before the general business session, including changes to some resolutions that had been made during consideration in the committees to which the resolutions had been assigned.

Bevin Law reported that the KACD board is considering an increase in the KACD dues in the amount of \$175 per year. During the discussion of dues, the question was raised about the value derived from NACD dues. NACD Second Vice-President, Dick Went of Rhode Island, was in attendance and reiterated some of the many benefits provided by NACD.

John Wunder announced that the spring SCC Workshop is scheduled for March 14th at Pottorf Hall in Manhattan.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Recorded by Tom Meek, Program Coordinator
Clay County Conservation District

KACD AREA V

Double Tree by Hilton Wichita Airport
November 22, 2016

The KACD Area V meeting at the Double Tree Hilton in Wichita, KS was called to order on November 21, 2016 by Ron Brown Area V Director at 4:45pm in Consulate II.

Ron turned the meeting over to Rod Vorhees, Area V Commissioner for election of Area V KACD Director. Rod reported that Ron had been nominated at the Fall Area V meeting in Chanute, KS. Rod asked if there were any other nominations. Daryl Donohue, Wilson County, moved nominations cease. Joe Ludlum, Bourbon County, seconded. Motion carried. Ron was elected by ballot.

Discussion was held regarding spring or Fall Area meetings as follows:

- Consensus was to keep two meetings per year in addition to the convention. Justification was maintaining relationships and a need for supervisor training and education, noting dedicated supervisors would attend and report to others in their respective counties and to further foster productive informed conservation leadership.
- The majority preferred a 9:30am to 2:30pm meeting with a catered meal.
- A geographically central location was the preference.
- Area specific issues would be welcomed and routine reports were believed to be less productive than potential training, conservation marketing and leadership, or legislative issues.

Dues increase was a topic of discussion with the majority favoring an increase to facilitate KACD budget requirements.

Resolutions were discussed in preparation of the business meeting.

J. D. Reactor, Chautauqua County moved adjournment, Joyce Bracken, Wilson County, seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 5:35pm

---submitted by Rod Vorhees

2016 Resolutions Considered

Resolution #1 - Failed

NRCS Policy Change and Land Use for High Tunnels

WHEREAS, high tunnels are only on land classified as agricultural land; and

WHEREAS, the loss of agricultural land is thousands of acres each year by urban encroachment; and

WHEREAS, non-agricultural land can be reclassified as agricultural land through a process with the Farm Service Agency; and

WHEREAS, agricultural land has to have cropping history and urban land has no cropping history; and

Whereas, placing high tunnels in urban settings can be more beneficial to more people;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kansas Association of Conservation Districts recommend to the Natural Resources Conservation Service that they amend policy so high tunnels can be used on suitable urban or rural land.

Resolution #2 - Failed

Cost Share for Xeriscape

WHEREAS, xeriscape is the practice of landscaping and gardening that eliminates the need for irrigation and other inputs such as fertilizers and pesticides; and

WHEREAS, xeriscape would significantly decrease pollution through contaminated runoff and leaching in urban and rural settings; and

WHEREAS, xeriscape would aid in restoring natural ecosystems;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kansas Association of the Conservation Districts recommends to the Kansas Department of Agriculture Division of Conservation to implement cost share for xeriscaping.

Resolution #3 - Adopted

Policy Change for Equitable Renewal and Rental Rates on CRP

WHEREAS, the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) has been and continues to be one of the best conservation tools to protect the soil from wind and water erosion, and to promote soil health; and

WHEREAS, CRP is an excellent practice to enhance wildlife habitat for upland birds, water fowl, deer, predators, threatened and endangered species and numerous other fauna and flora; and

WHEREAS, CRP can be used to plant pollinator plant species to help promote pollinator insects including the monarch butterfly; and

WHEREAS, CRP is being broke out and farmed, including the most erodible ground, at an alarming rate and new enrollment into CRP seems to have stalled; and

WHEREAS, the highest erodible ground should be the target for CRP because it is the most susceptible to wind and water erosion and is the most in need of soil health improvement; and

WHEREAS, lower Erodibility Index rankings can receive higher payment rates; and

WHEREAS, we encourage higher enhancement and higher diversity of the higher erodibility index soils to benefit wildlife; and

WHEREAS, enrolling the highly erodible ground with a diverse mix of species would address the most resource concerns; and

WHEREAS, an enhancement and encouragement to keep, enroll and renew the most highly erodible ground in CRP, the rental rate structure should be revised to pay the highest rate for the most highly erodible ground and the lowest rate for the least erodible ground; and

WHEREAS, CRP promotes air quality by increasing the amount of carbon storage in soils;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kansas Association of Conservation Districts ask the National Association of Conservation Districts lobby the United States Department of Agriculture-Farm Service Agency to change the payment structure so that applications with higher Erodibility Index receive higher rental rate and ranking consideration with renewal contracts be given priority.

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, that wind and water erosion be given equal consideration in comparison to priority wildlife areas.

Resolution # 4 - Adopted

Increasing Nationwide Caps on CRP Acreage

WHEREAS, the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) has been and continues to be one of the best tools to protect the soil from wind and water erosion and improve water quality; and

WHEREAS, CRP is an excellent practice to enhance wildlife habitat for upland birds, water fowl, deer predators, threatened and endangered species and numerous other fauna and flora, as well as insect pollinators; and

WHEREAS, CRP is being broken out and farmed, including the most erodible ground, at an alarming rate and new enrollment seems to have stalled due to acreage caps and visions of the 2014 Farm Bill;

WHEREAS, the State of Kansas recognizes the importance of the CRP program by supplementing federal dollars with state funds; and

WHEREAS, government funds have already been expended in establishing current CRP acreages and without funding continuation landowners may put sensitive land back into production;

WHEREAS, CRP is a proven program already in place with a need greater than the current acreage cap; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Kansas Association of Conservation District ask the National Association of Conservation Districts urge the United States Department of Agriculture and Congress to increase the acreage cap to 36 million acres in the Conservation Reserve Program.

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, this increased acreage has priority as Native Grassland Plantings.

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, the Kansas Association of Conservation Districts urge the Kansas Congressional delegation to support the increase of acreage cap on the Conservation Reserve Program.

Resolution #5 – Tabled

Windbreak Practice Eligibility

WHEREAS, windbreaks are needed in Kansas to reduce wind-induced soil erosion, protect livestock and provide wildlife habitat; and

WHEREAS, landowners request cost-share funds to assist with the expenses associated with the establishment of windbreaks; and

WHEREAS, the windbreak practice is only eligible to be placed on cropland in federal cost-share programs;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Kansas Association of Conservation Districts encourages all federal and state agencies to use the same windbreak practice eligibility criteria so that windbreaks can be planted on any land use in order to protect cropland and livestock.

Resolution #6 - Adopted

KACD Support for Governor's Water Vision, or KACD Support for Governor's Vision 50

Whereas, water is one of Kansas' most important resource; and

Whereas, the governor has recognized the importance of this resource and implemented a process, Long Term Vision for the Future of Water Supply in Kansas, Vision 50, for addressing water resources in Kansas; and

WHEREAS, the Governors Water Vision has identified financial and technical assistance needs in high priority watersheds and;

WHEREAS, through the process area, regional and state work groups have identified water resource concerns, and now fourteen regional planning areas were established and now are in the process of compiling strategies, goals and funding sources;

WHEREAS, a need exists to improve and sustain the State's rivers, streams and aquifers with conservation grants; and

WHEREAS, the Governors Water Vision 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, the Governors Water Vision has identified a need for a water management plan in forecasted water short areas that includes adopting water saving practices that improve the sustainability of the Ogallala Aquifer; and

WHEREAS, conservation districts have established the effectiveness of cost-share incentives to address resource concerns; and

WHEREAS, the conservation provisions of the Agriculture Act of 2014 (the 2014 Farm Bill) have increased the demand for conservation technical assistance; and

WHEREAS, the Governors Water Vision identified a need for priority multipurpose small lakes projects, watershed dam construction and rehabilitation, restoration of water supply systems and riparian and wetland protection; and

WHEREAS, conservation districts and watershed districts are responsible for carrying out conservation and have been successful in implementation of watershed programs locally with local leadership and conservation partners; and

WHEREAS, the Kansas Association of Conservation Districts supports the Governors Water Vision, Vision 50, and in addition, supports the Vision utilizing the locally led structure of conservation and watershed districts in the implementation phases of the Vision.

Therefore, be it resolved, the Kansas Association of Conservation Districts encourage the Kansas legislature to utilize the effective mechanism of the county conservation districts and the Kansas Department of Agriculture Division of Conservation as the agency to distribute and implement the local on land practices of the Vision 50 plan.

Further, be it also resolved, the Kansas Association of Conservation Districts will continue to educate and promote the successes that conservation districts have had in putting cost share monies into completed projects on locally privately held lands.

Resolution #7 - Adopted

District Annual Audit Requirement

WHEREAS, the Kansas Conservation District Act requires an annual audit of conservation districts; and

WHEREAS, conservation districts desire to be fully accountable and improve audit efficiency and accuracy; and

WHEREAS, conservation districts want consistency of this audit process in a cost effective way statewide;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Kansas Association of Conservation Districts work with the State Conservation Commission and the Kansas Department of Agriculture Division of Conservation to assist conservation districts to implement comprehensive and cost effective audit procedures.

Resolution #8 - Adopted

Protection of County Cost Share Funds

WHEREAS, the Kansas Association of Conservation Districts develops educational programs for conservation districts to work with the Kansas legislature, Kansas Water Authority and Regional Advisory Committees on the necessity of funding conservation districts to continue to carry out their goals; and

WHEREAS, conservation districts continue to implement the goals and objectives as outlined in the Kansas Association of Conservation Districts' Strategic Plan and statutory responsibilities mandated by the Kansas Legislature through the Kansas Conservation District Act;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kansas Association of Conservation Districts lead a special initiative to encourage membership to develop a plan to educate decision makers at the county, state and federal level of the benefits of conservation funding and conservation districts to their constituents.

Resolution #9 - Adopted

Relax Crop Insurance Rules for Companion Cover Crops

WHEREAS, cover crops are proven to improve soil health; and

WHEREAS, cover crops are becoming a more common conservation practice; and

WHEREAS, current crop insurance rules restrict the use of companion crops;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kansas Association of Conservation Districts will ask the United States Department of Agriculture-Risk Management Agency to allow companion cropping in Kansas.

Resolution #10 - Failed

Change State Cost Share Rates to Flat Rates

WHEREAS, State cost share payment rates have been paid as a percentage of county average costs for best management practices since the establishment of the State Conservation Committee in 1937; and

WHEREAS, it can be confusing to landowners to have conservation districts pay a percentage of their county average costs; and

WHEREAS, a county flat rate would be much easier for landowners to understand; and

WHEREAS, a county flat rate would be more efficient for the conservation districts to implement;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kansas Association of Conservation Districts ask the Kansas Department of Agriculture Division of Conservation to amend Kansas State Statute 2-1915 to change state cost share rates to county flat rates per State of Kansas fiscal year.

Resolution #11 - Adopted

Lagoon Added to Practice 110A (Elimination of Abandoned On-Site Wastewater System)

Whereas a lagoon may have been a better choice than other on-site wastewater treatment systems when first installed; and

Whereas the site may now require an upgrade to a different on-site wastewater treatment system or closing due to improper construction or the abandonment of a home site; and

Whereas there is existing cost-share on closing other failing wastewater systems, "seepage pits (rat holes), cesspools, drainage pits and septic systems as a result of system renovation to meet standards or the abandonment of a home site;" and

Whereas proper closing would ensure the elimination of possible groundwater contamination, and

Whereas an abandoned lagoon septic system is a safety hazard; and

Whereas proper closure would eliminate future problems with structural integrity for construction at or near the site; and

Whereas it would ensure proper closure by requiring a local county sanitarian inspection;

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Kansas Association Of Conservation Districts encourage the Kansas Department of Agriculture Division of Conservation to add "Lagoon" to practice 110A (Elimination of Abandoned On-Site Wastewater System).

Resolution #12 - Adopted

Water Transfer Accountability

WHEREAS, when water rights have been converted from irrigation use to commercial use in the past under K.A.R. 5-5-9, only 70% of the acre feet are allowed in the conversion, using the consumptive use analysis; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hays irrigation wells (on the R-9 Ranch) to be converted to municipal use have been approved by the Kansas Division of Water Resources' (DWR) chief engineer at 99.7% of their original acre feet; and

WHEREAS, the wells on the City of Hays, R-9 Ranch, property continue to decline, even though many wells have been taken out of use and Hays has not pumped the full water right acre feet since the 1990s; and

WHEREAS, accountability of DWR's actions is desired by the Kansas Association of Conservation Districts member districts;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kansas Association of Conservation

Districts request from the Kansas Division of Water Resources an explanation of the conversion formula used to convert uses.

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, that the explanation include how the chief engineer figured water right conversions for previous applicants to ensure fairness and consistency, and as the water transfer law is in place to protect sustainability and longevity of the water source and to protect adjacent water right holders, the explanation should include how the interpretation of the formula and the change of use acre feet uphold the law.

Resolution #13 - Adopted

Fiscal Year 2018 and Fiscal Year 2019 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, the Kansas 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, a need for priority multipurpose small lakes projects, watershed dam construction and rehabilitation, restoration of water supply systems, and riparian and wetland protection is identified in the Kansas State Water Plan; and

WHEREAS, a need exists to improve and sustain the state's rivers, streams and aquifers with conservation grants; 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, 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 right transition assistance, CREP, water supply restoration, surface mining land reclamation and agricultural liming materials; then

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kansas Association of Conservation Districts supports the Division of Conservation's FY2018 and FY2019 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 2018, as well as the carryover of funds from FY 2018 to FY 2019, as follows:

	<u>FY 2018</u>	<u>FY 2019</u>
STATE GENERAL FUNDS:		
Administrative Operations	\$478,500	\$482,500
STATE WATER PLAN FUNDS:		
Aid to Conservation Districts	\$2,000,000	\$2,092,637
Water Resources Cost-Share	\$1,727,387	\$1,948,289
Water Supply Restoration	\$ 0	\$ 0
Non-Point Source Pollution	\$1,503,015	\$1,858,350
Watershed Dam Construction	\$511,076	\$550,000
Riparian and Wetland Protection	\$135,343	\$152,651
Water Quality Buffer Initiative	\$88,662	\$200,000
Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program	<u>\$177,324</u>	<u>\$200,000</u>
Subtotal—State Water Plan Special Revenue Funds	\$6,142,807	\$7,001,927
FEE FUNDS:		
Land Reclamation	\$136,550	\$136,550
Agricultural Liming Material	<u>\$33,940</u>	<u>\$33,940</u>
Subtotal – Fee Funds	\$170,490	\$170,490
OTHER STATE FUNDS:		
Kansas Dept. of Health & Environment	\$ 120,000	\$ 120,000
Kansas Dept. of Wildlife, Parks & Tourism	<u>\$75,000</u>	<u>\$ 75,000</u>
Subtotal – Other State Funds	\$ 195,000	\$ 195,000
FEDERAL FUNDS:		
Natural Resource Conservation Service	\$ 338,696	\$ 338,696
Environmental Protection Agency	<u>\$280,000</u>	<u>\$ 280,000</u>
Subtotal – Other Federal Funds	\$ 618,696	\$ 618,696
TOTAL BUDGET REQUEST	\$7,605,493	\$8,468,613

SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET REQUEST FOR FY 2018 and FY 2019:

AND WHEREAS, the Kansas Association of Conservation Districts also unilaterally advocates the Kansas Legislature to fully fund the State Aid to Conservation Districts program; and

WHEREAS the annual budgets adopted for every conservation district in 2016 contain certifications of county allocations to each conservation district for calendar year 2017, and these district budgets should serve as the basis for the Division of

Conservation's FY 2018 and FY 2019 State Aid to Conservation District state budget request, and thereby, for providing the necessary matching funds to conservation districts as provided under state law; then

THEREFORE, the Kansas Association of Conservation Districts requests enhanced funding of the State Aid to Conservation Districts program to meet county conservation district budget needs according to the county certified amounts as per K.S.A. 2-1907c up to \$2,625,000. The amount necessary to adequately fund the State Aid to Conservation Districts program for FY2018 is \$2,410,912 – an additional amount of \$410,912 over what is currently budgeted.

KACD FINANCIAL STATEMENT NOVEMBER 17, 2016

KACD Checking Account Balance -	<u>Operating Funds</u> \$40,776.51
KACD Money Market	<u>Designated Funds</u> \$2,661.28
Designated for Endowment Activities Such as Committee Grants and Area Speech Contestant Winners	
Pat Lehman Memorial Fund	\$3,839.77
Designated for Pat Lehman Memorial Awards, registration and hotel	
KACD Annuity Endowment Fund	\$137,965.67
Farm Bureau Annuity KACD is only allowed to use interest	
Total Assets	\$185,243.23
Assets Available for Operations	\$40,776.51
Liabilities	
Additional Convention Cost (estimated hotel rooms, meals, plaques, etc)	-\$26,000.00
Estimated Available for Operations After Convention	\$14,776.51
 Total Income Budgeted for 2016 as 11-17-2016	 \$136,890.00
Total Income Received Year to Date 11-17-2016	<u>122,556.78</u>
 Total Expenses Budgeted for 2016 - 11-17-2016	 \$122,453.23

Total Expenditures Year to Date – 11-17-2016 91,000.37

Year End Balances 12-31-2016

Total Income 1-1-2016 to 12-31-2016 \$144,000.01

Total Expenses 1-1-2016 to 12-31-2016 \$128,082.46

				2016 KACD DUES			
District	# of	X	Regular	Maximum	Amount	Date	Max
	Farms	.07/far m	Dues	Dues	Paid	Paid	Paid
Allen	611	42.77	\$467.77	\$561.32	\$467.77	1/10/2015	
Anderson	715	50.05	\$475.05	\$570.06	\$475.05	1/14/2015	
Atchison	711	49.77	\$474.77	\$569.72	\$474.77	2/10/2015	
Barber	427	29.89	\$454.89	\$545.87	\$454.89	2/10/2015	
Barton	678	47.46	\$472.46	\$566.95	\$566.95	1/9/2015	X
Bourbon	928	64.96	\$489.96	\$587.95	\$587.95	1/8/2015	X
Brown	637	44.59	\$469.59	\$563.51	\$469.59	2/19/2015	
Butler	1427	99.89	\$524.89	\$629.87	\$300.00	2/10/2015	Partial Dues
Chase	260	18.2	\$443.20	\$531.84	\$443.20	2/17/2015	
Chautauqua	359	25.13	\$450.13	\$540.16	\$450.13	4/11/2015	
Cherokee	809	56.63	\$481.63	\$577.96	\$481.63	2/5/2015	
Cheyenne	422	29.54	\$454.54	\$545.45	\$454.54	1/10/2015	
Clark	278	19.46	\$444.46	\$533.35	\$553.35	2/17/2015	X
Clay	583	40.81	\$465.81	\$558.97	\$558.97	3/23/2015	X
Cloud	466	32.62	\$457.62	\$549.14	\$457.62	2/10/2015	
Coffey	600	42	\$467.00	\$560.40	\$564.40	2/23/2015	X
Comanche	253	17.71	\$442.71	\$531.25	\$531.25	1/20/2015	X
Cowley	1027	71.89	\$496.89	\$596.27	\$496.89	1/20/2015	
Crawford	911	63.77	\$488.77	\$586.52	\$488.77	2/23/2015	
Decatur	303	21.21	\$446.21	\$535.45	\$535.45	3/16/2015	X
Dickinson	1046	73.22	\$498.22	\$597.86	\$498.22	2/19/2015	
Doniphan	573	40.11	\$465.11	\$558.13	\$465.11	2/5/2015	
Douglas	1040	72.8	\$497.80	\$597.36	\$597.36	2/10/2015	X
Edwards	371	25.97	\$450.97	\$541.16	\$450.97	2/19/2015	
Elk	361	25.27	\$450.27	\$540.32	\$450.27	5/11/2015	
Ellis	687	48.09	\$473.09	\$567.71	\$567.71	2/19/2015	X

Ellsworth	408	28.56	\$453.56	\$544.27	\$453.56	2/5/2015	
Finney	516	36.12	\$461.12	\$553.34	\$553.34	2/5/2015	X
Ford	664	46.48	\$471.48	\$565.78	\$471.48	4/12/2015	
Franklin	1051	73.57	\$498.57	\$598.28	\$598.28	1/14/2015	X
Geary	229	16.03	\$441.03	\$529.24	\$441.03	3/13/2015	
Gove	413	28.91	\$453.91	\$544.69	\$544.69	1/9/2015	X
Graham	475	33.25	\$458.25	\$549.90	\$549.90	2/19/2015	X
Grant	326	22.82	\$447.82	\$537.38			Not Paid
Gray	473	33.11	\$458.11	\$549.73	\$458.11	1/28/2015	
Greeley	303	21.21	\$446.21	\$535.45	\$446.21	3/27/2015	
Greenwood	539	37.73	\$462.73	\$554.10	\$462.73	4/24/2015	
Hamilton	431	30.17	\$455.17	\$546.20	\$546.20	2/19/2015	X
Harper	495	34.65	\$459.65	\$551.58	\$459.65	1/20/2015	
Harvey	829	58.03	\$483.03	\$579.64	\$483.03	5/21/2015	
Haskell	248	17.36	\$442.36	\$530.83	\$442.36	9/11/2015	
Hodgeman	379	26.53	\$451.53	\$541.84	\$451.53	1/20/2015	
Jackson	1127	78.89	\$503.89	\$604.67	\$503.89	3/27/2015	
Jefferson	1137	79.59	\$504.59	\$605.51	\$504.59	1/8/2015	
Jewell	525	36.75	\$461.75	\$554.10	\$461.75	1/28/2015	
Johnson	610	42.7	\$467.70	\$561.24	\$467.70	2/17/2015	
Kearny	337	23.59	\$448.59	\$538.31	\$540.00	1/28/2015	X
Kingman	876	61.32	\$486.32	\$583.58	\$583.58	3/27/2015	X
Kiowa	399	27.93	\$452.93	\$543.52	\$543.52	1/14/2015	X
Labette	1052	73.64	\$498.64	\$598.37	\$498.64	1/14/2015	
Lane	284	19.88	\$444.88	\$533.86	\$444.88	1/28/2014	
Leavenworth	1203	84.21	\$509.21	\$611.05	\$350.00	3/23/2015	Partial Dues
Lincoln	473	33.11	\$458.11	\$549.73	\$458.11	2/10/2015	
Linn	918	64.26	\$489.26	\$587.11	\$587.11	3/13/2015	X
Logan	289	20.23	\$445.23	\$534.28	\$445.23	2/19/2015	
Lyon	930	65.1	\$490.10	\$588.12	\$490.10	2/17/2015	
Marion	974	68.18	\$493.18	\$591.82	\$493.18	1/28/2015	
Marshall	913	63.91	\$488.91	\$586.69	\$586.69	1/8/2015	X
McPherson	1142	79.94	\$504.94	\$605.93	\$605.93	2/10/2015	X
Meade	448	31.36	\$456.36	\$547.63	\$456.36	1/14/2015	
Miami	1538	107.66	\$532.66	\$639.19	\$532.66	1/20/2015	
Mitchell	396	27.72	\$452.72	\$543.26	\$452.72	11/2/2015	
Montgomery	994	69.58	\$494.58	\$593.50	\$494.58	1/20/2015	
Morris	479	33.53	\$458.53	\$550.24	\$458.53	2/19/2015	
Morton	353	24.71	\$449.71	\$539.65			Not Paid
Nemaha	1054	73.78	\$498.78	\$598.54	\$498.78	2/21/2015	
Neosho	775	54.25	\$479.25	\$575.10	\$479.25	8/25/2015	

Norton	388	27.16	\$452.16	\$542.59	\$452.16	2/19/2015	
Osage	1092	76.44	\$501.44	\$601.73	\$501.44	2/17/2015	
Osborne	378	26.46	\$451.46	\$541.75	\$451.56	2/5/2015	
Ottawa	546	38.22	\$463.22	\$555.86	\$463.22	5/21/2015	
Pawnee	430	30.1	\$455.10	\$546.12	\$455.10	1/9/2015	
Phillips	507	35.49	\$460.49	\$552.59	\$460.49	5/27/2015	
Ottawatomie	843	59.01	\$484.01	\$580.81	\$580.81	2/10/2015	X
Pratt	538	37.66	\$462.66	\$555.19	\$462.66	4/13/2015	
Rawlins	339	23.73	\$448.73	\$538.48	\$448.73	2/5/2015	
Reno	1749	122.43	547.43	656.92	656.92	5/21/2015	X
Republic	682	47.74	\$472.74	\$567.29	\$472.74	2/5/2015	
Rice	580	40.6	\$465.60	\$558.72	\$465.60	2/5/2015	
Riley	532	37.24	\$462.24	\$554.69	\$462.24	1/20/2015	
Rooks	419	29.33	\$454.33	\$545.20	\$454.40	4/1/2015	X
Rush	481	33.67	\$458.67	\$550.40	\$488.67	2/19/2015	
Russell	522	36.54	\$461.54	\$553.85	\$461.54	4/7/2015	
Saline	749	52.43	\$477.43	\$573.84	\$573.84	1/10/2015	X
Scott	277	19.39	\$444.39	\$533.27	\$444.27	9/1/2015	
Sedgwick	1419	99.33	\$524.33	\$629.20	\$524.33	1/20/2015	
Seward	342	23.94	\$448.94	\$538.73	\$448.94	2/10/2015	
Shawnee	885	61.95	\$486.95	\$584.34	\$486.95	1/9/2015	
Sheridan	380	26.6	\$451.60	\$541.92	\$451.60	2/27/2015	
Sherman	436	30.52	\$455.52	\$546.62	\$546.62	1/14/2015	X
Smith	489	34.23	\$459.23	\$551.08	\$459.23	1/13/2015	
Stafford	558	39.06	\$464.06	\$556.87	\$556.87	1/14/2015	X
Stanton	328	22.96	\$447.96	\$537.55	\$532.55	1/14/2015	X
Stevens	425	29.75	\$454.75	\$545.70	\$454.75	2/23/2015	
Sumner	1099	76.93	\$501.93	\$602.32	\$501.93	3/27/2015	
Thomas	464	32.48	\$457.48	\$548.98	\$548.98	2/19/2015	X
Trego	380	26.6	\$451.60	\$541.92	\$451.60	1/20/2015	
Wabaunsee	660	46.2	\$471.20	\$565.44	\$471.20	2/19/2015	
Wallace	303	21.21	\$446.21	\$535.45	\$535.45	1/14/2015	X
Washington	817	57.19	\$482.19	\$578.63	\$578.63	3/13/2015	X
Wichita	323	22.61	\$447.61	\$537.13	\$447.61	5/27/2015	
Wilson	553	38.71	\$463.71	\$556.45	\$463.71	1/10/2015	
Woodson	339	23.73	\$448.73	\$538.48	\$438.73	3/13/2015	