



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**January 17, 2007**  
**Capitol Plaza Hotel, Topeka, KS**

**Board of Directors Present:**

LaVern Wetzel, President  
Ronald Brown, Vice President  
Gene Albers, Secretary/Treasurer  
Don Rezac, Director  
Pat Lehman, Executive Director

**Guests Present:**

Greg Foley, Executive Director, SCC  
Scott Carlson, SC  
Gayla Speer, EO President  
Harold Klaege, State Conservations NRCS  
Wayne Lukert, Shawnee County Supervisor

**Approval of Agenda:**

President LaVern Wetzel called the meeting to order at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Topeka, Kansas. Ron Brown moved to approve the agenda as presented. Gene Albers seconded the motion. Motion approved.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Minutes of two board meetings held November 19th and November 20<sup>th</sup>, held during the convention, were presented and discussed. Ron Brown moved to approve the minutes as presented. Gene Albers seconded. Motion approved.

**Board Member Reports:**

LaVern Wetzel reported on the NACD Leadership Conference held in Nashville, TN, November 29 through December 1, 2006. Attending with LaVern were Pat Lehman, KACD Executive Director; Connie Richmeier, Finny County District Manager; Mindy Vogt, Harvey County District Manager; and Harold Klaege, State Conservationist, NRCS. LaVern reported the format was breakout sessions on various topics relating to conservation issues and training on boardsmanship. This conference was the first time NACD had a conference relating to this and LaVern and others attending felt it was a worthwhile experience and should be continued.

Don Rezac reported that he and Jon Starns had attended the NACD Wildlife and Parks Conference in Biloxi, MS, December 6 through 8, 2006. Tours of the hurricane-damaged area

were held with explanations of how they were using the damaged trees to make chip board and electric poles.

Wayne Lukert reported on Legislative Day at the Capitol held January 16<sup>th</sup>. There was a good turnout with informative displays set up on the first floor of the Capitol. The northwest Kansas area was not represented because of the snow conditions that day. Wayne said legislators were responsive to the displays and the members from the different areas were able to meet with their legislators. The group was able to have individual meetings with House Speaker Melvin Neufeld, R-Ingalls, and Senate President Steve Morris, R-Hugoton. Hearings were held Tuesday morning, January 16<sup>th</sup>, in the Senate Ag Committee for SB 60-State Aid to Conservation Districts. Members from the State Conservation Commission, KACD and the Employees Organization testified in support of the bill. Later that afternoon, a hearing was held for HB 2048-State Aid to Conservation Districts, again with the same individuals testifying that had testified on SB 60.

### **Financial Report:**

The financial report was presented. Pat explained five of the CD accounts were combined into one CD December 1. This is a 24 month CD of \$60,800, drawing 5% interest. The interest (about \$250 per month) from the CD will be deposited into a KACD savings account each month. Three CDs remain and will come due January 31, 2007, at which time they will be combined into one. Currently, KACD has a savings account with a balance of \$3,350. Don Rezac moved to combine this account with the three CDs. Seconded by Ron Brown; motion approved. Don Rezac moved to pay the Endowment Committee \$68 for a set of prints to be auctioned at the NACD Convention in Los Angeles in February. Seconded by Gene Albers. Motion approved.

### **Old Business:**

There was no old business.

### **New Business:**

Discussion was held to continue holding the convention at the Wichita Airport Hilton. Ron Brown moved to extend the contract with the hotel two years. Don Rezac seconded the motion. Motion approved

Executive Director Pat Lehman submitted a supplemental contract to the board for lobbying services. Discussion was held; Gene Albers moved to accept the contract. Ron Brown seconded. Motion approved.

Car mileage has been increased by the IRS to \$.485 per mile. Don Rezac moved to comply with the federal allowance to pay mileage at \$.485 per mile. Gene seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Pat Lehman reported that Board Member Jon Starns has been invited to address the FSA conference in Washington, DC, and asked the board for approval to cover any of his expenses not covered by FSA. Ron Brown moved to allow expenses for Jon not covered by FSA. Don seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Discussion was held about belonging to the Kansas Ag Alliance at a cost of \$300 per year. Ron Brown moved to continue to belong to the Ag Alliance and moved to allow for the \$300 payment. Don seconded the motion. Motion approved.

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