



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
January 20, 2015 – 9:30 A.M.
Kansas Department of Agriculture - Manhattan, Kansas

Board of Directors Present

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

Guests Present

Gaye Benfer, Assistant State Conservationist for Operations, NRCS
Scott Carlson, Assistant Director, DOC
Wayne Lukert, Supervisor, Shawnee County
Kristin Miller, Administrative Specialist, DOC
Roy Dixon, Highlands Livestock Service
John Faber, Chief Legislative Officer, Stope and Associates

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

President Bill Simshauser called the meeting to order at 10:10 am at the Kansas Department of Agriculture in Manhattan, Kansas.

ADDITIONS TO THE MEETING AGENDA

Bevin Law asked to add the Education & Youth Committee move to Jackson County to the agenda under 12 c. Wayne Lukert asked to add discussion on the Policy Handbook and committee organization to the agenda under 12d. Additions noted.

Bevin Law moved to approve the agenda. Motion seconded by Ron Brown. Motion approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the November 23, 2014 and November 25, 2014 KACD Board Meeting minutes will take place at a later date. No action required.

FINANCIAL REPORT

President Bill Simshauser presented a listing of checks and deposits since the last board meeting on November 25, 2014. Bill presented the balance of the Farm Bureau Annuity and Money Market accounts. The KACD budget to date was presented and discussed. Ron Brown moved to approve the financial report. Motion seconded by Allen Roth. Motion approved.

Bill opened discussion on adding Robin Lehman as a signee on KACD's checking account.

Allen Roth moved to add Robin Lehman as a signee on KACD's Emprise Bank checking account. Motion seconded by Bevin Law. Motion approved.

SCC REPORT

Scott Carlson reported on the corrected budget resolution for DOC. He will send a copy to the Finance Committee chair. Jerry Clasen moved to approve the corrected DOC budget resolution. Motion seconded by Allen Roth. Motion approved.

Scott reported on joining with Agriland for the fair booth and KACD asked Scott to pass on a desire to include pollination issues in the fair booth. Scott also reported on Conservation District audits and how to make them more effective. The Spring Workshop dates and agenda, January's SCC meeting minutes, and the February SCC meeting were also discussed. No action required.

NRCS REPORT

Gaye Benfer, Assistant State Conservationist for Operations, reported on recent NRCS retirees and recent new hires. She also reported on the different federal programs. No action required.

KACD EO REPORT

EO President Patti Winters reported, via the phone, on the activities of the EO Board of Directors, the EO area meetings schedule, and on the Envirothon dates. Patti also reported that Aubrey Evans, Riley County and Jennifer Cleveland, Ottawa County have been elected to the Executive Committee. No action required.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Ron Brown gave an overview of NACD's 2015 meeting schedule. No other directors reported at this time. No action required.

OLD BUSINESS

Leopold Conservation Award

Bill Simshauser opened discussion over the Leopold Conservation Award. The monetary prize amount and the cost of bringing the award to Kansas were reviewed. No action required.

Sustainable Funding Committee Meeting

Wayne Lukert reported that the Sustainable Funding Committee Final Report is now available on the KACD website. More resources have also been added to the website. No action required.

NEW BUSINESS

NACD Convention

The Board of Directors will attend the NACD Convention in New Orleans, February 1-4, 2015. No action required.

Area Meetings

Bill Simshauser led a discussion on the dates and setup of the March and August area meetings. No action required.

Education & Youth Committee Move to Jackson County

Bevin Law reported that the Education & Youth committee is moving to Jackson County. The committee requests the use of KACD's tax ID number to open a checking account for the committee. Bevin Law moved to give the Education & Youth committee the ability to use KACD's tax ID number with the understanding that they are required to submit a financial report for the account during the business session at the KACD annual convention. Motion seconded by Ron Brown. Motion approved.

Policy Handbook and Committee Organization

Wayne Lukert discussed committee organization, structure, and how they report at the convention. He also stated that he believes the Policy & Procedures Handbook needs updating. No action required.

OTHER BUSINESS

Executive Director Contract

Bevin Law moved to continue to employee Lehman Communications, Inc. through June 30, 2015. Motion seconded by Ron Brown. Motion approved.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

Bill Simshauser reported the next meeting will be April 29, 2015, in Emporia, KS, during the state Envirothon competition.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 2:19pm.