



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
May 14, 2008
The Education Center (Eisenhower Training Center)
Wolf Creek Power Plant - Burlington, Kansas

Board of Directors Present

LaVern Wetzel, President
Gene Albers, Vice President
Ronald Brown, Secretary/Treasurer
Jon Starns, Director
Bevin Law, Director
Pat Lehman, Executive Director, KACD

Guests Present

Greg Foley, Director, State Conservation Commission
Thomas Perrin, Acting State Conservationist, NRCS
Jim Krueger, Assistant State Conservationist, NRCS
Gayla Speer, President, Employee Organization

Meeting Called to Order

LaVern Wetzel, President, called the meeting to order at 12:50 p.m. Thomas Perrin, Interim State Conservationist, was introduced and he made some comments to the board about his short time in Kansas.

Approval of Agenda

Ron Brown moved to approve the agenda as presented. Gene Albers seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Approval of Minutes

Jon Starns moved to approve the minutes of the January 24, 2008, meeting as presented. Gene Albers seconded. Motion approved.

Financial Report

Lehman reported the check register presented was up-to-date with the exception of one check for \$460 cut the previous day. It was sent to the Nebraska Natural Resource Association for registration for Ron Brown and Lehman for the Northern Plains Region Leaders Meeting in Nebraska City, Nebraska, to be held June 8-10. Lehman pointed out a \$10 correcting entry in the register. The bank showed \$10 more than the records showed.

Lehman reported he had listed the certificate of deposit and the business savings accounts. The CD is \$107,529.46 and is a one-year CD at 5% interest. It will run to the end of July 2008, when it will

have to be rolled over to another CD. The interest then will probably be lower. This CD is the combining the eight CD's beginning December 1, 2006. Five came due at that time and the remaining three were combined February 1, 2007, then we were able to combine them August 1, 2007, into the one-year CD. The interest from that is transferred to the savings account. The interest each month is about \$450.

By the first of August 2008, we will have a little over \$10,000 in the savings account. It is the board's decision as to what to do with the money from the savings account. We can use it for activities of the association. There is nothing we need to do at this time, but we do need to come up with a plan for using this money at some point. Jon Starns suggested that money be used to help committees of the association operate, possibly paying mileage for members to travel. It was suggested that each committee be allotted a certain amount of money to help defray costs. It was suggested that ideas by board members and others be solicited for recommendations as to how to use the money.

Gene Albers moved to approve the check register and the CD and savings account update. Ron Brown seconded. Motion approved. A dues update was presented; fifteen districts have not paid at this point and four have made partial payment. A year-to-date budget update was presented (listed below). Ron Brown moved to accept the year-to-date update. Gene Albers seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Balances on CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT ****1406

Interest Information			Balance Information	
Current Interest Rate:		5.0000%	Current Balance:	107,529.46
Current Accrued Interest:		44.19		
Next Interest:	06/01/2008	456.63		
Interest Paid 2008:		2,239.21		
Interest Paid 2007:		1,797.19		
Interest Paid to Savings Account:		****6512		
Maturity Information				
			Maturity Date:	08/02/2008
			Term:	12 Months

Balances on BUSINESS SAVINGS ****6512

Activity Information			Balance Information	
Balance Last Statement:	03/31/2008	8,022.62	Current Balance:	8,924.69
Last Deposit:	05/02/2008	441.90		
Last Withdrawal:	02/28/2007	5.00		
Interest Information				
Current Interest Rate:		.5000%		
Current Accrued Interest:		.48		
Interest Paid 2008:		12.89		
Interest Paid 2007:		14.39		

**2008 KACD BUDGET YEAR-TO-DATE
MAY 14, 2008**

	BUDGETED AMOUNT	ACTUAL TO DATE	REMAINDER
<i>Revenue</i>			
DUES	\$54,200.00	\$44,502.00	\$ 9,698.00
CONVENTION	\$52,000.00	\$45,614.00	\$ 6,386.00
FAIR BOOTH	<u>\$ 2,500.00</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>\$ 2,500.00</u>
TOTAL	\$108,700.00	\$90,116.00	\$18,584.00
 <i>Expenditures</i>			
ADMINISTRATIVE *	\$83,050.00	\$43,959.00	\$39,091.00
CONVENTION	\$24,400.00	\$31,077.00	(\$6,677.00)
FAIR BOOTH	<u>\$ 1,250.00</u>	<u>\$1,765.00</u>	<u>(\$515.00)</u>
TOTAL	\$108,700.00	\$76,801.00	\$31,899.00

* Executive Director Contract, Executive Director Travel, Board Travel, Office, Telephone, Postage, Dues, Website, Donations, Printing, Meeting Expense, Miscellaneous.

Old Business

Liability Insurance for Envirothon

Lehman reported that he had purchased liability insurance to cover the State Envirothon and four preliminary events. The cost of the insurance was \$383.37. Lehman reported that the board could agree to donate to the Envirothon but did not recommend an amount. Jon Starns moved the association donate \$500 to the Envirothon. Ron Brown seconded the motion. Motion approved.

New Business

MRRIC Funding

LaVern Wetzel reported on the Missouri River Recovery Implementation Committee (MRRIC) conference call with eight other states that border the Missouri River. It was requested that each of the states contribute \$500 to work with a committee with the Corp of Engineers. Jon Starns moved to contribute \$500 to the committee for one year and reassess next year. Gene Albers seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Northern Plains Meeting, June 8-10

Ron Brown and Lehman will be attending the conference. Lehman reported that he will be on a panel discussing issues in Kansas, what NRCS reorganization required, and some other issues addressed in Kansas.

Legislation Meeting Washington, DC, July 19-23

Discussion was held about the meeting and how it was handled in past years. Until last year, the meeting had been held in March and only the president and vice president delegates to the NACD board and the executive director attended the meeting. LaVern Wetzel, Jon Starns and Pat Lehman will attend this year's Legislation Meeting in Washington, DC.

Financial Audits for Conservation Districts

Lehman reported that Paul Bone, District Manager of Cherokee County, emailed him regarding the cost of audits. The district learned that an audit for 2008 would be in the \$1,500 range, a huge increase from previous years. Director Ron Brown said he would have his District Manager, Cheryl Bennett, contact Paul about some suggestions. No action was taken.

SCC/KACD Joint Meeting and Fall Area Meetings

Lehman reported that the joint SCC/KACD meeting will be August 4 in Dodge City. The tentative schedule and locations for area meetings are as follows:

- Area II – Tuesday, August 5, Garden City, Trinity Lutheran Church
- Area I – Wednesday, August 6, Colby (location to be determined)
- Area III – Thursday, August 7, Salina, Carver Center, 315 North Second
- Area IV – Tuesday, August 12, Topeka, Shawnee County Farm Bureau Association Building, 3801 SW Wanamaker Rd.
- Area V – Wednesday, August 13, Iola, Rivertree Christian Church.

An announcement of the final schedule will be sent out later. Several ideas for topics for the area meetings were discussed:

- Parliamentary procedures
- Use by the districts of the extra “Aid to Conservation District” funding
- Discussion about the farm bill

Communications

Retirement of State Forester Ray Aslin

Jon Starns moved to send a letter of appreciation for Ray’s years of service as State Forrester. Ron Brown seconded. Motion approved.

Nature Conservancy Retreat - Lamar, Co-Mid-June

No action on letter.

Convention-November 23-25

Lehman presented a list of possible breakout sessions and asked for input from board members. Ron Brown suggested that an individual experienced in setting up foundations could present a breakout helping districts to establish a foundation. Jon Starns talked about an idea for setting up a past presidents club.

2008 KACD Breakout Session ideas from SCC staff:

1. Bioengineering practices in stream ways –Watershed Institute
2. No Till On the Plains – Brian Lindley
3. Forestry in Kansas – Bob Atchison, KFS
4. CRP contracts expiring – what can we do for conservation? –panel: SCC, NRCS, FSA
5. WRAPS, EPA 319 funds. Where do conservation districts fit? –Kerry Wedel, KDHE
6. Employee or supervisor training – SCC staff
7. Retirement planning for farmers and ranchers –Financial planner
8. Grazing and burning issues – Kansas Grazing Lands Coalition
9. When do I need a permit – KDHE, COE, DWR, KDWP
10. Building an effective website
11. Marketing your conservation district
12. Carbon sequestration and carbon credits
13. Farm Bill update

Any other suggestions are welcome and would be appreciated.

Speaker for Tuesday Breakfast

Lehman discussed having a breakfast other than a large buffet on the final morning of the convention. He suggested having a continental breakfast instead. He also discussed the need for a noted speaker and suggested John Redding, NACD President.

Awards

The same awards as last year will be presented again this year. A supervisor will be chosen from each area for the award.

EO Report - Gayla Speer

The statewide EO area meetings are currently being held in different locations in each area. Some area meetings are two-day events.

SCC Report - Greg Foley

Greg reported on legislation that happened during the 2008 session with programs of the commission that are of interest to the conservation districts.

NRCS Report - Thomas Perrin

Thomas gave the report for NRCS and discussed the conservation programs in the farm bill that will be voted on in the House and Senate in the next few days.

Board Member Reports

Ron Brown reported he attended the Rural Water Association Convention in Wichita in early April. He was impressed that the convention drew more than 2,300 attendees and featured more than 50 breakout sessions. Ron also talked about no-till farming in eastern Kansas, an area of the state that seems to not use no-till very extensively. There will be a demonstration in Linn County in late July promoting the practice.

Executive Director Report-Pat Lehman

Lehman reported the addition of the calendar on the website listing events of KACD, EO and multiple-county events. Any events to be listed on the calendar should be sent to Lehman to be added.

Executive Director Contract

Ron Brown moved to approve the partial-year contract with Lehman Communications, Inc., from June 1, 2008, to September 30, 2008. This summer Lehman will review alternative contract scenarios and present them at the September board meeting. Gene Albers seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Next Meeting

LaVern Wetzel announced the next meeting will be a joint meeting with the State Conservation Commission on August 4, 2008, in Dodge City.

Adjourn

Gene Albers moved to adjourn. Bevin Law seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.