



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**May 9, 2007**  
**Holton, Kansas**

**Board of Directors Present:**

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

**Guests Present:**

Scott Carlson, SCC  
Gayla Speer, EO President  
Harold Klaege, State Conservationist, NRCS

**Approval of Agenda:**

President LaVern Wetzel called the meeting to order at the Holton House, Holton, Kansas, at 1:00 p.m. Ron Brown moved to approve the agenda as presented. Gene Albers seconded the motion. Motion approved.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Minutes of the January 17, 2007, meeting, which was held at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Topeka, Kansas, were presented and discussed. Ron Brown moved to approve the minutes as presented. Gene Albers seconded. Motion approved.

**Financial Report:**

Lehman presented the check register, which is kept in an Excel spreadsheet. He stated that the budgeted amount is the top line and the difference spent in that column is the second line. Total amount in checking at this time is a little over \$60,000. Questions were asked about several amounts. The convention was over-budget. "Misc." includes website development and annual website hosting. Also in that column is the \$68 paid to the Endowment Committee for prints taken to the NACD Convention. Gene Albers asked about the payment to Susan Henderson and how much more will that amount to. She has been compensated for website development as well as website maintenance since the site is periodically updated. Jon Starns moved to approve the financial report, seconded by Ron Brown. Motion approved.

**CD & Savings Account Update:**

Lehman reported that the \$60,000 certificate of deposit is for a term of 24 months at 5% interest. Each month, \$258 in interest is deposited in a savings account, the funds of which are available at any time. The second CD includes the other three CDs, and the best rate at that time was for a 180-day term. The money is kept in the CD because with any CD of less than a one-year term, the funds cannot be automatically transferred to a savings account. We can change that by filing out a form to do it, but since it will come due July 31, 2007, we can wait and combine CDs then. At that time, the accumulated interest will amount to \$1,059. By March 1, 2008, after both CDs will have been in effect for one year, the estimated interest from the two will be \$5,800.

The board was asked to donate \$500 to Envirothon to help to defray the cost of the event. President LaVern Wetzel asked for a motion to approve. Ron Brown moved to give \$500 to Envirothon. Gene Albers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Dues Update:**

Information was presented on the dues paid. All districts but 15 have paid dues at this point. To date, 24 have paid maximum dues, which is in line with last year. The total that paid maximum dues last year was 27 or 28. Lehman explained that the current dues structure was established in 1994. The base dues per county is \$425, then using the farm numbers provided by the Agriculture and Statistics Service in Topeka, each county's number of farm is multiplied by .07 cents to determine the regular county dues. The maximum club dues amount to regular dues plus 20 percent. It was decided that the dues structure should be discussed at the Area Meetings. According to the by-laws, any dues increase would have to go through the full association.

**Budget Aid to Conservation Districts:**

There was considerable explanation and discussion on HB 2048 that passed the Legislature and was signed into law by the Governor. It was pointed out that each year the increase will have to be asked for during the legislative budget process.

**Old Business:**

There was no old business.

**New Business:**

There was discussion on whether KACD should provide liability insurance to cover participants of Envirothon. We will look into the need for insurance for future Envirothon events.

Lehman provided an engrossed copy of HB 2048 to Scott Carlson, SCC, and requested that the bill and the photograph be framed and displayed in the SCC Office. The bill will be displayed at the 2007 KACD Convention in Wichita.

Registrations for Don Rezac, LaVern Wetzel, Ron Brown, and Pat Lehman will go to Bozeman, Montana, for the NACD North Central Region's two-day conference.

Discussion was held to determine who would go to the Summer Legislative Conference for NACD in Washington, D.C. Jon Starns, Don Rezac, Gene Albers, Ron Brown, and Pat

Lehman will attend. Lehman will send the registrations in and will make airline reservations for everyone but Jon Starns.

Fall Area Meetings are set for Area I Colby, August 7; Area II Garden City, August 8; and Area III Salina, August 9. The Area IV meeting will be in Ottawa on August 14 and the Area V meeting will be in Iola on August 15. Discussion at the Area Meetings will include, in part, the use of increase in aid, the dues structure, and reasons for participating in the convention. Several suggestions for improving the convention were made. Also discussed were local operating agreements and districts participating at the fair booth.

**Employee Report:**

Gayla Speer, President of the Employees Organization, gave a report discussing the employee's conference in Wichita April 11.

**SCC Report:**

Scott Carlson presented a report for the State Conservation Commission.

**NRCS Report:**

Harold Klaege presented a report for NRCS. Don Rezac moved to donate \$50 to Pheasants Forever, seconded by Jon Starns. Motion approved. Jon Starns moved to pay annual NACD dues amounting to \$775. Seconded by Ron Brown. Motion approved.

Gene Albers moved to adjourn at 4:50 pm. Seconded by Ron Brown. Motion approved.