



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
November 19, 2007
Wichita Airport Hilton

Board of Directors Present:

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

Guests present:

Greg Foley, Executive Director, State Conservation Commission
Harold Klaege, State Conservationist, NRCS
Gayla Speer, EO President
Dee Turner, State Conservation Commission
Wayne Lukert, Supervisor, Shawnee County Conservation District

Meeting Called to Order

LaVern Wetzel, President, called the meeting to order at the 1:00 pm. There were no introductions of guests.

Approval of Agenda:

Gene Albers moved to approve the agenda as presented. Jon Starns seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of the meeting of September 13th, 2007, held at the Pride of Kansas building at the state fair grounds, Hutchinson, Kansas, were presented. Jon Starns moved to approve the minutes as presented. Ron Brown seconded. Motion carried.

SCC-Greg Foley:

Greg gave an update on issues that will occur during the next legislative session. No action after report.

Comments from Guests:

There were none.

Financial Report:

Lehman reported that he was late because he was asked to attend the Endowment Committee meeting to explain the CD that the Association has that was funded with endowment money. He reported that a year ago we had five CDs come due the first of December; those five were combined into a 24-month CD totaling \$60,000. The other three CDs at that time amounted to a little over \$40,000 and came due by the first of February. At that time they were combined into one six-month CD because that was the best interest rate. It matured on July 31, 2007. He talked to the bank about combining the two CDs into one, and they agreed to combine them without penalty. Therefore, the two CDs have been combined into one 12-month CD at five percent interest. The CD reaches maturity on August 1, 2008. The interest from the CD is deposited into the savings account each month.

The Endowment Committee discussed the need for recommendations from all KACD committees for use of the money from the savings account. Interest each month from the CD is a little over \$500. The Endowment Committee will have suggestions for the use of the money. Don Rezac reported that he felt the Endowment Committee would like to see the proceeds from the funds be used by the committees of KACD. Lehman said that since these are areas we need to discuss, it would be beneficial to have a group of members involved with the process.

Lehman distributed and explained the check register, which lists income and expenditures since the September 18th board meeting. Lehman pointed out that a little over \$10,500 is money that came in before the first of November that should be included in the 2008 budget. He also reported that vendors at the KACD convention are charged \$250 each for booth rent. Don Rezac moved to approve the treasurer's report. Jon Starns seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Board Member Report:

Ron Brown reported that he has invited the editor of Kansas Farmers, Bill Spiegel, who will be a judge for the speech contest. Ron is scheduled to do an interview with KOWA radio station and would like to have others involved such as other board members, Jerry Moran, and Mike Hayden.

There were no other board member reports. Ron reported that at the Water Authority meeting two weeks ago, it was reported that Don Paxson would be reappointed to the Authority as the KACD representative.

EO Report-Gayla Speer:

Gayla gave the report for the Employee Organization. No action by the board after discussion.

NRCS Report-Harold Klaege:

Harold reported that he will be retiring January 3rd and he will become the fulltime executive director of KAWS. NRCS will now have three administrative areas instead of five as they do currently. As of October 29th, there were 22 administrative areas. Congratulations and well wishes were extended to Harold for his job with NRCS and his future retirement. No action by the board after presentation.

SCC Report-Dee Turner:

Dee gave the report for SCC. No action by the board after discussion.

Old Business

509 Capitol Court Campaign:

Lehman reported he had sent out an email to all districts to donate \$100 from each county to the campaign. He has not received any feedback from counties about doing this. He did send in donations received from Don Rezac, Gene Albers, LaVern Wetzel, and himself. It was moved to challenge each county to send \$100 to NACD for the campaign. Motion seconded by Gene Albers. Motion passed. Don challenged each KACD board member to send \$100 to NACD. Board members agreed.

Board Development Committee:

It was reported that several of the board members were to meet with the representatives of the RC&D Council to work out a resolution of this issue. The RC&D Council has some ideas to use the money for board development.

Below is the discussion from the September 18th board meeting:

Wayne Lukert, Shawnee County Supervisor, discussed the agreement between KACD, the RC&D Council, and NRCS that was established in 2001 to provide training for board development. KACD put in \$3000, NRCS put in \$3,500 and the RC&D Council put in \$1,000. The workshops were held in 2002. When the workshops were completed, NRCS felt that its responsibility had been fulfilled. Participants were charged a fee to defray costs, and after the workshops were completed, there was \$,6069 left over. To continue the training, a new agreement would have to be put together and that was never done. The group has not met for at least two years. Wayne suggested that the money be divided between KACD and the RC&D Council. He recommended to formal dissolution of the agreement, and Harold reported he felt it was already dissolved. Jon moved that KACD get 75 percent and RC&Ds get 25 percent of the remaining money. Don Rezac seconded the motion. Motion approved. Based on the stated amount of \$6,069, KACD will get \$4,551.75 and RC&D will get \$1517.25. Jon moved that the money to KACD be used for board development. Gene Albers seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Endowment Committee-Bylaws Changes:

Lehman reported that at the last meeting the board had agreed to send out by October 15th the change in the bylaws. Lehman missed the date because of the added work of the convention and it did not get done. The changes in the bylaw would allow committees to do business by conference calls

New Business

Strategic Plan:

Lehman stated the association needs to have a plan for all items associated with the work of the association. He believes that the entire association should have some involvement with the process. No action was taken by the board. We will meet as a board to discuss this on Tuesday morning.

Dues-Kansas Ag Alliance:

Lehman discussed the membership in the Kansas Ag Alliance. Lehman asked if the KACD should remain a member of the group. Don Rezac moved to pay dues to the Kansas Ag Alliance, renewing membership. Seconded by Ron Brown. Motion carried 3-2. It was decided that KACD would join again for one year and reconsider membership next year.

NACD Membership:

Jon Starns moved to pay the \$775 dues to NACD. Seconded by Ron Brown. Motion carried.

NACD Convention:

Lehman discussed attending the NACD convention in February. Registrations and hotel reservations have been made for all board members. No action by the board.

For the live auction to be held at the NACD Convention, the board will send a print similar to what was sent last year. Don Rezac moved to send a print owned by the Endowment Committee. Seconded by Jon Starns. Motion carried.

SCC Update-Dee Turner:

Dee gave the report for SCC. No action by the board.

Conservation Day at the Capitol:

Conservation Day at the Capitol will be held on Wednesday, January 23, 2008. The next board meeting will be at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 24, 2008.

Adjournment:

Ron Brown moved to adjourn the meeting. Gene Albers seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:45 pm.