



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
November 22, 2009 - 1:00 pm
Wichita Airport Hilton Hotel

Board of Directors Present

Gene Albers, President
Ronald Brown, Vice President
Bevin Law, Secretary/Treasurer
Kyle Hoffman, Director
Pat Lehman, Executive Director

Guests Present

Eric Banks, State Conservationist, NRCS
Greg Foley, Executive Director, SCC
Mindy Vogt, EO President
Don Paxson, Supervisor, Graham County
Larry Biles, State Forester, KFS
Lori Kuykendall, District Manager, Osage County

Meeting Called to Order

Gene Albers, KACD President, called the meeting to order at the 1:00 pm at the Wichita Airport Hilton Hotel, Wichita, Kansas.

Additions to the Meeting Agenda

Bevin Law moved to approve the agenda as presented. Motion seconded by Ronald Brown. Motion approved.

Approval of Minutes

Jon Starns moved to approve the minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Bevin Law. Motion approved.

Financial Report

KACD Executive Director Pat Lehman presented the check register with the listing of checks and deposits since the last board meeting on September 17th. Several questions about different checks were clarified. Lehman reported that the CD had been invested in a 29-month CD at 2% interest and the interest from the CD is deposited in the savings account. It is a money market account that six checks can be written from each month to disperse money from the account.

The dues report was discussed; three counties had paid part of their dues and all other counties had paid their dues.

Ronnie Brown moved to approve the financial report. Motion seconded by Kyle Hoffman. Motion approved.

SCC Report

Greg Foley, Executive Director at the State Conservation Commission, discussed the budget and how it will affect the Commission and the conservation districts. The state budget is being prepared at this time for consideration by the Legislature. No action required.

KACD 2009 Dues Update

The dues report was discussed; three counties had paid part of their dues and all other counties had paid their dues. There were twenty-seven counties that paid the Maximum Club dues. The map was distributed for everyone to see how the counties paid. The 2010 dues were distributed for the board to see.

NRCS Report

Eric Banks, NRCS State Conservationist, discussed the technical assistance program in cooperation with SCC. NRCS is organizing the partners to work with this plan. Eric reported on which NRCS programs are getting funded and his agency's budget issues. He voiced satisfaction with the budget that Kansas NRCS has gotten for the current year. No action required.

Osage County

Lori Kuykendall, district manager of Osage County, addressed concerns that the county had with KACD. Discussion was held and no action was required.

Kansas Forest Service

Larry Biles, State Forester, reported on two new projects that the Kansas Forest Service is implementing. The first is "wood energy" to increase the use of wood in Kansas. They have determined that 280,000 tons of primary wood products are wasted each year. The Forest Service is looking to build a wood pellet industry in Kansas. Larry asked that if we know of anyone that is interested in this to help get this throughout the state. The next issue Larry wanted us to be aware of is their conservation tree program. The program is on the bubble now and they have made the commitment to continue the tree program thru 2012. Again Larry asked that we continue to promote the conservation tree program in the state of Kansas. A suggestion was made that this issue be in the next KACD Connection newsletter that will go out the first part of January.

Money Market Savings Account Grant Application

Lehman reported that this money is available for committees and groups within KACD to request for purposes of the association. The criteria for the program is listed below. Kyle Hoffman moved to approve the language for the KACD Grant Program. Ronald Brown seconded the motion. Motion approved.

KACD GRANT PROGRAM

The KACD Grant Program is established to assist KACD committees listed in the association by-laws administer programs statewide. The grants will not be used for programs that have only a regional or one-or two-county reach.

The KACD Executive Director will have the authority to approve or deny requests of \$500 or less. Appeals of the Executive Director decision can be made to the KACD Board of Directors. Requests for amounts over \$500 will require approval of the KACD Board of Directors at its next regular board meeting.

The KACD Grant Program is funded by the interest earned from the KACD Certificate of Deposit. Each month the interest from this CD will automatically be transferred to the money market savings account. The money market account allows a maximum of six checks to be written each month. When and if the money market account balance drops to \$2,500, requests will not be approved until the balance is returned to \$5,000.

Grants Requested

Washington County

Washington County requested \$300 to provide two programs to the USD 224 Clifton-Clyde School District. The request does not meet the requirements of the program, so it was denied.

Natural Resources Committee

The committee requested \$105 to pay for speaker mileage to the convention. Lehman noted that these requests were approximate values and if the amount is for more than that the wording for the program allows for the increase. Kyle Hoffman moved to approve the Natural Resources Committee request. Ronald Brown seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Rural Development Committee

The committee request \$206 to reimburse one presenter at the committee meeting November 23. Ronald Brown moved to approve the Rural Development Committee request. Bevin Law seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Grasslands Committee

The committee requested \$1,199 to reimburse three presenters and the Grasslands Merit Award winner for their hotel accommodations for one night and Monday luncheon tickets. The requested amount was for four rooms @ \$80/room; five luncheon tickets @ \$24/ticket; mileage for presenters @ \$.55 a mile from Ellsworth, 266 miles and return; mileage from Lincoln, NE, 566 miles and return; mileage from Matfield Green, 230 miles and return; and mileage from Ashland, 320 miles and return. Ronald Brown moved to approve the Grassland Committee request. Bevin Law seconded the motion. Motion approved.

EO Report

Mindy Vogt, Employee Organization President, reported the EO board meeting was held prior to the KACD board meeting that morning at the convention. No action required.

Kansas Water Authority Report

Don Paxson, KACD representative to the Kansas Water Authority, reported on the actions of the Water Authority for the past year and what they are dealing with for the upcoming legislative session. Don reported the authority is looking for new ways of funding the State Water Plan. As chairman for the KWA Budget Committee, Don has had two public meetings discussing with stakeholders different ideas for funding water measures. Don also reported that his term on the Water Authority expires in January 2011. He said he would be willing to continue to serve if the KACD BOD were receptive to having him continue to serve another four-year term. Several directors commended Don for the work he has done and the time he has spent on the authority. No action required.

Board Member Reports

No board member reports.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolutions

Pat Lehman reported that the only resolutions that have been presented are from Scott County and the SCC Budget Resolution. They will be acted on at the business meeting Tuesday

Conservation Day in the Capitol

Pat Lehman reported that they are still not allowing displays or lunch served in the Capitol this year because of renovations. The BOD agreed to have the Conservation Day in the Capitol on January 19th and to encourage members to attend and visit with their legislators. Pat said we look into getting a proclamation signed by the Governor.

NACD Convention-Registrations

Lehman reported that the convention registrations had been sent in for all board members that are attending. Top Ten Quota Dollar State will be awarded at the luncheon, and Gene Albers will receive the award. It was requested that all the board members sit at the designated table.

The item for the live auction at the NACD convention will be Kansas jams and jellies made by Beverly Brown.

2010 NACD Dues

Kyle Hoffman moved to pay the NACD dues of \$775. Bevin Law seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Next Board Meeting

A board meeting will be held after the business meeting on Tuesday, November 24, 2009, to elect officers. The next regular board meeting will be January 20, 2010, the day after Conservation Day in the Capitol. The meeting will be held at the SCC conference room.

Adjournment

Bevin Law moved to adjourn. Ronald Brown seconded the motion. Motion approved.