



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
September 11, 2008 – 10:00 a.m.
Pride of Kansas Building
State Fair Grounds, Hutchinson, Kansas

Board of Directors Present:

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

Guests Present:

Eric Banks, State Conservationist, NRCS
Greg Foley, Director, State Conservation Commission
Wayne Lukert, Supervisor Shawnee County

Meeting Called to Order:

Gene Albers, Vice President, called the meeting to order at 10:00 am at the Pride of Kansas Building State Fair Grounds, Hutchinson, Kansas.

Approval of Agenda:

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

Approval of Minutes:

Jon Starns moved to approve the minutes as presented. Ronald Brown seconded. Motion carried.

Financial Report:

The checking account register was presented with no questions. The Certificate of Deposit, which has a balance of \$108,564.20, was re-deposited at Sunflower Bank because of interest rate was significantly higher. The 12-month CD will earn 3.20% interest, which is automatically transferred monthly to a savings account also at Sunflower Bank. As of September 8th, \$290.62 in interest was deposited from the Sunflower Bank CD. Each month a little over \$300 will be deposited into the savings account. Pat will transfer this money to the Emprise Bank savings at least once a quarter. The savings account at the Emprise bank has a balance of \$10,295.72.

Pat discussed the use of the Emprise Bank savings account funds. Decisions for using the money for committee needs, scholarships, or other uses will be made through the strategic planning process currently underway. Jon moved to approve the financial report. Ron Brown seconded the motion. Motion approved. Pat presented a bill from the KACD EO for dues. Ron moved to pay the dues of \$100. Jon Starns seconded the motion. Motion carried.

BANK ACCOUNTS & YEAR-TO-DATE EXPENDITURES

**Snapshot History for CD #23001670 at Sunflower Bank
as of close of business 09/08/08**

Current Balance	\$108,564.20	This Year's Interest	\$290.82
Interest Rate	3.154%	Origination Date	08/08/08
Maturity Date	08/08/09	Original Amount	\$108,564.20
Last Interest Paid Date	09/08/08	Accrued Interest	\$9.38
Last Interest Paid	\$290.82	Next Payment Date	10/08/08

**Snapshot History for Savings #2300503711 at Sunflower Bank
as of close of business 09/08/08**

Current Balance	\$290.82
Last Interest Paid Date	07/30/08
Available Balance	\$290.82

Balances on BUSINESS SAVINGS **6512
as of September 07, 2008 at Emprise Bank**

Balance Last Statement:	06/30/2008	9,388.95	Balance Information
Last Deposit:	08/29/2008	4.07	
Last Withdrawal:	02/28/2007	5.00	
			Current Balance: 10,295.72

**2008 KACD BUDGET YEAR-TO-DATE
as of September 11, 2008**

	BUDGETED AMOUNT	ACTUAL TO DATE	REMAINDER
<u>REVENUE</u>			
DUES	\$54,200.00	\$48,265.00	\$5,935.00
CONVENTION	\$52,000.00	\$45,614.00	\$6,386.00
FAIR BOOTH	\$ 2,500.00	0	\$2,500.00
TOTAL	\$108,700.00	\$90,967.00	\$17,733.00
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>			
ADMINISTRATIVE *	\$83,050.00	\$70,821.00	\$12,229.00
CONVENTION	\$24,400.00	\$31,027.00	(\$6,627.00)
FAIR BOOTH	\$1,250.00	\$2,062.00	(\$812.00)
TOTAL	\$108,700.00	\$103,910.00	\$ 4,790.00

*Executive Director Contract, Executive Director Travel, Directors Travel, Office, Telephone, Postage, Dues, Website, Donations, Miscellaneous, Printing, Meetings.

EO Report – No report.

NRCS Report – Eric Banks

Eric reported that emergency haying and/or grazing has been approved in all Kansas counties except Leavenworth, Lyon and Wyandotte for drought or flood-related emergencies. The Conservation Stewardship Program replaced the Conservation Security Program in the 2008 Farm Bill. Existing Conservation Stewardship Program contracts will be carried out as scheduled. Kansas has received \$1,295,200 in FY 2008 for the Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program. Eric went on to report on the Watershed Operations, Watershed Planning, Wetlands Reserve Program and the Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program. The Kansas Conservation Partnership (KACD, SCC and NRCS) sponsored a booth at the Kansas State Fair.

SCC Update – Greg Foley

Greg reported that the current service budget submitted for SCC is a little over \$20 million. The Water Plan was overextended last year and will be short about \$2 million. The agencies met to look at all the uncommitted funds to determine where the shortfall could be made up. The SCC share was \$583,585. To cover the shortfall, base-level funding for water resources will go down \$150,000, WRAPS for non-point will go down \$150,000, uncommitted carry-over in CREP will go down \$150,000, the Buffer Program will go down \$50,000, and there will be an \$83,000 reduction in WTAP.

Aid to Conservation Districts will increase by 19 counties with the districts receiving additional monies from their counties. The increase will amount to a \$49,470 budget enhancement. The current level of aid to the districts will be \$2.255 million. An additional \$50,000 will be requested to meet the obligation in the 2010 budget.

The Water Authority will make a recommendation for an increase in the Water Plan Fund, which it not had since its establishment in 1989. The fund generates \$17 million every year. The Water Authority is proposing an increase in fees for industrial water use, municipal water use, and stock water use and pesticide and fertilizer tonnage fees. KACD was asked to present a resolution to support the increase in fees for the Water Authority. Jon Starns moved to develop a resolution that supports the enhancement increase for the State Water Plan Fee Fund and 10 percent of the Expanded Lottery Act Revenue Fund (ELARF) revenues for water infrastructure improvement and state debt reduction. Bevin Law seconded the motion. Motion approved. The board recommended that the resolution be prepared after consulting with Kansas Water Office Director Tracy Streeter and KACD representative to the Water Authority Don Paxton.

Greg talked about the Legislative Post Audit that is looking at the structure of Animal Health and the Conservation Commission to consider a transfer of both agencies into the Kansas Department of Agriculture.

Board Member Reports

Ronald Brown reported the State Association of Watersheds will sponsor a national watershed conference to be held in Wichita in May 2009. Ron is participating in the planning as a representative of KACD. The committee has asked KACD to help set up a tour for the group to look at something of interest in Kansas. No other board member reports.

Old Business

No old business presented.

New Business

Jon Starns asked how many committees KACD has. Pat said there were about 15. Jon asked if there was a possibility of combining some committees. Several pointed out that this discussion should be handled through the strategic planning process.

KACD Resolutions -- Wayne Lukert

Wayne reported that there have two resolutions submitted at this point. Stafford County Conservation District has submitted Resolution #1 “Water Resources Cost-Share Funds for Pumping Plant for Water Supply Eligibility.” Resolution #2 “State Water Resources Cost-Share Funds for Solar Pumping Systems” was submitted by Clark County Conservation District. The resolutions were recommended to be sent to the Water Resources Committee.

Convention Update

Pat reported that planning for the convention was almost complete. The preliminary program is posted on the website and revisions would be made as needed. The vendor registration form was presented for discussion.

Awards at Convention

Pat reported on the nominations for “Supervisor of the Year” from all areas except for Area II. The directors will choose from the nominations from their own area.

KACD By-Laws Revisions

Pat reported that his intention was to appoint a committee to look at the by-laws to make changes and updates. It was decided that the changes should be made through the strategic planning process. Pat asked if everyone would look at the by-laws and make suggestions for changes.

Endowment Committee By-Laws Changes

The proposed change to the by-laws by the Endowment Committee is below:

SECTION 27. Solicitation of Property and Funds for an endowment fund shall be encouraged under the following terms and conditions:

- 1) The name of the fund shall be the Kansas Association of Conservation Districts Endowment Fund. All funds and property received by the Endowment Fund shall be trust property and shall be used only as hereafter set forth.
- 2) All funds received by the Fund shall be invested in securities of the United States or its instrumentalities or in savings accounts or certificates of institutions which are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. In the event property be contributed to the Fund and such property not be needed for the Purposes of the Association, the trustees of the Fund shall have authority to sell or dispose of the same and invest the proceeds therefrom as above set forth. The trustees may retain any securities that are contributed to the Fund if retention thereof is a condition of receiving the contribution or is deemed by the trustees to be advisable and such security does not place the Fund or Association under any obligation to the issuer.
- 3) The income from property and investments of the Fund may be used for the following purposes:
 - a) Conservation education and resource development.
 - b) For normal operating expense of the Association.

- c) ~~Income generated by the capital or properties of the Endowment Fund may be invested in the Fund.~~ *Interest or income generated by the Endowment Fund capital or properties may be invested in the Fund.*
- 4) None of the capital of the Fund may be used for any of the above purposes, unless the approval of two-thirds of the voting membership of the Association is received prior to such use.
 - 5) No contributor may receive a preference of any kind because of a contribution to the Fund.
 - 6) The Fund shall be administered by three trustees having staggered three-year terms, after the first two years' existence of the Fund. Trustees may succeed themselves and ~~one shall have the power to fill any vacancies caused by resignation or otherwise.~~ *The trustee must be a district supervisor appointed by the Board of Directors from within the KACD Endowment Committee. Vacancies caused by resignation or otherwise shall be filled by the Board of Directors.* The Board of Directors shall have the power to remove and replace any trustee by two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors.
 - 7) In the event the Endowment Fund shall become disorganized, either by dissolution of the Fund or by dissolution of the Association, all remaining capital and funds shall be contributed to an organization or university selected by the Board of Directors, and the recipient thereof must be a non-profit, tax-exempt institution.
 - 8) The Association shall purchase such bonds as the directors deem proper for each trustee.

Jon Starns moved to forward the changes in the KACD by-laws to all county conservation districts for supervisors to review so they can be acted on at the convention. Ron Brown seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Funding Request

Pat reported that one county in Area II that was requesting funding for an annual event. Jon Starns moved to deny the request, stating that KACD has no policy to donate to single county functions at this time. Ron Brown seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Other New Business

Pat reported that "Conservation Day at the Capitol" has been set for January 20, 2009. He said the displays will be on the second floor this year as the first floor is under renovation. Pat asked for the board to give some thought to serving a lunch like was done last year at the capitol. The cost last year was \$2,500 with a request sent out for each district to contribute \$50 to help pay for the lunch. We received \$1,700 toward the cost of the lunch. This decision can be made at the board meeting at the convention.

The KACD EO has requested the association pay dues to the organization. Ron Brown moved to send \$100 to the employee organization. Jon Starns seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Executive Director's Report

No report given.

Executive Session to Discuss Executive Director's Contract

Jon Starns moved to accept a two-month contract for the executive director at the same level of compensation as the existing contract. Motion seconded and carried.

Strategic Plan Draft Discussion

Pat asked the board members to go through the plan and return any changes or suggestions to him by October 1st.

Next Board Meeting

The next KACD board meeting will be November 23, 2008, at 1:00 p.m. in Consulate II at the Airport Hilton.

Adjourn

Ron Brown moved to adjourn meeting at 2:45 pm. Jon Starns seconded the motion. Motion approved.