



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
September 11, 2014 – 10:00 A.M.
Pride of Kansas Building KS State Fair-2nd Floor

Board of Directors Present

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

Guests Present

Don Paxson, Graham County CD Supervisor, KACD Representative to KS Water Authority
Wayne Lukert, Shawnee County CD Supervisor
Patti Winters, EO President

Meeting Called to Order

Bevin Law, KACD President, called the meeting to order at 10:00 am at Webster Conference Center, Salina, KS.

Approval of Agenda

No additions to the agenda. Bill Simshauser moved to approve the agenda as presented. Ron Brown seconded the D

Board Minutes

Ron Brown moved to approve the minutes. Gene Albers seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Financial Report

Executive Director Pat Lehman presented the summary of the KACD check register. He reported that the Farm Bureau Annuity comes in each month to the grant account in the Sunflower bank. Bill Simshauser moved to approve the financial report. Jon Starns seconded the motion. Motion approved.

NPS-SRLF Program Loan Participants

Richard Basore, Watershed Field Coordinator with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, met with the board to discuss the development of a low-interest revolving loan program with the proposed title: Local Conservation Lending Program. The program purpose is to support efforts of citizens and landowners statewide in installing Conservation Practices to reduce non-point source (NPS) pollution.

The proposed program for Kansas would involve making funds available through a linked-deposit system to local banks in exchange for low interest loans to eligible borrowers. At this time, four main project categories are being considered for funding: Livestock Projects, Stream Restoration Projects, Onsite Wastewater Assistance and General Conservation Projects. There may be the possibility that this will require legislative approval during the 2015 session to allow KDHE to pursue this project. If this is approved the program could begin next spring. No action was taken, information only for the BOD to know what may happen.

KS Water Authority Report

Don Paxson, KACD representative to the Kansas Water Authority, gave the report on the Authority. No action was required.

KS Forest Service Report

Robert Atchison, Rural Forestry Section Leader with the Kansas Forest Service, gave the report. Robert asked for our support for the KFS Regulation Conservation Partnership Proposal with a letter of support with KACD President Bevin Law's signature. Jon Starns moved to approve the proposal. Ron Brown seconded the motion. Motion approved. No other action required.

NRCS Report

Eric Banks, State Conservationist, gave his report with several questions answered. No action required.

SCC Report

Scott Carlson, Assistant Director / Land Reclamation Program Manager for the Division of Conservation, gave the report and answered questions. Greg Foley; DOC Executive Director, joined the meeting later also answered questions. No action required.

KACD EO Report

Patti Winters, EO President, presented the report for the EO organization. No action required.

Board Member Reports

NACD Report

Ron Brown reported on happenings with NACD. No action required.

OLD BUSINESS

KACD Committee Members Update

Wayne Lukert reported that no changes were necessary at this time.

Sustainable Funding Committee Meeting update

Bill Simshauser reported that there were not many items to report from the meeting at Clay Center on April 30th. The committee will meet after the BOD meeting today to finalize the report to be presented at the business session at the convention November 25. No action required.

NEW BUSINESS

2014 KACD Convention (information)

Pat Lehman gave the update on the convention breakouts. Bill Simshauser moved to change the time of the KACD BOD meeting on Sunday, November 23rd, from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm. Ron Brown seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Next KACD Board Meeting

The next board meeting will be at the KACD convention on November 23, 2014. The follow up meeting will be after the business session at the convention November 25, 2014, at approximately 12:30 pm.

Adjournment

Bill Simshauser moved to adjourn the meeting. Gene Albers seconded the motion. Motion approved.