



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
September 17, 2015 – 9:30 A.M.
Pride of Kansas Building, State Fair, Hutchinson, KS

Board of Directors Present

Bill Simshauser, President
Bevin Law, Vice President
Allen Roth, Secretary-Treasurer
Ron Brown, Director
Jerry Clasen, Director
Jim Krueger, Executive Director

Guests Present

Eric Banks, State Conservationist, NRCS
Scott Carlson, KDA Division of Conservation

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by president William Simshauser at 9:30 a.m. at the Pride of Kansas Building, State Fair Grounds, Hutchinson, Kansas.

ADDITIONS TO THE MEETING AGENDA

Ron Brown moved to approve the agenda as presented. Bevin Law seconded the motion and the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jerry Clasen moved to accept the minutes of the April 29, 2015 meeting; Allen Roth seconded the motion and the motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Jim Krueger presented the budget and financial documents for the period of January 1, 2015 through September 17, 2015. Bevin Law moved to approve the financial reports; Ron Brown seconded the motion and the motion carried. Jim reported that 4 counties have not paid their dues as of September 15th and 29 counties had paid the maximum club dues. NACD dues paid by Kansas counties was reviewed as dues are behind that of last year. A discussion was held regarding the recent KACD Endowment Committee. Jim reported that the Kansas Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association guaranteed the Farm Bureau annuity to amount not to exceed \$250,000. He also reported that the annuity does not have a maturity date.

The board discussed a request from the KACEE as a sponsoring for their soil conference. Bevin Law moved and Allen Roth second motion to provide \$150 to KACEE

to assist.

SCC REPORT

Scott Carlson, Department of Agriculture Department of Conservation, (DOC) Director reported on activities at the DOC during the joint SCC/KACD meeting. Items include the Kansas Water Vision, DOC budgets, personnel changes, the Watershed Institute holding easements, the Agriland group and the state fair display. Bevin Law and the KACD board expressed a concern of having no identity at Agriland. They suggested instead of just listing the Kansas Conservation Partnership that NRCS and KACD should be listed as cooperators. Scott reminded Jim of the need for a booth space to showcase the Governor's Award winners.

NRCS REPORT

Eric Banks, NRCS State Conservationist presented a report including new hires, reassignments, and retirements. Eric reported on program activities in the Conservation Stewardship Program, the Easement Programs, the Environmental Quality Incentives Program and the Watershed Rehabilitation Program. Eric reported on activities of the different technical sections of the state office staff. He mentioned that district and partner employees will be receiving LincPass cards in the future. He stated that NRCS hopes to receive its budget in early October depending on congressional action.

KACD EO REPORT

Jim reported that he had attended the KACD-EO meeting earlier in the morning and Patti did not have much to report on. Districts had been busy with promotions and school programs. They were preparing final plans for their meeting at convention. Jim also reported that he had reviewed the list of breakout sessions that KACD-EO moderates with the group and assignments were made for convention.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Ron Brown reported that NACD is having some cash flow issues. Dues to NACD are slow compared to most years. He reported that the Chief Financial Officer position at NACD had not been filled. He also reported that a Natural Resource Specialist had been hired by NACD. They will concentrate on issues of the western states. Ron mentioned that NACD will again offer two scholarships to the NACD convention for 1st time attendees who are staying at the convention hotel. Ron also reported that he had lined up for a fishing trip up to a \$300 value had been found as an action item from NACD convention.

Bill mentioned that it will be KACD's turn to host the joint meeting with DOC and SCC next year and that it would be in his area. He would like board members to give the subject some thought and to put it on the agenda for the November meeting.

Bill, Bevin and Ron reviewed the highlights of the NACD meeting in Spokane.

Jim reported that the Double Tree by Hilton in Wichita was contracted for the NACD Northern Plains meeting scheduled for June 6-8, 2016. Jerry Clasen suggested several ideas for four stops including sites from the South Central Kansas Residue Alliance, Cheney Lake, Quivera, and a site on the Little Ark aquifer.

OLD BUSINESS

Leopold Conservation Award

Jim led a discussion on the Leopold Award through the Sand County Foundation in cooperation with the Ranchland Trust of Kansas. Tucker Boyd has completed the videoing of the winner and is now working on the editing process to get the video down to a five to seven minute timeframe. Jim will prepare an invoice to get reimbursement from NRCS for the videoing and expenses. It is late enough in the NRCS fiscal year that payment will not be made until after October 1.

NEW BUSINESS

A lengthy discuss was held regarding convention preparations including what was needed from the different committees such as Endowment and Finance and Budget for their reports. Jim was instructed to email all conservation districts reminding them to submit supervisors for the different awards. He was also instructed to work with the web master to update the committees on the KACD website. Resolutions were discussed. Scott Carlson stated that he was aware of several resolutions that would be proposed. One resolution dealt with the Governor's Water Vision, one with CREP and one with the EPA ruling on Waters of the US. Jim was instructed to contact Wayne Lubbers and to work with him to see about a by-law amendment for the Endowment fund regarding FDIC versus or financial instrument insurance. Several media events are also being planned at this year's convention with assistance of the Kansas department of Agriculture's media specialists.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

Bill Simshauser reported the next meeting will be November 22, 2015.

ADJOURN

Ron Brown moved and Allen Roth seconded the motion to adjourn at 2:15 p.m. Motion carried.