

MEETING MINUTES

Kentucky Association of Conservation Districts

May 09, 2016

9:30 AM

In Attendance: Mr. David Rowlett, President; Mr. Shane Wells, Vice-President; Mr. Allan Bryant, Secretary-Treasurer; Mr. Kevin Jeffries; Mr. Orville Bennett; Mr. Lenville Martin; Mr. Bobbie Wilson; Mr. Ted Jessup; Mr. Rodney Dick

Also in Attendance were the following KY DOC employees: Director Kim Richardson; Assistant Director Johnna McHugh; and Mr. Jeff Gravitt.

Quorum was met.

Meeting Called to Order - at 9:307am by KACD President David Rowlett.

KACD Minutes of the Last Meeting - March 8, 2016 - Mr. Rodney Dick made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Orville Bennett seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**

Treasurer's Report - Treasurer Allan Bryant presented the KACD Treasurer's Report with copies given. Mr. Allan Bryant made the motion to approve the report as presented. Motion seconded by Mr. Kevin Jeffries. **Motion carried.**

KACD Correspondence – Ms. Kim Richardson stated that Farm Bureau confirmed their donation to the Envirothon.

Mr. David Rowlett commented on trip to Washington DC and the different meetings with Congressmen that were made.

Mr. Mitch McConnell has a new Ag. Representative in Natalie MacIntyre. A letter was received from her and was much appreciated. KACD has the support of Mr. Rick Rand. Mr. Rick Rand took the time to send a letter to Sec. Shavely on the

importance of Direct Aid to all the districts in Kentucky.

Mr. David Rowlett discussed the morning meeting with Mr. Allen *****. He was very receptive and asked a lot of questions and expressed his commitment to continue Direct Aid at 91% of the 907K,

Mr. Shan Wells asked about the budget for yearly tree bags. Ms. Kim Richardson informed that the DOC does not make money on the tree bags, but does not lose money either.

NACD Director's Report - Mr. Kevin Jeffries informed group that conservation did well in the budget process.

Mr. Kevin Jeffries discussed who will attend the summer NSCD board meeting that will to be held in Minneapolis on July 15th – 19th. The South East board meeting will be coming up on July 31st – August 2nd in Charlotte NC. Discussion was held as to who would be attending. Mr. David Rowlett and Mr. Kevin Jeffries confirmed that they would be attending. Ms. Kim Richardson may attend if schedule will allow. Ms. Kim Richardson will send email to inquire if others would like to attend.

Mr. Kevin Jeffries addressed Soil Health and the addition of 4 new members from Kentucky that were added and confirmed that Mr. Jeff Rice was going in to the Hall Of Fame.

NSCD President set up a new farm bill task force for 2018 and Mr. Kevin Jeffries will serve on it.

The membership report showed that 89 districts have paid their dues to the amount of 35,364.50

SE NACD – July 31st - August 2nd – Cherokee, NC – Discussion was held on reimbursement for mileage, and room and board. It was acknowledged that it should be a continuation to what has been done in the past. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Orville Bennett and was seconded by Mr. Ted Jessup. Motion passed.

KACD Auxiliary Report – Ms. Betty Barrick was unable to attend due to medical issues. Ms. Kim Richardson gave report.

The scholarships are being judge on now and the meeting at the end of May/June to finalize judging and make plans for convention.

2016 KACD State Convention - University Plaza Holiday Inn, July 10th -12th - Ms. Kim Richardson confirmed that Mr. Warren *** will attend morning session. Mr. Kevin Jeffries to ask Jack Trumbo to speak at the leadership breakfast. Mr. Mike Brown will be coming down to do advocacy training.

Report on Spring Area Meetings – Area 9 - Mr. Orville Bennett said that a large crowd attended area meeting and was hosted by Breathitt County.

Report on NACD Fly-In-March 14th – 15th – Mr. David Rowlett was asking for technical support from each district except Whitford.

Water Resource Board Nomination was discussed. And KACD was to submit 3 names for one spot for a 4 year term. Mr. Steve Coleman, Mr. Kevin Jeffries and Mr. Allen Bryant are the three submissions.

Division of Conservation Report – Kim Richardson – Ms. Kim Richardson discussed the 9% budget reduction for 2017-18.

Division will only see a reduction of 4.5% for the current year.

Ms. Kim Richardson had meeting with Secretary and Commissioner on DOC move to new facility. DOC does not have confirmed date for the move yet, but wanted board to know that they will use the front entrance at the new facility. And there is more enough room for future board meetings.

Ms. Johnna McHugh gave report on this current year’s Evirothon, and the need for more funding and donations for future Evirothon’s due to more teams qualifying to move on. A discussion on the possibility of rising test scores for future qualifying is under consideration.

Agency Comment

Natural Resources Conservation Service – Karen Woodrich, State Conservationist - No Report given.

Department for Natural Resources- Commissioner Allen Luttrell – No Report given.

Farm Service Agency – John McCauley, State FSA Director – No Report given.

University of Kentucky – Steve Higgins -No Report given.

Kentucky Department of Agriculture – Kyle Kelly - No Report given.

Division of Forestry – Bill Steele, Directory

KACDE – Leslie Fourgurean – Ms. Kim Richardson discussed the planning on tour of corvette museum after convention.

Adjournment - A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Ted Jessup. Motion seconded by Mr. Shane Wells. **Motion carried,** meeting adjourned.

Next Board Meeting -2016 Meeting Schedule: Second Tuesday at 9:30 am

- July 10-12 KACD Convention – Bowling Green
- September 15th
- November 17th