

MEETING MINUTES

Kentucky Association of Conservation Districts

September 19, 2019

Franklin County Conservation District / Frankfort, KY

In Attendance: Mr. Shane Wells, President; Mr. Allan Bryant, Vice President; Mr. Ted Jessup, Secretary-Treasurer; Mr. David Rowlett, Past President; Mr. Steve Coleman; Mr. Mike Farmer; Mr. Randy McCallon; Mr. Ted Jessup; Mr. Rodney Dick; Mr. Lenville Martin; Mr. Rhodes Hester, Ms. Jennifer Burgan, Mr. Doug Hensley, and Mr. Jeff Rice, NACD Representative.

Also in Attendance: Mr. Greg Stone, State Conservationist, NRCS; Ms. Sonya Keith, Assistant State Conservationist for Partnerships, NRCS; Ms. Johnna McHugh, Assistant Director, KY DOC; Mr. John Chism, KDA; Ms. Kayleigh Evans, President, KACDE; and Ms. Crystal Renfro, Executive Director, KACD.

Quorum was met.

Meeting Called to Order - at 9:30am by KACD President Mr. Shane Wells.

KACD Minutes of the Last Meeting – May 16, 2019 –Mr. Steve Coleman made a motion to approve minutes from the meeting, and Mr. Allan Bryant seconded the motion to approve. **Motion carried.**

Treasurer's Report - Treasurer Ted Jessup presented the KACD Treasurer's Report with copies given. Mr. Ted Jessup made the motion to approve the report as presented. Motion seconded by Mr. David Rowlett. **Motion carried.**

Agency Comment

- **Natural Resources Conservation Service** – Greg Stone updated the board on these items:
 - NRCS updated the board about the proposed umbrella agreement for the 50/50 Tech Positions.
 - A motion was made by Mr. Rodney Dick to move forward on the agreement. Seconded by, Mr. Rhodes Hester. **Motion carried.**
 - Districts Conservationist will be getting back out into the field more and attending District Board Meetings more frequently.
- **KY Division of Conservation** – Johnna McHugh updated the board on these items:
 - A new field rep has been hired for Area 1 and the possibility of hiring a second
 - Direct Aid has been approved
 - Changes to the State Cost Share documents due to the Marion County CD Resolution.
 - Next cutoff for SCS and Environmental Grants is December 15
- **Department for Natural Resources** – Not attended
- **Farm Service Agency** – Not attended
- **Energy and Environment Cabinet** – Not attended.
- **University of Kentucky** – Not attended.
- **Kentucky Department of Agriculture** – John Chism updated the board on these items:
 - The Aq Water Quality Plan is currently a big topic across the state and is going to be tied to CAIP and other GOAP cost share more in the future.

- **Division of Forestry** – Not attended
- **KACDE** – Kayleigh Evans updated the board on these items:
 - KACDE has just finished up their 15th Annual Conference in Jabez. The conference was well attended. They would like to thank all of the speakers and those who attended.
 - They distributed 90,000 Art & Writing Tabloids this year.
- **Governor’s Office of Ag Policy** – Not attended

Correspondence – All correspondence should be forwarded to 103 Lakeview Court, Frankfort.

NACD Director’s Report - Mr. David Rowlett updated the board about these items:

- NACD 74th Annual Meeting: Las Vegas, NV February 8-12, 2020
- An update was given about the NACD SE Region Meeting by those who attended.
- Mr. Ray Adams was honored during the Hall of Fame Luncheon at the SE Meeting.
- NACD is currently taking applications for their new NextGen Program. Kentucky will have one applicant from Daviess County.

KACD Auxiliary Report – No report

KACD 2019 Annual Meeting – Marriott Griffin Gate Resort - Lexington, July 7th-9th

- The Board reviewed the financial statement from the Annual Meeting.
 - Due to not meeting the room rental requirement the Board was charged an additional fee. In the future KACD will again stress how important it is to not check out early or cancel room reservations if possible.
- We would like to have more display space next year.
- Surveys from the Annual Meeting are being reviewed and will be put into consideration when the planning begins for the 2020 Meeting.

Review of 2019 Envirothon

- An update was given about the regional, state and national competition.
- A motion was made by Mr. Steve Coleman to pay all bills that have been presented to the board for the Envirothon Competitions. Seconded by, Mr. David Rowlett. **Motion carried.**

2020 Legislative Reception – January 16, 2020 Buffalo Trace Club House

- A motion was made by Mr. Allan Bryant to contact Linda Aldridge to cater the event. Seconded by, Mr. Steve Coleman. **Motion carried.**
- KACD will request Districts to bring their displays to the event again this year. More information will be forwarded out at a later date.

KACD Executive Director Report – Ms. Crystal Renfro updated the board on these items:

- NACD TA Grants:
 - KACD submitted 2 grant proposals to NACD: Fleming County & Hopkins County. Both are for the continuation of the 2018 TA Grants and were approved for one additional year of funding.
 - The first Area Meeting has been scheduled: Area 8, March 19th, Rowan County
 - Name tags will be ordered for the new KACD Directors to have by the Legislative Reception
 - Office Space for KACD was discussed. The Board felt that the Association was not financially stable enough at this time to have a stand-alone office and will continue to do business out of

the Franklin County Conservation District and use 103 Lakeview Court Frankfort, KY as the official address.

- Resolution from Marion County was discussed but was addressed in the KY DOC Report.
- Updates on District Success Stories and Newsletter distribution list.
- KACD Dues Reminders will be send out to District who have not submitted their payment to date.

Adjournment - A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Ted Jessup at 12:36 pm. Motion seconded by Mr. Rodney Dick. **Motion carried, meeting adjourned.**

Next KACD Board Meeting –

- November 21, 2019 – Franklin County Conservation District 9:30am