

MEETING MINUTES

Kentucky Association of Conservation Districts

November 21, 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. Rodney Dick; Mr. Lenville Martin; Mr. Rhodes Hester; Ms. Jennifer Burgan 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. Paulette Akers, Director, KY DOC; Mr. Kyle Kelly, KYFB; Ms. Kayleigh Evans, President, KACDE; Ms. Bridget Pile, President, KACD Auxiliary; 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 – September 19, 2019 –Mr. David Rowlett 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. Rodney Dick. **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.
 - KACD has 2 current agreements with NRCS that need to be completed by December 31, 2019.
- **KY Division of Conservation** – Paulette Akers updated the board on these items:
 - Hope to be hiring an addition Field Representative for the Northern KY Area
 - Next cutoff for SCS and Environmental Grants is December 15
- **Department for Natural Resources** –
- **Farm Service Agency** –
- **Energy and Environment Cabinet** –
- **University of Kentucky** –
- **Kentucky Department of Agriculture** –
- **KACDE** – Kayleigh Evans updated the board on these items:
 - They distributed 90,000 Art & Writing Tabloids this year.
 - Many of Kentucky's employees attended the SE Region Employees Meeting. Kentucky had the largest attendance of any of the other states.
- **Governor's Office of Ag Policy** –
- **KY Farm Bureau** – Kyle Kelly updated the board on various KYFB items.
 - KYFB will be supporting the KY Soil and Water Conservation Cost Share program in the upcoming Legislative Session.

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

- Update on Mr. Hensley and card to be mailed.
- A motion was made by Mr. Allan Bryant to sponsor Kentucky Agriculture & Environment in the Classroom for \$1,500. Seconded by, Mr. Rodney Dick. **Motion carried.** Mr. Steve Coleman abstained.

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

- NACD 74th Annual Meeting: Las Vegas, NV February 8-12, 2020
 - A motion was made by Mr. Ted Jessup to send interested KACD Directors to the Meeting according to the KACD Travel Policy. Seconded by, Mr. Rhodes Hester. **Motion carried.**
 - A motion was made by Mr. Steve Coleman for Mr. Jeff Rice to purchase a Kentucky Item for the NACD Auction. Seconded by, Mr. Allan Bryant. **Motion carried.**
- Kentucky is receiving the Top Ten Award for NACD Dues for 2019. Mr. Ted Jessup will represent Kentucky during the Top Ten Luncheon.
- A motion was made by Mr. Allan Bryant to work on a resolution to be presented to NACD to include the Black Vulture in their discussion. Seconded by, Mr. David Rowlett. **Motion carried.**

KACD Auxiliary Report – Bridget updated the board on the following:

- The quilt blocks are starting to be returned.
- The Auxiliary is looking for new/additional Board Members. If you or anyone you know is interested in being more active with the KACD Auxiliary, please contact Bridget or Crystal.

NRCS Technical Position Proposed Agreement with KACD

- A motion was made by Mr. Randy McCallon to allow the KACD Executive Committee to work with NRCS to move this program forward. Seconded by, Mr. Rhodes Hester. **Motion carried.**

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

- KACD has requested Districts to bring their displays to the event again this year and to contact their local legislators to invite them to the reception.
- Invitations will be emailed to all Legislators and a hard copy invitation will be placed in their Frankfort mailbox one week prior to the reception.

KACD Spring Area Meetings

- KACD will provide the agenda for these meetings. We are looking at a 9:00am – 3:00pm time frame for these meetings.
- One of the main topics at the meeting will be the New KACD Technical Grant. This will be the time for Districts to bring questions about the new program.
- Meeting Dates:
 - Area 1: March 10th
 - Area 2: March 11th
 - Area 3: March 3rd
 - Area 4: TBA
 - Area 5: March 6th
 - Area 6: March 25th
 - Area 7: March 26th

- Area 8: March 19th
- Area 9: TBA

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

- Tree Bags
 - A motion was made by Mr. Ted Jessup to duplicate the order for Tree Bags that KACD did in 2017. Seconded by, Mr. Rodney Dick. **Motion carried.**
 - Crystal has been collecting preorders for the tree bags and will have a final call for bags prior to the Spring Area Meetings.
- Updates on District Success Stories, KACD is still needing Success Stories from all Districts. This is something that we will be continuing in 2020 and beyond. All District Success Stories can be found on the KACD website.
- Newsletter distribution list (450 contacts).
- KACD Dues Reminders will be send out to District who have not submitted their payment to date.
- We are working with a meeting planner for the upcoming 2021 KACD Annual Meeting and will have proposals for the Board of Directors at the January or March Meeting for review.

Adjournment - A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Ted Jessup at 12:16 pm. Motion seconded by Mr. Randy McCallon. **Motion carried, meeting adjourned.**

Next KACD Board Meeting –

- January 17, 2020 – Joint Meeting EEC Building Frankfort, KY 9:00am