

February 18, 2016

Kentucky State FSA Office

Lexington, KY

## MINUTES

### KASCOE DIRECTORS' MEETING WITH STATE COMMITTEE

The KASCOE Board of Directors met on February 18, 2016 at 10:00 AM EST at the Kentucky State FSA Office (State Committee Conference Room) in Lexington, KY.

Present: David Duncan, Lee Robey, James Kay, Joe Spalding, Carrie Divine, John McCauley, Debbie Wakefield, Marcinda Kester and Mitchell Dunn. KASCOE Directors present were: Dana McKinney, Lindsey New, Kevin Whitaker, Diane Dunn, Micki Crider, Kay Barton, Karen Evans, Coy Higdon, Adam Haggard, Runita Rice, Laura Howell and Patti Karn.

Introductions were made throughout the room. This is a yearly meeting with the State Committee for the KASCOE Association.

#### This is a summary of topics discussed:

Diane Dunn – discussed about being fully staffed in county office and being able to back fill when PTs leave

Micki Crider- discussed scholarships available through NASCOE

Lindsey New-discussed publicity and KASCOE websites

Kevin Whitaker-discussed partnership with the State Office and State Committee and activities that KASCOE has been able to do at various training meetings throughout the state

The State Committee was encouraged to join KASCOE and FanKASCOE as Associate members.

#### Concerns expressed to State Committee:

Status of Temporary Employees-budget and needs

More Mesonet Stations are needed in KY and possibility to establish more sites

Lack of Retirement training meetings for all employees

County Committee persons are being penalized for State Committee's Review of Applications for ARCPLC

Allowing CEDs to attend the upcoming Committee Orientation meetings to make sure Committee persons get to the training sites

SED McCauley informed Directors of the following:

Last FY KY was over \$300,000 in travel and we were over budget and not reimbursed for all travel money spent. Compliance/Eligibility Training and COTS training was over \$165,000 and not all the money was reimbursed back to the state for these dollars spent.

The summer of 2016, plans are being made for Employee Enhancement Development Days throughout the state for all employees for one day.

Amanda Robertson is the new Outreach Coordinator for KY and TN. She will be outreaching to new Beginning Farmers, Unserved and Veterans for both Ag and non-ag groups. If anyone needs Amanda to speak at meetings to contact her.

Marcinda Kester stated that for the State Committee's review of ARCPLC contracts there has been a 2016 SharePoint site established and it will be much smoother than for the 2014 and 2015 contracts.

All Power of Attorneys should also be loaded in MIDAS software.

The meeting adjourned and the State Committee invited everyone to a luncheon at the Cooperative Extension Office in Lexington.

Respectively submitted:

Patti J. Karn

KASCOE Secretary