

## MEETING MINUTES

### Kentucky Association of Conservation Districts

November 15, 2018

### Franklin County Conservation District / Frankfort, KY

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In Attendance: Mr. Shane Wells, President; Mr. Allan Bryant, Vice President; Mr. Ted Jessup, Secretary-Treasurer; Mr. David Rowlett, Past President; Mr. Randy McCallon; Mr. Mike Farmer; Mr. Steve Coleman; Mr. Lenville Martin and Mr. Orville Bennett.

Also, in Attendance: Ms. Johnna McHugh, Assistant Director, DOC; Ms. Bruni Valez, Acting State Conservationist, NRCS; Ms. Sonya Keith, NRCS; 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 – September 20, 2018** – Mr. David Rowlett made a motion to approve the September 20, 2018 minutes, and Mr. Allan Bryant seconded the motion to approve. **Motion carried.**

**Treasurer's Report** - Mr. Ted Jessup made the motion to approve the report as presented. Motion seconded by Mr. Steve Coleman. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Mr. Allan Bryant to approve a onetime payment of \$595 to Ms. Terri Shaw for her services to KACD in 2018. Seconded by, Mr. Ted Jessup. **Motion carried.** Mr. Steve Coleman abstained from voting.

**Correspondence** – KACD Received a Thank You Card from Ms. Terri Shaw for their expression of sympathy.

**NACD Director's Report** – Mr. David Rowlett updated the Board on the Next Generation Leadership Institute. This program is being made possible from the Legacy Gift of Mr. Billy Joe Miles. NACD is currently accepting donations to match this gift. A motion was made by Mr. Steve Coleman for KACD to donate \$500 to the NextGen Leadership Institute. Seconded by, Mr. David Rowlett. **Motion carried.** KACD encourages all Kentucky Conservation Districts to donate to this program. NACD has also announced urban conservation grants that are currently available.

**KACD Auxiliary Report** – Ms. Bridget Pile is currently collecting applications for the KACD Auxiliary Scholarships. Those applications can be found on the DOC Website and need to be returned to Ms. Pile.

#### **2019 NACD Annual Meeting – San Antonio, TX February 2-6**

- A motion was made by Mr. Steve Coleman to nominate Mr. Billy Joe Miles to the NACD Hall of Distinction. Seconded by, Mr. David Rowlett. **Motion carried.**
- A Motion was made by Mr. Steve Coleman to send the KACD Executive Director to the 2019 NACD Annual Meeting. Seconded by, Mr. Ted Jessup. **Motion carried.**
- A motion was made by Mr. Steve Coleman to purchase an auction item for the NACD Annual Meeting at a cost of \$250. Seconded by, Mr. Ted Jessup. **Motion carried.**
- Directors who wish to attend the NACD Annual Meeting will follow the travel guidelines set fourth in the KACD Bylaws.

#### **Leadership Training Program**

- This program is still a work in progress with a plan of unveiling it at the 2019 KACD Annual Meeting.

### 2019 Legislative Reception

- A motion was made by Mr. Allan Bryant to contract with “All the Way Shoppe” for the Legislative Reception between the hours of 6-8 pm and serves 150 people, not to exceed \$3,000. Seconded by, Mr. Randy McCallon. **Motion carried.**
- The Reception will be held again at the Clubhouse and Buffalo Trace, Monday February 11, 2019.
- A date for the 2020 Reception will be determined at the February or March Meeting.

### 2019 KACD Area Meetings

- The KACD Directors will be working over the next few weeks to determine the location and date of each of their Area Meetings. As soon as this is known it will be published on the KACD Website and emailed out.

### NACD Poster Contest

- The posters that were submitted to the KACD Board of Directors were judged and the winners from each age division was submitted to NACD for the national contest. Be watching the KACD Facebook Page for the winning artwork.

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

- The KACD Website is up and going. It is a work in progress, and we hope that it will be a useful tool for all districts as well as others with an interest in Conservation in Kentucky.
- Crystal attended the 2018 NACD Executive Directors Conference. This was a three-day conference that focused on the conservation programs in other states and gave each of the executive directors a chance to fellowship. It was an invaluable trip that has given Crystal a chance to have a network of coworkers across the nation working towards the same goal of promoting and strengthening Conservation Districts and the conservation of our nation’s natural resources.
- Crystal will work with Johnna McHugh over the next few months on the preparation of the Art & Writing Reception that will be held in March.
- The Leadership Training Program is one of the main focuses right now and many ideas are being brought to the table. The end goal is for KACD to have a set of online trainings made available to supervisors, staff and any persons interested in conservation in Kentucky.
- 2019 KACD Sponsorship Levels were discussed and can be found on the Annual Meeting Page of our Website. If you know of any group or individual that would be interested in sponsoring KACD or any of the KACD functions, please let us know and we will get a sponsorship packet to them. We want this to be open to anyone and hope to not exclude anyone who is interested.
- A motion was made by Mr. Steve Coleman to reimburse Crystal Renfro for flowers recently purchased as an expression of sympathy. Seconded by, Mr. Orville Bennett. **Motion carried.**
- A motion was made by Mr. Allan Bryant to open a credit card account for KACD. Seconded by, Mr. Steve Coleman. **Motion carried.** The credit card statement will be reviewed at each KACD Meeting along with the treasurer’s report.

### Agency Comment

- **Division of Conservation Report** – Ms. Johnna McHugh updated the board about these items:
  - State Cost Share applications and DOC Environmental Grants are due December 31<sup>st</sup>.
  - The SWCC is currently offering 0% interest on equipment loans
  - Update from the Envrothon Planning Committee
  - Ag Water Quality Authority has asked for suggestions for an Ag At Large Member
  - AWQA has approved 9 new BMPs
  - SWCC will be receiving nominations from Areas 4 & 5 this year at the Spring area meetings.
  - North Laurel FFA Envrothon Team was named the National Environmental and Natural Resource Champion at the 91<sup>st</sup> Annual National FFA Convention.

- **Natural Resources Conservation Service** – Ms. Bruni Valez updated the board about these items:
  - Mr. Greg Stone has been announced as the new State Conservation for Kentucky. Mr. Stone should begin sometime around the end of January, and he is coming from West Virginia.
  - Ms. Sonya Keith was introduced to the Board as the new Assistant State Conservationist for Partnerships. KACD will be working with her primarily with any NRCS agreements and grants.
  - EQIP/RCP: \$19 million spent
  - CSP: \$1.6 million spent
  
- **Department for Natural Resources** – Not attended.
- **Department for Local Government** – Not attended.
- **Farm Service Agency** – Not attended.
- **Energy and Environment Cabinet** – Not attended.
- **University of Kentucky** – Not attended.
- **Kentucky Department of Agriculture** – Not attended.
- **Division of Forestry** – Not attended.
  
- **KACDE** – Ms. Kayleigh Evans updated the board about these items:
  - KACDE received orders for 92,000 copies for the art & writing tabloids this year
  - KACDE recently had representatives at the South East Region Employees Meeting and an update was give about that meeting.

**Adjournment** - A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Lenville Martin at 12:22 pm. Motion seconded by Mr. Randy McCallon. **Motion carried**, meeting adjourned.

**Next Board Meeting** –2019 Meeting Schedule: Third Thursday at 9:30 am

- February 12<sup>th</sup> KACD/SWCC Joint Meeting
- March 21<sup>st</sup>
- May 16<sup>th</sup>
- July 7-9 KACD 76<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting: Lexington, KY
- September 19<sup>th</sup>
- November 21<sup>st</sup>