

MEETING MINUTES

Kentucky Association of Conservation Districts

May 10th, 2018

300 Sower Blvd / Frankfort, KY

In Attendance: Mr. David Rowlett, President; Mr. Shane Wells, Vice President; Mr. Allan Bryant, Secretary-Treasurer; Mr. Kevin Jeffries; Mr. Steve Coleman; Mr. Mike Farmer; Mr. Randy McCallon; Mr. Ted Jessup; Mr. Rodney Dick; Mr. Lenville Martin; and Ms. Ava Adams.

Also, in Attendance: Ms. Terri Shaw, Finance Manager, KACD, Ms. Paulette Akers, Director, DOC; Ms. Karen Woodrich, State Conservationist, NRCS; Mr. Ray Adams, Chairman, SWCC; 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. David Rowlett.

KACD Minutes of the Last Meeting – March 15, 2018 – Mr. Steve Coleman made a motion to approve the March 15, 2018 minutes, and Mr. Rodney Dick seconded the motion to approve. **Motion carried.**

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

Correspondence – A thank you letter was received from Representative Mitch McConnell's Office in response to the KACD Directors visiting during the NACD Spring Fly-in.

A letter from the Leopold Foundation was received requesting KACD sponsorship. A motion was made by Mr. Ted Jessup to sponsor \$1,500. Seconded by, Mr. Lenville Martin. Motion passed. Mr. Steve Coleman obtained from voting.

NACD Director's Report - Mr. Kevin Jeffries sent a written report.

- Kentucky has had 2 NRCS Bootcamp attendees this year, and interest from employees in Wayne and Morgan Counties.
- Encourage Districts to pay NACD Dues.

KACD Auxiliary Report – A report was given by Ms. Ava Adams. KACD Auxiliary and the KACDE jointly sent out packets containing tickets of their sponsored raffles to each of the District Offices again this year and have asked for those tickets sold to be returned to the KACD Annual Meeting. Ms. Adams said that the quit should be completed by the end of June.

After a brief discussion a motion was made by, Lenville Martin to donate \$500 to the KACD Auxiliary Scholarship Fund in Honor of Mr. Billy Joe Miles. Seconded by, Mr. Shane Wells. Motion Carried. This will be presented at the KACD Annual Meeting.

KACD 2018 Convention –Owensboro Convention Center, July 8th-10th

- **Awards-** An awards committee was formed and will meet at a later date to review all District Award Application and discuss other award nondominations including, KACD Conservation Person of the Year, KACD Conservation Service Person of the Year, and Kentucky's NACD SE Region Hall of Fame inductee.

- Cooperate sponsorship letters have been mailed out. A motion was made by Mr. Steve Coleman to allow the Executive Director to spend the any incoming donation on the KACD Annual Meeting. Seconded by, Mr. Shane Wells. Motion carried.
- Official Invitations have been ordered and mailed out this week
- To date the Annual Meeting Committee has met 4 times
- A motion was made by Mr. Randy McCallon to purchase 500 padfolios as a welcome gift for each full registration at the Annual Meeting. Seconded by Mr. Steve Coleman. Motion carried.
- The Board has asked the Executive Director to attend the June Daviess County Board Meeting to coordinate all Annual Meeting activities.

Report on Spring Area Meetings

Brief reports were given from Area's 4,6,7,8 & 9. All of the meeting had good attendance, and we had great remarks about the speakers.

2017 NACD Fly-In, Washington DC – The Fly-In was March 19-21. Kentucky was represented by: David Rowlett, KACD, Allan Bryant, KACD, Randy McCallon, KACD & Karen Woodrich, NRCS. The attendees felt it was a worthwhile trip and they had opportunity to discuss conservation numerous times.

Division of Conservation Report – Ms. Paulette Akers updated the board about these items:

- The SWCC has an upcoming meeting, Monday, May 21, 2018 at 9:00 am.
- The DOC is currently holding State Cost Share Training across the state reviewing the changes to the program and how to use the updated online application. An addition signup could be available in the fall, dates TBA.
- A tentative deadline of July 1 has been set for SCS, this could change due to various issues that could arise with the new online system
- At this time there is \$5 Million available for SCS this year, and more could be available by the application deadline date.
- Envirothon Update: 40 teams competed among the 2 regions. 10 teams have been invited to the State Competition that will be held later this month.

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

- A motion was made by Mr. Steve Coleman to have the Executive Director attend the NACD SE Region Meeting in Williamsburg, Virginia, (August), and the Executive Directors Conference (September). Cost and projected cost of travel will be discussed at the next meeting. Seconded by, Mr. Shane Wells. Motion carried.
- The NACD Grant Agreements with Hopkins and Fleming Counties was discussed
- A KACD Website is needed and will be discussed at the next meeting following the Annual Meeting.
- District awards are currently being collected and they Awards Committee will meet sometime in early June to review and judge the application.
- A new KACD Membership Program was discussed. It will be announced at the Annual Meeting with the KACD Past Presidents being the first Lifetime Members. Additional discussions will be at the next meeting.
- Crystal's emails are not being received by everyone due to the government computer network. If you know someone not getting her emails please ask them to add her to their address book.
- We are currently collecting historic pictures form each Conservation District. There are various plans for these in the future.
- KACD can now be found on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. We are coining the hashtag #conserveky.

Agency Comment

- **Natural Resources Conservation Service** – Ms. Karen Woodrich updated the board about these items:
 - CIG grants will be available for 50/50 employees in the future. NRCS encourages District to partner on these employees and to have proposals ready when the opportunity becomes available.
 - NRCS has hired 16 pathway students, 7 has returned from last year and 9 new employees.
 - In November 2018 if the Districts computers are not Windows 10 compliant they will not be able to function on the NRCS network.
 - NRCS and FSA has started sharing their vehicle fleet

- **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** – Not attended

- **Division of Forestry** – Mr. James Wright, Director, KY Division of Forestry
 - KDF currently has 124 employees which is their lowest capacity
 - They have had a big success with their nurseries. Both will be kept open by making themselves self-sustaining.
 - KDF has a new RCPP contract with the US Forest Service.
 - Jeff Stringer is the contact person for the white oak barrel initiative

- **KACDE** – Kayleigh Evans updated the board about these items:
 - New Employee Training will be held at the KACD Annual Meeting.
 - A technical and administrative training is each being planned for the meeting as well.
 - KACDE will be having a reception Sunday the 8th in Owensboro.
 - KACDE will also be sponsoring a KACD Annual Meeting Scholarship for 2 District Employees
 - KACDE has updated the list of Supervisors Years of Service statewide.

Adjournment - A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Randy McCallon at 12:15pm. Motion seconded by Mr. Ted Jessup. **Motion carried**, meeting adjourned.

Next Board Meeting –2018 Meeting Schedule: Third Thursday at 9:30 am

- September 20th
- November 15th