

MEETING MINUTES

Kentucky Association of Conservation Districts

September 20, 2018

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. Randy McCallon; Mr. Mike Farmer; Mr. Steve Coleman; Mr. Rodney Dick; Mr. Lenville Martin; Mr. Orville Bennett and Ms. Bridget Pile.

Also, in Attendance: Ms. Paulette Akers, Director, DOC; Ms. Amanda Moore, State Conservationist, 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 – May 17, 2018 – Mr. Steve Coleman made a motion to approve the May 17, 2018 minutes, and Mr. Rodney Dick seconded the motion to approve. **Motion carried.**

Treasurer's Report - Mr. David Rowlett made the motion to approve the report as presented. Motion seconded by Mr. Allan Bryant. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Mr. Steve Coleman to approve the joint Kentucky State Fair AgLand exhibit with Kentucky Agriculture & Environment in the Classroom and Mr. Allan Bryant seconded the motion to approve. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Mr. Steve Coleman to approve to Kentucky Ag Council Dues, seconded by Mr. Randy McCallon. **Motion carried.**

The 2018-2019 KACD Budget was then reviewed. A motion was made by Mr. Ted Jessup to approve, seconded by Mr. Steve Coleman. **Motion carried.**

Correspondence – N/A

NACD Director's Report - N/A

KACD Auxiliary Report – A report was given by Ms. Bridget Pile. Ms. Pile is the new President of the KACD Auxiliary. She currently works at the Breckenridge County Conservation District who had worked with the KACD Auxiliary Quilt Project for numerous years. There were 916 tickets sold for the 2018 Quilt. The KACD Auxiliary raised \$3,167 between the ticket sales and auction at the Annual Meeting. We welcome Ms. Pile and look forward to working more with her and the Auxiliary.

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

- A review was given by those who attended the Annual Meeting
- KACD needs to ensure that the hotel for the 2019 Annual meeting will accept the Federal Government rate.
- The KACD Board of Directors were very grateful for all of the assistance that Ms. Terri Shaw provided for the Annual Meeting. A motion was made by Mr. David Rowlett to purchase a \$500 Visa Gift Card as a thank you gift for her help. Seconded by Mr. Alan Bryant. **Motion carried.** Mr. Steve Coleman abstained from voting.

NACD South East Region 2018 Meeting – Williamsburg, VA

- Board Members who attended the meeting gave a brief update.
- Mr. John Denton was inducted into the NACD South East Region Hall of Fame. (All of KY's Hall of Fame inductees are listed on the KACD Website)

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.**

Leadership Training Program

- In response to a resolution passes at the KACD Annual Meeting a leadership training program will be created that will be open to supervisors, partners, employees, or any other interested parties. A workgroup committee was named to start work on the program: KACD Executive Committee, Mr. John Chism, Ms. Paulette Akers, Ms. Kayleigh Evans and Ms. Crystal Renfro.

2019 Legislative Reception

- A motion was made by Mr. David Rowlett to give the Executive Committee the liberty to work with Buffalo Trace to secure a date for the event and meal. Seconded by, Mr. Steve Coleman. **Motion carried.**
- A motion was made by Mr. Ted Jessup to purchase name badges for the KACD Directors prior to the Legislative Reception. Seconded by, Mr. Steve Coleman. **Motion carried.**

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

- A motion was made by Mr. Lenville Martin to start a KACD Website ASAP not to exceed a cost \$500 per year. Seconded by, Mr. Randy McCallon. **Motion carried.**
- The first addition of the KACD Newsletter “The Commonwealth Conservation Corner” (CCC) should be coming out shortly once the Legislative Priorities are detailed out. These priorities will be a part of each newsletter as a monthly reminder.
- NRCS has continued their agreement with KACD for an additional year. New deliverables have been discussed and detailed out in the new year.
- The NACD Art Contest will be judged at the November 15th meeting. Entries must be submitted to KACD by Friday, November 9th.
- A motion was made by Mr. Steve Coleman to pay for travel expenses to the NACD Executive Directors Conference out of the general funds of KACD. Seconded by, Mr. Orville Bennett. **Motion carried.**
- Review of the Governor’s Conference for Local Issues. Crystal attended one day of this conference and felt that it was a great opportunity to share the importance of conservation districts to the local officials in the future. KACD will try to work with the Department of Local Government in an effort to promote conservation districts in Kentucky.
- We will be checking with Central Screen Printing to see if they already have the KACD emblem set up for embroidery. To date this company has given us the best prices on promotional materials.

Agency Comment

- **Division of Conservation Report** – Ms. Paulette Akers updated the board about these items:
 - State Cost Share received 1200+ applications for \$7.5 million in requests. DOC will be able to approve around \$6 million of those requested.
 - New round of SCS Funding will be approved around February.
 - DOC has 5 suggestions for changes in the KRS. These suggestions were brought before the Soil & Water Conservation Commission. 2 of which the SWCC approved to follow through with the proposed changes. 3 of the suggestions had no action taken on them from the SWCC. Please see the September SWCC minutes for more detailed information.

- DOC Survey Results: 303 surveys completed – 30% admin 50% supervisors – Survey suggest that most people would like for training events to take place over a one-day period.
 - Mr. Jim Roe has been hired by the DOC to work with NRCS to streamline their new technical work.
 - Any administrative or technical questions a District has may be submitted to the conservation@ky.gov email at any time. You will then be contacted by a DOC employee.
- **Natural Resources Conservation Service** – Ms. Amanda Moore updated the board about these items:
 - NRCS is wrapping up things for the end of their fiscal year.
 - 224 New CSPs
 - 37 Returning CSPs
 - 9 RCPPs
 - 886 EQIP Contracts
 - 5 New CIA Agreements
 - Hiring 36 vacancies
- **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** – Kayleigh Evans updated the board about these items:
 - KACDE received orders for 92,000 copies for the art & writing tabloids and will be getting those to the Districts ASAP.
 - The KACDE State Conference was a great success this year. They were able to give 4 scholarship to District Employees to attend. They had various speakers and training that covered topics such as: financial training, Annual Financial Reports, General Reports, Grants, a share fair and numerous more.

KACD Workgroup Meeting

KACD had set the following four Legislative Priorities for 2019:

- Increase Direct Aid Funding
- Continue to have a Conservation District Office in all 120 Counties in Kentucky
- Supporting the strengthening of KRS statutes that pertain to Conservation Districts
- Included the Kentucky State Cost Share Program back as a line item in the Governor’s Budget and increase funding.

The group also discussed short- and long-range goals for the future of KACD. The KACD Board of Directors are committed to the future of conservation in Kentucky and support Conservation Districts working toward their missions.

Adjournment - A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Steve Coleman at 3:00 pm. Motion seconded by Mr. Ted Jessup. **Motion carried**, meeting adjourned.

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

- November 15th