

KACD GENERAL SESSION MEETING

November 23, 2021

Hyatt Regency Hotel

Wichita, KS

Those Present:**DIRECTORS:**

Jerry Clasen, President

Bill Simshauser, Vice President

Bevin Law, Secretary-Treasurer

Allen Roth, Director

Daryl Donohue, Director

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Dan Meyerhoff

The meeting was called to order by President Jerry Clasen at 9:20 a.m.

Roll call was taken with 30 board supervisors present. In accordance with KACD by laws there is a quorum present to conduct business.

Minutes

Dan Meyerhoff presented the minutes of the November 24, 2020 KACD Business Meeting as published online in the convention proceedings. Wayne Lukert, Shawnee County moved to approve the minutes as presented. Ron Brown, Bourbon County, seconded the motion. Motion carried. There was no discussion.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report dated November 15, 2021 was presented. Bevin Law, Clay County, made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Ted Nighswonger, Graham County, seconded the motion. Motion carried.

President's Report

President Jerry Clasen provided a report on this year's activities. He thanked all for attending the convention and their continued interest and dedication.

Action taken on 2020 resolutions:

Resolution # 1 – Managed Grazing of CRP during the Dormant Season. Resolution passed and submitted to NACD. Resolution was passed at the NACD convention and placed in policy.

Resolution # 3 – Federal Tort Claims Act Coverage (FTCA) for Conservation Districts. This resolution passed and was submitted to NACD. The resolution was passed at the NACD convention and placed in policy.

Resolution #2 - Kansas Department of Agriculture, Division of Conservation FY2021 and FY2022 Budget Request for Kansas State Water Plan Funds. This resolution failed due to a recommended decrease in funding for Aid to Conservation Districts.

Resolution # 4 – Support for Funding of Aid to Conservation Districts and Water. This resolution passed. KACD lobbied for increased funding during the FY 2021 legislative session and where an increase in funding was passed.

Reports from Standing and Special Committees: (All resolutions adopted should be shown in the resolution section of the Proceedings Booklet). Minutes from all committees are attached.

CONSERVATION EDUCATION AND YOUTH COMMITTEE:

Daryl Donohue presented the minutes of the Education and Youth committee. The KACD Youth and Education Committee met on November 21st, 2021. Dwayne Roux, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 2:05pm. The meeting started with member introductions.

Members present: Nina Meyer, Angela Beavers, Pamela Walker, Brooke Germann, Brandon Dibben, Brian Boeckman, Suzy Mooney, Dana Schmelzle, Marlene Schmidt, Leslie Holthaus.

Advisors present: Cathy Thomson, KDA, DOC, Marsha Meyers DOC, Jack Fitzgerald, NRCS ASTC for Partnerships.

Nov. 21st, 2021 Angela Beavers made a motion to approve the minutes of September 16th, 2021 meeting. Nina Meyer made the second. Motion carried. November 22nd, 2021 Edwin Schmiedler (Trego Co) made the motion to approve minutes from November 22nd, 2020. Jarrod Bowser made the second. Motion carried.

Ashley Janzen presented the treasurer's report. Bills to approve are contest winners prize money, gift certificate for the judges and invoice from Jayhawk Trophy for the plaques and medals. Brandon Dibben made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Pam Walker made the second. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Ashley Janzen reported that 33 conservation districts have paid "dues" this year with Riley County being the Golden key donor with \$250.

Nina Meyer reported that the contest winners will be displayed downstairs on a TV that Dan Meyerhoff set up. Nina also reported that she has envelopes for each district that had winners of contests that has medals, however, we are missing 13 and she will mail out to the district manager once she receives those. Pamela Walker reported that next year we need to work more with the judges about what they need to look for when judging contests. The limerick and essay winners will be present at the speech contest to read. Pam Walker reported that the photo, essay and poster contestants will be displayed downstairs. Dana Schmelzle suggested that next year we have contests earlier to give us more time to get everything ready for Convention.

Ashley Janzen reported that checks have been cleared for the three scholarship winners. After the first of the year Ashley will be sending out scholarship information to each district manager. Marsha

Meyers suggested we reach out to the colleges too. All applicants will be sent to Ashley and we will set up a time in May to review the applicants.

Dana Schmelzle reported on the Envirothon. This last year was virtual with 13 teams. Manhattan high school took 1st place at regionals and 24th at Internationals. 2022 regional sites will be White Memorial Camp April 6th, Red Rock Ranch April 13th, SE KS April 6th, and Wilson Lake April 13th. Regional Completion will be in person at Camp Wood. Committee will discuss more at the 4:30pm meeting.

Unfinished Business:

Ashley Janzen reported that the Judges for the speech contest would be Angela Allen NRCS, Secretary Mike Beam and Nancy Zenger-Beneda KFAC.

Angela Beavers went through the schedule for tomorrow's speech contest. If we start to run out of time we will cut from the bottom of the schedule. Nina Meyers and Angela Beavers will have the doors and Pam Walker will be the timer.

New Business:

Ashley Janzen passed around the sponsorship letter for 2022 for everyone to look at. These will be sent out after the first of the year and will continue to send out throughout the year.

Announcements: Brandon Dibbens introduced the speech contestants, and each gave their speech. Here were the results of that.

1st place- Suresh Kamesh Kingman Co.

2nd place- Karlie Albright Jackson Co.

Honorable Mentions: Meg Norman Crawford Co. and Maddox Cushwa Gove Co.

Jarrold Bowser introduced the Morgan Vogts to present her essay and Emry Schlegal to present her limerick.

Jarrold Bowser made the announcement that if anyone would like to join the Youth and Ed committee to get a hold of a committee member. Jarrold Bowser also announced our sponsor Jennie Bracken from Farm Credit Associations of Kansas.

Reports from Advisor Agencies:

Jack Fitzgerald, NRCS reported that they are interviewing for an outreach person. This person will assist with NRCS and partners.

Cathy Thompson, KDA DOC reported that there are reserved tables for the speech contestants and families for the luncheon tomorrow. Scholarship winners' pictures will be displayed. There is still Soil fund money available just get with Dave Jones. 5 counties currently have open district manager positions. Scott Carlson will be retiring in December.

Angela Beavers reported that KFAC has updated their website and a reminder that Giving day is November 30th, 2021.

Next meeting will be in May via Zoom.

Brandon Dibbens concluded the meeting. Angela Beavers made motion to adjourn. Donna Fay Major made the second. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted:
Ashley Janzen

President Jerry Clasen accepted the report as presented.

DISTRICT OPERATIONS & RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:

Chairman Wayne Lukert, Shawnee County, presented the report. There is only one resolution this year. Currently working on updating the committee's webpage. Developing short video and ppt presentations for the website. Carried out new supervisor training.

President Jerry Clasen accepted the report as presented.

ENDOWMENT FUND COMMITTEE:

The KACD Endowment Committee was held Sunday November 21, 2021 at the Hyatt Regency in Wichita, KS. Lyman Nuss, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. Also present were committee members, Ted Nighswonger, Rod Vorhees, Mike Pierron, Gayla Speer, Sandi Scott, and Donna Fay Major (EO representative). Guests present: John Wunder. Lyman welcomed Mike Pierron to the Endowment Committee. Minutes of the November 24, 2019 were approved as sent out. The treasurer's report was reviewed. Balance as of November 15, 2021 in the checking account is \$5,710.17. Ted moved to approve the financial statement. Rod seconded. Motion carried. The committee reviewed money market and Farm Bureau Annuity.

Old Business:

Original paintings are on display at KDA Office building. The current inventory for the prints is: In the Heartland – 21

Discussion was held on what to do with the unnumbered prints we have. Rod made a motion starting January 1st, with a suggested minimum donation of \$100 you will receive the set of 5 unnumbered prints, Sandi seconded. Motion carried.

12:54 p.m. John Wunder joined the meeting.

New Business:

Discussion was held on the stock trailer the Committee was hoping to raffle off. With the pandemic, cost and availability is not an option for a stock trailer currently.

Other options discussed to raise funds were: Zero turn lawnmower, side by side, ATV. Also mentioned, setup a Kansas room at convention and for an entry fee have samples of food and drink to taste. Will need to get with Land of Kansas if this is something that would work.

A raffle item mentioned is a KC Crown bottle with bag.

Discussion on how to promote KACD/Conservation Districts. It was suggested to have a banner that can be unfolded at a K-State football game that would promote Kansas Agriculture.

Sandi moved and Ted seconded to recommended Allen Roth as trustee. Motion carried.

The date of next meeting to be determined. Motion by Ted to adjourn the meeting. Sandi seconded. Motion carried; meeting ended at 1:22 p.m. President Jerry Clasen accepted the report as presented.

FINANCE & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

Tommy Barrett presented the minutes from the 2020 finance committee meeting. Motion made by Bevin Law to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by Ted Nighswonger, motion carried. Dan Meyerhoff presented the 2021 financial report and the proposed 2022 KACD budget. Motion made by Ted Nighswonger to approve the budget as presented. Seconded by Bevin Law, motion carried. Tommy Barrett presented resolution #1 supporting the KDA-DOC SFY22/23 budget request. Motion made by Bevin Law to approve resolution #1. Seconded by Lyman Nuss, motion carried. NRCS state conservationist Karen Woodrich gave an update on NRCS funding and staffing. Lyman Nuss gave an update from the endowment committee. President Jerry Clasen accepted the report as presented.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE:

Chairman Brad Shogren, McPherson County, reported the Vespers service was held Sunday evening to recognize supervisors who had passed this year. Entertainment was provided by Dear Friends. There was approximately 50 in attendance. President Jerry Clasen accepted the report as presented.

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE:

Jerry Clasen gave the report on the Natural Resources committee meeting. Troy Munsch gave a presentation on the new agreement KACD has with NRCS to facilitate local workgroup meetings across the state. Vice President Bill Simshauser accepted the report as presented.

GRASSLANDS COMMITTEE:

Called to order at 10:05 by Bill Edwards, Chairman. There were 20 individuals in attendance. Began with introduction of attendees. Topic 1: Under rested (time or condition of range) Very good discussion

Topic 2: Range concerns and needs Continued to have good discussion from attendees

Topic 3: Let's Focus on what's positive Focus was done positively!

Topic 4: Barth Crouch reported on Kansas Grazing Lands Coalition projects

2022 tours have not been finalized—probably scheduled in late Jan or Feb

Watch info@kglc.com get on mailing list to receive future info

Resolutions were asked for -- none brought forward

Meeting was adjourned at 10:55 AM, Daryl Donohue, Acting Secretary

President Jerry Clasen accepted the report as presented.

URBAN AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

The Urban & Rural Development Committee meeting was called to order by chairman, Mark Lehman at 10:05 am with 14 in attendance. Aubrey Evans, regional representative for NACD Urban & Rural Development for Northern Plains, gave a program on policy to support Urban & Community Conservation focus with a report about grants that are on a competitive basis with a Jan 31st due date. Lesley Rigney and Sharon Autry gave a report on the Miami County Conservation District Programs for Urban Conservation. There are Urban Conservation grants available for Conservation and Small Farms Programs. A lively discussion of problems and possible solutions for Urban problems was held. There being no resolutions brought before the Committee, we adjourned at 10:58 am. President Jerry Clasen accepted the report as presented.

WILDLIFE AND FORESTRY COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Sam Sanders

Program Agenda (state briefly):

To field any concerns from attending Supervisors and hear reports from invited speakers: Mark Vanscoyoc of KDWP and Bob Atchison with KFS.

Committee Actions:

Sam Sanders called the meeting to order at 10:03 AM. He asked that attendees sign the attendance sheet being passed around. Sam asked for any resolutions from the floor. There being no resolutions, Sam introduced our first speaker, Mark Voscoyoc. Mark shared highlights about the Kansas Aquatic Biodiversity Center. Next, Sam introduced Bob Atchison to provide updates to committee attendees about the KFS. Notably, Bob is soon to retire as State Forester. Jason Hartman will be his successor. Kris Ethridge, NRCS Area Conservationist, provided a brief update regarding wildlife and forestry and NRCS programs.

Following the speakers, Sam entertained discussion from the floor. Bill Simshauser offered that efforts are being made to reinvigorate committees and encouraged eligible attendees interested in serving to reach out.

There being no more discussion, Sam adjourned the meeting at 10:59 AM.

Secretary: Chloe Wilson, Reno Co. Conservation District, District Manager

Old Business:

None

New Business:

The resolution brought forward by the Finance committee to support the 2022 KWA budget recommendations was presented. Waco Phipps, Ottawa County moved to approve the resolution. Baron Shively, McPherson County seconded the motion, motion carried.

The 2022 budget was presented. Lyle Wobker, Miami County moved to approved the 2022 budget. Jed Fleske, Pawnee County seconded the motion, motion carried.

Wayne Lukert, Shawnee County made a motion to make the committees responsible for recommending breakout sessions for next year's convention. RJ Dake, Shawnee County seconded the motion, motion carried.

The results of the area elections were announced:

Area 1: Ted Nighswonger re-elected to the SCC

Area 2: Bill Simshauser re-elected to the KACD board

Area 3: Sam Sanders was elected to the SCC

Area 4: Bevin Law was re-elected to the KACD board

Area 5: Rod Vorhees was re-elected to the SCC

Adjournment:

With no more business to conduct, President Allen Roth adjourned the meeting at 10:24 a.m.