

KACD GENERAL SESSION MEETING

November 24, 2020

Webster Conference Center

Those Present:

DIRECTORS:

Allen Roth, President

Jerry Clasen, Vice President

Bill Simshauser, Secretary-Treasurer

Ron Brown, Director

Bevin Law, Director

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Dan Meyerhoff

The meeting was called to order by President Allen Roth at 9:00 a.m.

Roll call was taken with 26 board supervisors present. In accordance with KACD by laws there is a quorum present to conduct business.

Minutes

Bill Simshauser presented the minutes of the November 26, 2019 KACD Business Meeting as published online in the convention proceedings. Ron Brown, Bourbon County moved to approve the minutes as presented. Jerry Clasen, Reno County, seconded the motion. Motion carried. There was no discussion.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Bill Simshauser presented the Treasurer's Report. Bill Simshauser, Kearny County, made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Bill Edwards, Pottawatomie County, seconded the motion. Motion carried.

President's Report

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

Action taken on 2019 resolutions:

#1: Doniphan County Resolution – Resolutions were sent out to all counties ahead of the convention.

#3: Preserving a Legacy – Good progress being made with 15 counties complete.

#2: Support for DOC budget – Resolution passed

#4: Conservation Statues Revisions – Passed in the house and Senate committee. Was not passed on floor of the senate because of early adjournment due to COVID. Resolution will be brought forward again in the upcoming session.

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

CONSERVATION EDUCATION AND YOUTH COMMITTEE:

Brandon Dibben, Geary County presented the report. Allisha Brantley from Sheridan county won the speech contest. He also presented the financial report for the committee which is attached. President Allen Roth accepted the report as presented.

ENDOWMENT FUND COMMITTEE:

Chairman Lyman Nuss, Russell County, reported on the activities of the committee. Rod Vorhees was reaffirmed as a trustee on the committee. President Allen Roth accepted the report as presented.

FINANCE & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

Chairman Tommy Barrett, Ottawa County, reported on the activities of the committee. Bill Simshauser provided the KACD Treasurer's Report and the KACD Budget Report. Bill moved to approve the 2021 budget as presented. Ron Brown seconded the motion. Motion passed. President Allen Roth accepted the report as presented.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE:

Chairman Brad Shogren, McPherson County, reported that good attendance at the Vespers Sunday evening. President Allen Roth accepted the report as presented.

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE:**GRASSLANDS COMMITTEE:**

Chairman Daryl Donohue, Wilson County gave the report. Bichelmeyer Land and Cattel from Franklin County won the 2020 Grasslands Merit Award. President Allen Roth accepted the report as presented.

DISTRICT OPERATIONS & RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:

Chairman Wayne Lukert, Shawnee County, provided the following report:
The committee did not schedule a meeting during the association's annual meeting due to the abbreviated program of this year's convention. The following is a list of the committee's activities in 2020:

- 1) Updated "KACD Resolution Process" on the committee's web page of the association's website to reflect changes in the new resolutions format.
- 2) Recommended language amendments to KACD's Policy and Procedures to reflect changes in the new resolutions format.
- 3) Began process to update KACD's Funding Source Inventory, as seen on the committee's web page of the association's website.
- 4) At the request of KACD, began working towards a March 2021 virtual presentation of the committee's "District Supervisor and District Law with Fiduciary Responsibility and Participation" program.
- 5) Reviewed and worked with Kearny County Conservation District's resolution for 2020 convention. This included familiarizing them with the process, format and a member district's responsibilities in the association's resolution process.
- 6) Worked with KACD on resolutions before the association.
- 7) Due to the nature of the 2020 KACD convention all resolutions before the association in 2020 were presented through this committee at the general business session. There were no opportunities for KACD committees to amend or make recommendations for adoption by the association.

He also presented the following four resolutions for action:

Resolution # 1 – Managed Grazing of CRP during the Dormant Season

Wayne Lukert, Shawnee County moved to adopt the resolution, Larry Miller, Kearny County seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Resolution # 3 – Federal Tort Claims Act Coverage (FTCA) for Conservation Districts

Wayne Lukert, Shawnee County moved to adopt the resolution. Kenton Jackson, Kearny County seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Resolution #2 - Kansas Department of Agriculture, Division of Conservation FY2021 and FY2022 Budget Request for Kansas State Water Plan Funds

Wayne Lukert, Shawnee county moved to adopt the resolution. Bill Simshauser, Kearny county seconded the motion. There was significant discussion on this resolution due to recommended cuts to Aid for Conservation Districts and Conservation Program funding. President Allen Roth called for the vote. Motion failed.

Resolution # 4 – Support for Funding of Aid to Conservation Districts and Water Resources Cost-Share

Wayne Lukert, Shawnee county moved to adopt this resolution. Wayne Thorpe, Bourbon county seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

Adjournment:

With no more business to conduct, President Allen Roth adjourned the meeting at 10:06 a.m.

Area 1 District Supervisors Meeting

November 23, 2020

A meeting of the Conservation District Supervisors was called to order at 3:45 p.m. by Allen Roth, Area 1 KACD Director. Roll call was taking, 12 were in attendance.

Ted Neighswonger, SCC Director, called for nominations. Allen Roth's name will be submitted and voted on in December by the conservation district boards.

Four resolutions for consideration by KACD were brought up and read by Allen Roth.

Resolution 1 – Managed Grazing of CRP – KACD board supports this resolution

Resolution 2 – Request for Kansas State Water Plan Funds – KACD board opposes this resolution.

Resolution 3 – Federal Tort Claims Coverage – KACD board supports this resolution

Resolution 4 – Replaces resolution 2 – KACD board supports this resolution

If any supervisor is interested in serving on a committee let Allen Roth know. Would like to have at least one board member per area on each committee.

Meeting adjourned at 4:07 p.m.

Donna Fay Major, District Manager

Russell County Conservation District

Area II Conservation District Supervisors Meeting

Monday November 23, 2020 – VIA Zoom Meeting

A meeting of the Conservation District Supervisors was called to order at 3:45 p.m. by Bill Simshauser, Area II KACD Board Member. The purpose of the meeting was to accept nominations for SCC Commissioner currently held by Andrew Larson, Jr. of Finney County, and to conduct any other business brought before the group.

Nominations for the SCC Commissioner position began. Larry Miller, Kearny County, nominated Andrew Larson, Jr. Second by Glen Teeter, Stanton County. Bill Simshauser called for nominations from the floor three times, with no other persons being nominated.

Bill Simshauser explained how voting would take place this year and that nominations may made through November 30th.

Four resolutions for consideration by KACD were brought up and discussed by Bill Simshauser.

Bill Simshauser gave a short update on KACD committees and encouraged supervisors to participate in a committee they are interested in.

At 4:19 Bill Simshauser moved to adjourn the meeting. ??? seconded.

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Area 3 Meeting

November 23, 2020

1. Meeting called to order at 3:38 pm by Brad Shogren.
2. Roll Call. Those attending: David Jones, Diana Harder, Veronica Coons, Baron Shively, Codie Van Meter, Pam Stasa, Marsha Meyer, Nancy Walter, Loren Berndt, Sheryl Stevenson, Danielle Emerson, Chole Wilson, Tommy Barrett, Brad Shogren, Jerry Clasen.
3. Brad Shogren reminded attendees that Jerry Clausen had been nominated at the fall meeting to be KACD Director.
4. Tommy Barrett nominated Jerry Clasen. Loren Barndt seconded. Motion carried.
5. Brad Shogren requested nominations from the floor three times. No other nominations were received.
6. Jerry Clasen gave an overview of the resolutions that will be presented at the business session.
 - a. Resolution to add dormant season grazing to CRP.
 - b. Resolution from the finance committee concerning the budget for DOC
 - c. Resolution concerning the Federal Tort Claims Act to include conservation district staff while using NRCS vehicles.
 - d. Resolution in support of fulling funding state Aid to Conservation Districts.
7. Jerry Clasen reminded attendees that all the KACD standing committees need member and requested that each committee have one member from each area.
8. Brad Shogren gave a commissioners meeting update.
9. Jerry Clasen and Brad Shogren encouraged attendance at the business meeting to be held 11/24/20 at 9:00 am.
10. Tommy Barrett made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Brad Shogren seconded. Motion Carried.

**MINUTES OF
KACD AREA IV SUPERVISORS MEETING
KACD CONVENTION**

November 23, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Bevin Law Area IV KACD Representative at 3:50 P.M. via ZOOM.

I. Roll was taken:

Supervisors present were Wayne Lukert, Shawnee Co.; John Wunder, Jefferson Co.; Lyle Wobker, Miami Co; Bill Edwards, Pottawatomie Co; Jim Dobbins, Nemaha Co; Ethyl Campbell, Atchison Co; Goldie Boldridge Brown, Atchison Co; Gary Schellhorn, Geary Co.

Staff present were Gayla Speer, Johnson Co; Angela Beaers, Geary, Co; Brian Boeckman, Jackson, Co; Chalee Braun, Pottawatomie Co; Keri Harris, Franklin Co; Hayley Whitehair, Clay Co; Lesley Rigney, Miami Co; Leslie Holthaus, Marshal Co; Lori Kuykendall, Osage Co; Molly Schmidt, Pottawatomie CO; Megan Green, Jefferson & Leavenworth Co; Nina Meyer, Washington Co; Randy Winchester, Douglas Co; Tisha Richardson, Morris Co; Roxanne Maike, Waubunsee Co; Tiffany Hoffman, Atchison Co

Andy Lyon, DOC; Cathy Thompson, DOC; Christina Koelzer, DOC

Dee Minge, NRCS; Alan Larson, NRCS

Angela Anderson, KWA; Terry Medley, DWR

II. AREA IV SCC BOARD MEMBER ELECTION – Bevin Law, KACD Area IV Representative Elections for expiring terms will be conducted at each county conservation district December meeting and results returned in accordance with guidance sent out.

Current nominees are incumbent John Wunder, Jefferson County and Bill Edwards, Pottawatomie County.

Final nominations are due to SCC by November 30, 2020. List of nominations and ballots will be sent to Conservation Districts by December 1.

III. RESOLUTION DISCUSSION –

#1 Kearney County CD – Managed CRP Grazing during Dormant Season be Allowed

#3 KACD District Operations and Resolutions Committee – Federal Tort Claims Act Coverage for Conservation Districts

#2

#4 KACD District Operations and Resolutions Committee – Support Aid to Conservation Districts fully and the Water Resources Cost-share Program

Discussion to support #4 but not #2 since #2 doesn't fully support Aid to Conservation Districts

IV. STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP –

If you are an existing member wanting to continue on a committee or if you have an interest in serving on one of the committees please let your Area Director know.

Want at least one board member per area on each committee.

Bevin Law stated that he would like to have a Supervisor from Area IV serve on the Finance Committee.

V. DISCUSSION -

John Wunder spoke about Conservation District, State Conservation Committee, and KACD supervisors responsibilities.

VI. Meeting adjourned at 4:27 P.M.

Submitted by
Gayla Speer, Johnson County Conservation District Manager

KACD Area V Meeting
KACD Virtual Convention
November 23rd, 2020
Salina, KS.

Rod Vorhees opened the meeting at 3:49 pm. Also present were Ronnie Brown, Wayne Thorpe, Daryl Donohue, Deb Lust, Kathy Valentine, Steve Frost, Mandy Shoemaker, Joyce Kramer, Marcia McNitt, Amanda Scott, Barb Smith, Pam Walker, Sandy Koontz, Leslie Spikes, Levi Clubine.

- Resolution Discussion:
 - Resolution #1 Managed Grazing of CRP during dormant season.
 - Resolution #2 to be amended to “Fully fund aid to the Conservation Districts”.
 - Resolution #3 Federal Tort Claims Act coverage for Conservation Districts.
 - Resolution #4 Support for funding of Aid to Conservation Districts and Water Resources Cost-Share
- Rod Vorhees read the KACD Area V meeting minutes from the November 25th, 2019 KACD Convention. Wayne Thorpe moved to approve the minutes as written. Daryl Donohue seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Rod Vorhees called for nominations from the floor for Area V Director. Wayne Thorpe nominated Ronnie Brown. Daryl Donohue has already been nominated. Daryl Donohue moved to cease nominations. Wayne Thorpe seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Rod Vorhees encouraged District Supervisors to join the KACD Committees if they are not already on one.
- There is no other business to report.
- Rod Vorhees extended a job well done to the field offices, District Managers, for reaching out and keeping business going during the past months due COVID-19. Great job also to KACD-EO President Amanda Scott for her work at Convention.
- Wayne Thorpe moved to close the meeting at 4:07 pm. Daryl Donohue seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Kansas Association of Conservation Districts
Grasslands Committee Report
November 24, 2020

The Grasslands Committee met prior to Convention by email and telephone. It was decided not to have a Committee meeting during convention as the Chairman is in training for ZOOM meetings.

The breakout session to be presented by Jess Crockford concerning formation of Prescribed Burn Associations has been rescheduled for the 2021 convention.

Bichelmeyer Land and Cattle was awarded the 2020 Grasslands Award which was presented at the 2020 Convention Awards banquet.

Sharp Brothers Seed Co was thanked for sponsoring the merit award and also for providing the Grasslands Award signs presented at the county level.

The committee is optimistic that next year's meeting will be in person.

Report submitted by:

Daryl Donohue
Grasslands Committee Chairman

KACD Education Youth Committee					
November 1, 2019 through October 31, 2020					
<u>Receipts</u>			<u>Expenditures</u>		
2020 Sponsorship (34 counties)	\$	2,155.00	General Memorial Scholarships	\$	2000.00
2020 Farm Credit Association	\$	2,500.00	Peterson Scholarships	\$	0.00
Donald Peterson Memorial	\$	1,200.00	2019 Program Booklet	\$	445.76
			2019 Speech Scholarships	\$	2000.00
			SCC Luncheon Meal Tickets	\$	150.00
			Contest Winner Awards - Plaques	\$	360.64
			KACD Essay and Limerick Winners	\$	150.00
			KACD Photo Winners	\$	150.00
			Speech judges gifts	\$	47.17
			Reimb. Mailings, Supplies	\$	82.1
TOTAL	\$	5,855.00	TOTAL	\$	5,385.67
<u>Make-up of Cash</u>					
Balance, November 1, 2019	\$	9,070.15	General Account	\$	6,284.48
Receipts	\$	5,980.00	Don Peterson Scholarship Account	\$	3,180.00
Expenditures	\$	(5,385.67)	General Scholarship Account	\$	200.00
Balance, October 31, 2020	\$	9,664.48		\$	9,664.48

THE KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

ENDOWMENT

'Invest in Kansas Association of Conservation District Endowment to
protect and improve Kansas natural resources'

November 16, 2020

Dear Endowment committee,

As is obvious, we won't have a meeting before the convention. I would like to send along the minutes of last year's meeting and the current financials to keep us up to date on where we are.

Due to covid, we haven't made progress on the trailer raffle since last year. Ted checked on trailer prices earlier and I checked several dealers on line and arrived at roughly the same figure (retail) which is between \$12,500 to 13,000 for a 7x24 steel stocktrailer with 2 interior gates. Upgrades mostly would be the type of floor wanted. Most that I looked at had 4' of cleated rubber in the back. I would hope that we could get a better price directly from the manufacturer if approached in person, which is difficult in the current circumstances.

Discussions I have had with Ted and Ted with Rod is that we could do this raffle any time of the year and not tied to the convention.

A question I have for the KACD board is how do we pay for this trailer in light of the loss of association income with no convention. I hope this could be discussed at your meeting.

One other topic that needs to be covered is this is the year that Rod Vorhees needs to be reaffirmed as an Endowment Trustee. Rod needs to give his consent to the board since we aren't having a meeting.

I welcome any comments and discussion from all of you. I would only ask that replies be to all and just not me to make this an open forum.

Thank you,
Lyman L. Nuss
Chairman

KACO Endowment Committee
Treasurer's Report
November 13, 2019 thru November 17, 2020

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Amount	Balance
Operating Fund					\$	605.30
Deposit	11/15/2019			Interest	\$ 1.95	\$ 607.25
Deposit	12/13/2019			Interest	\$ 1.77	\$ 609.02
Deposit	1/15/2020			Interest	\$ 2.15	\$ 611.17
Deposit	2/15/2020			Interest	\$ 1.99	\$ 613.16
Deposit	3/15/2020			Interest	\$ 1.86	\$ 615.02
Deposit	4/15/2020			Interest	\$ 0.20	\$ 615.22
Deposit	5/15/2020			Interest	\$ 0.22	\$ 615.44
Deposit	6/15/2020			Interest	\$ 0.69	\$ 616.13
Deposit	7/15/2020			Interest	\$ 0.66	\$ 616.79
Deposit	8/15/2020			Interest	\$ 0.66	\$ 617.45
Deposit	9/15/2020			Interest	\$ 0.71	\$ 618.16
Deposit	10/15/2020			Interest	\$ 0.67	\$ 618.83
Deposit	11/15/2020			Interest	\$ 0.64	\$ 619.47
Endowment Fund					\$	4,486.68
Deposit	12/2/2019			Prints	\$ 85.00	\$ 4,571.68
Pmt	12/3/2019	590	Postmaster	Print	\$ (7.85)	\$ 4,563.83
Deposit	12/16/2019			Print	\$ 102.00	\$ 4,665.83
Deposit	1/7/2020			Print	\$ 60.22	\$ 4,726.05
Deposit	1/13/2020			Print	\$ 34.00	\$ 4,760.05
Deposit	1/27/2020			Print	\$ 17.00	\$ 4,777.05
Balance in checking					\$	5,396.52

