



Convention Agenda Sunday

9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

EO Board of Directors Meeting – Enterprise Board Room

12:00 to 2:00 p.m.

Endowment Committee Meeting – Chisolm Trail

1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

KACD Board of Directors Meeting – Enterprise Board Room

State Conservation Commissioners Meeting – Santa Fe Trail

2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

**Conservation Education & Youth Committee Meeting –
Chisolm Trail**



*2 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Convention Registration
Ballroom Foyer*

4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

New Supervisor Orientation – Stimson

4:30 to 6:00 p.m.

Kansas Envirothon Meeting – Enterprise Board Room

7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Vespers Service – Trail Rooms

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6:30 to 8:00 a.m.

Sharp Bros. Seed Co. Breakfast – Riverview Ballroom

*7 a.m. to 12 noon
Convention Registration
Ballroom Foyer*



8:00 to 9:45 a.m.

KACD Opening Ceremony – Grand Eagle Ballroom

Presentation of Colors - Derby HS Color Guard

Presidents Report – Bill Simshauser, KACD President

NACD Highlights – Aubrey Evans, Northern Plains
Regional Representative, NACD

Farm Bill Update – Senator Roger Marshall (invited)

Monday Agenda cont'd.

Harmonizing Conservation and the Power of Partnerships
Nathan Hylia, Kanati Land Management

Join us for an enlightening presentation that will equip you with practical insights and actionable strategies to drive successful conservation efforts in the Midwest. Whether you're a conservation professional, landowner, or community member, this interactive presentation will provide you with information on the conservation of our region's natural resources.

During this presentation, you will learn key concepts on how to build strong relationships with landowners, elevate customer service in conservation, understand the foundation of conservation planning, and utilize the power of partnerships.

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Auxiliary Country Store - Ballroom Foyer

9:45 to 10:00 a.m.

Coffee Break - Ballroom Foyer

10:05 to 11:00 a.m.

KACD Committee Meetings

Grassland Committee - Redbud B

Presiding - Daryl Donohue, Chair

Natural Resources Committee - Cypress B

Presiding - Baron Shively, Chair

District Operations Committee - Redbud A

Presiding - Wayne Lukert, Chair

Wildlife, Recreation and Forestry - Redbud C

Presiding - Sam Sanders, Chair

Finance and Development - Oak

Presiding - Tommy Barrett II, Chair

Urban and Rural Development - Osage

Presiding - Mark Lehman, Chair

10:05 to 12:00 p.m.

Youth and Education Committee Speech Contest - Cypress A

Presiding - Dwayne Roux, Chair

New District Employee Orientation - Walnut



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11:10 to 12:10 p.m.



Breakout Sessions

Redbud B

The Kansas Soil Health Alliance: Your Partners in Soil Health

Jennifer Simmelink, Program Coordinator
Kansas Soil Health Alliance

This session will be led by the Kansas Soil Health Alliance and will include several topics to aid conservation staff. Learn the basics of soil health and their practical application in the field as shared from the farmer's perspective. Hear updates on Farmer-to-Farmer Discussions; learning what topics, advertising methods, communication tools, and more are working best. Learn tips and tricks for hosting field days and workshops, and find out what resources and assistance the Kansas Soil Health Alliance has to offer. This will be a relaxed session with questions and discussions encouraged.

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Redbud C

Funding for Conservation in Kansas

Justin Cobb - Government Relations Manager, TNC

Dawn Buehler - Chair, Kansas Water Authority

Come learn more about the Kansans for Conservation coalition, a diverse group of organizations (KACD is one of them) working collaboratively to ensure a healthy and sustainable future for Kansas, focused on water, land, outdoor recreation, and environmental education resources for Kansans.

12:15 to 1:45 p.m.

SCC Luncheon - Grand Eagle Ballroom

Presiding: Rod Vorhees, SCC Chairman

Keynote Speaker - Representative Ken Rahjes,
Chair, Kansas House Agriculture Committee

**KACD State Speech Contest Winner
Presentation**

2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

NRCS Employee Meeting - Birch Room



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2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Area Business Meetings

Area 1 - Cedar

Election of SCC Commissioner

Area 2 - Maple

Results of KACD Director Elections

Area 3 - Oak

Election of SCC Commissioner

Area 4 - Osage

Results of KACD Director Elections

Area 5 - Walnut

Election of SCC Commissioner

3:15 to 5:15 p.m.

Business Meeting – Redbud B

3:15 to 5:15 p.m.

Employee Organization Meeting – Cypress Ballroom A

Awards Celebration

6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Reception

Ballroom Foyer

7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Banquet

Grand Eagle Ballroom



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Convention Agenda Tuesday



7 to 8:30 a.m.

***Convention Registration
Ballroom Foyer***

7:00 to 8:30 a.m.

Buffet Breakfast – Riverview Ballroom

8:30 to 10:00 a.m.

District Manager Meeting – Learning the New KACD Website – Cypress Ballroom A
Laura Munsch, Marketing Angle

KACD Auxiliary Meeting – Enterprise Board Room

8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Conservation Symposium – Grand Eagle Ballroom
Quality Water, Quality Life – Addressing Water Quantity and Quality Concerns in Kansas

Kansas is blessed with a rich agricultural heritage and vibrant economy deeply rooted in farming and industry. However, this prosperity has always been linked to a stable and sustainable water supply. With a complex web of streams, surface water reservoirs, underground aquifers and a diverse climate, Kansas faces unique challenges in balancing the competing demands of agriculture, community development, industry and environmental conservation. This symposium will consist of two panels of experts, policy makers and stakeholders who are deeply engaged in addressing the multifaceted issues surrounding water quantity and quality resources in Kansas. Together we will explore the current state of Kansas water resources, examine the ongoing initiatives aimed at water conservation and management, and discuss the potential impacts our current and future actions may have on a continuing stable and clean water supply.

Water Quantity Panel

Susan Metzger – Director of Strategic Interdisciplinary Program Development at Kansas State University
(Moderator)

Panelists:

Shannon Kenyon - District Manager, Groundwater Management District 4

Wes McCary – Technology Projects Coordinator, Kansas Water Office

Larry Schiefericke – State Conservation Engineer, Natural Resources Conservation Service

Pat Janssen – ILS Farm Manager

Brian Olson – Department Head, Western KS Ag Research Center, K-State Research and Extension

10:00 to 10:30 a.m.

Coffee Break – Ballroom Foyer

10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Conservation Symposium (cont'd) – Grand Eagle Ballroom

Water Quality Panel

Dean Krehbiel – State Resource Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service (Moderator)

Panelists:

Landon Oldham – Owner, Heartland Soil Services

Matt Unruh – Assistant Director, Kansas Water Office

Ron Graber – Watershed Specialist, K-State Research and Extension

Tom Stiles – Director, Bureau of Water, Kansas Department of Health and Environment

Elliott Carver – State Agronomist, Natural Resources Conservation Service

Fred Jones – Water Resource Systems Mgr, City of Garden City