

MEETING MINUTES

Kentucky Association of Conservation Districts

March 21st, 2019

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

Also in Attendance: Ms. Paulette Akers, Director, DOC; Mr. John Chism, KDA; 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 – February 11, 2019 –Mr. Rodney Dick made a motion to approve minutes from the joint meeting, and Mr. Allan Bryant seconded the motion to approve. **Motion carried.**

Treasurer's Report - Treasurer Ted Jessup presented the KACD Treasurer's Report with copies given. Mr. Ted Jessup made the motion to approve the report as presented. Motion seconded by Mr. David Rowlett. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Mr. Steve Coleman to contract with Ms. Terri Shaw as the KACD Finance Coordinator. Motion seconded by Mr. Randy McCallon. **Motion carried unanimously.**

A motion was made by Mr. Steve Coleman to purchase a printer for KACD up to a \$350 value. Motion seconded by, Mr. David Rowlett. **Motion carried.**

Correspondence – All correspondence should be forwarded to 103 Lakeview Drive, Frankfort.

NACD Director's Report - Mr. David Rowlett updated the board about these items:

- New NACD Offices were announced at the NACD Annual Meeting
- One of the highlights of the Meeting was meeting the gentleman from Puerto Rico who talked with us about how conservation effects their Island especially after the most recent hurricane.
 - NACD is currently pairing Districts up with Districts in the States as Sister Districts to help them with building back and growth. If a Districts is interested in this project, please contact KACD.
- Kentucky will serve on the NACD Legislative Committee again.
- National Envirothon Competition July 28 – August 2, North Carolina State University
- NACD Summer Meeting: Santa Fe, NM August 2-6, 2019
- NACD SE Regional Meeting: Gatlinburg, TN August 11-13, 2019

KACD Auxiliary Report – A report was given by Ms. Bridget Pile. The Auxiliary received 36 scholarship applications this year and they are working on judging those. 34 quilt blocks were received, and the quilt is currently at the quilters. A picture will be released as soon as the quilt is finished. An auctioneer has been lined up for the Annual Meeting and plans for the Auxiliary Breakfast at the Meeting has been finalized.

KACD 2019 Annual Meeting – Marriott Griffin Gate Resort - Lexington, July 7th-9th

- **Registration** – The registration will be reviewed at the May Meeting. Due to the increased meal prices registration will need to be adjusted.
- **Corporate Sponsorship** – To date KACD has received 10 Corporate Sponsors and will be continue working toward additional sponsors. The Board of Directors have been asked to contact local businesses they work with on a regular basis.

Report on Spring Area Meetings

- **Area 1** – Mr. Randy McCallon said the meeting was well attended.
 - Election Results: Area 1 Director Randy McCallon
- **Area 2** – Mr. Ted Jessup said the meeting was well attended; the program was informative.
- **Area 4** – Mr. Mike Farmer reported that the meeting was well attended. A special presentation was made by the Jefferson County Conservation Districts to Mr. Ray Adams for his 40+ years of service to the Kentucky Conservation Partnership and as a Supervisor in Jefferson County for 15 years.
- **Area 5** – Mr. Allan Bryant said the meeting was well attended. One resolution was presented but has since been withdrawn.
 - Election Results: Area 5 Director Jennifer Burgan
- **Area 7** - Mr. Rodney Dick reported that the meeting was well attended. Mr. Kyle Kelly from KYFB visited with the group and gave a legislative update for issues of importance to Conservation Districts
 - Election Results: Area 7 Director Rodney Dick

2019 NACD Fly-In, Washington DC – The Fly-In was on March 13, 2019. KACD Board of Directors did not attend this year but have been in contact with Kentucky’s Congressional Delegation. Mr. Shane Wells assigned a KACD point of contact for each of the Congressional Districts:

- 1st: Randy McCallon
- 2nd: Shane Wells
- 3rd: Mike Farmer
- 4th: Allan Bryant
- 5th: Rodney Dick
- 6th: Steve Coleman

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

- Planning for KACD Area Spring Meetings and those are underway with 4 remaining to attend.
- Daviess County will be setting up a Scholarship Account with the KACD Foundation
- NACD TA Grants:
 - KACD submitted 2 grant proposals to NACD: Fleming County & Hopkins County. Both are for the continuation of the 2018 TA Grants. NACD should announce their selections in late April.
- The Conservation Art & Writing reception was held on March 12th. KACD provided refreshments for the event.
- Training modules are currently being developed for the KACD Website.

- The KACD Newsletter “Commonwealth Conservation Corner” has been emailed out twice using the new email service Constant Contact.
- Legislative Reception 2020: A committee has been made to work on the 2020 event (Allan Bryant, Rodney Dick, Shane Well, Steve Coleman and Ted Jessup) We will ask Buffalo Trace if 2 dates can be tentatively held for the event.
- Conservation Planning Boot Camp: NACD is currently taking application for Conservation Planning Boot Camp. If a District has an employee, they wish to send please contact KACD as soon as possible. These spaces fill up quickly.

Agency Comment

- **Natural Resources Conservation Service** – Not attended
- **KY Division of Conservation** – Ms. Paulette Akers updated the board on these items:
 - 2019 is the 75th Anniversary for the Conservation Art & Writing Contest. This year the theme will be: Wildlife.
 - DOC is currently working on the regional Envrothon Competitions. The State Competition will be held May 15-16 in Jabez.
 - Contact David Hargis for questions concern the District Audits
 - KY Soil and Water Conservation Commission is currently offering 0% interest on the equipment loan program. This rate will be assessed again at the SWCC Meeting in July.
 - The KY Energy and Environment Cabinet is reworking their website and you could encounter some issues right now. When the updates are complete the Cabinet will send a notification.
- **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** – John Chism updated the board on these items:
 - Commissioner Quarles has appointed John to be the regular representative for KDA to the KACD Board of Directors.
 - A brief update was given on the recent Legislative Session and KDA was overall pleased with the session
 - The hemp and organic programs are moving forward and doing well
 - Due to the weather of this past winter it is speculated that it will impact the next 3 years.
- **Division of Forestry** – Not attended.
- **KACDE** – Kayleigh Evans updated the board on these items:
 - KACDE has had representation at all of the KACD Area Spring Meetings
 - A reception will be held at the Annual Meeting on Sunday July 7th. It will be open to everyone in attendance to the meeting.
 - Breakouts will be offered for employees again this year at the KACD Annual Meeting.
 - A reminder that supervisors and employees are both welcome to attend the KACDE Luncheon at the KACD Annual Meeting.

Adjournment - A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Rodney Dick at 12:23pm. Motion seconded by Mr. Randy McCallon. **Motion carried, meeting adjourned.**

Next KACD Board Meeting –

- May 16, 2019 Marriott Griffin Gate Resort – Lexington, KY 9:30am