

## JOINT MEETING MINUTES

### Kentucky Association of Conservation Districts

### Kentucky Soil and Water Conservation Commission

Tuesday February 12, 2019 – 9:00 am

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In Attendance for KACD: Mr. Shane Wells, President; Mr. Allan Bryant, Secretary; Mr. Ted Jessup, Treasurer; Ms. Crystal Renfro, KACD Executive Director; Mr. Rodney Dick; Mr. Kevin Jeffries; Mr. Linville Martin; Mr. Randy McCallon; Mr. Ethan Brown; Mr. Mike Farmer and Mr. Steve Coleman.

In Attendance for SWCC: Mr. Scotty Parsons, SWCC Chair; Mr. Danny Shipley; Mr. Sam Hughes; Ms. Denise Hoffman; Mr. Don Minton; and Mr. Jeff Rice.

Others Present: Ms. Paulette Akers, Director of Division of Conservation; Ms. Johnna McHugh, Asst. Director of Division of Conservation; Mr. Jeff Gravitt, DOC; Ms. Stefanie Osterman, GOAP; Mr. Warren Beeler, GOAP; Mr. Bill McCloskey, GOAP; Ms. Michelle Estes; Ms. Kayleigh Evans, President of KACDE; Mr. Larry S. Gomer; Mr. Greg Stone; Mr. James Wright, Division of Forestry; Mr. John Small, DNR and Dr. Steve Higgins, University of Kentucky.

Quorum was met.

**Call to Order** - at 9:00 a.m. by Mr. Scotty Parsons, Chair SWCC, and KACD President Shane Wells.

**SWCC Minutes from the November 19, 2018 Meeting** - Motion to approve minutes was made by Mr. Don Minton and was seconded by Mr. Jeff Rice. **Motion carried.**

**SWCC Correction to the Minutes from the September 17, 2018 Meeting** – The September meeting minutes incorrectly noted the approval of meeting minutes from May 21, 2018. The minutes that were approved during the September meeting were the minutes from the July 8, 2018 meeting. Move to make the correction to the minutes was made by Ms. Denise Hoffman and seconded by Mr. Don Minton. **Motion carried.**

**KACD Minutes from the November 15, 2018 Meeting** – Motion to approve minutes was made by Mr. Allan Bryant. Motion was seconded by Mr. Randy McCallon. **Motion carried.**

**KACD Correspondence** – No correspondence was given.

**Equipment Loan Report** – Ms. Johnna McHugh, DOC, presented the report with copies distributed.

**Statement of Operations** – Assistant Director Johnna McHugh gave an overview of the year to date equipment fund report. Motion to approve the release of funds was made by Mr. Danny Shipley and was seconded by Mr. Sam Hughes. **Motion carried.**

- **Approval of Equipment Loan Requests** –

1. The Shelby County Conservation District is requesting a loan for an H&S LW Line Wrap Bale Wrapper. Cost of the equipment would be in the amount of \$26,800.00. The district will be paying \$8,933.33 to complete the 1/3 down payment. The district is requesting a loan amount of \$17,866.66. Motion to approve loan request was made by Mr. Don Minton and was seconded by Ms. Denise Hoffman. **Motion carried.**

2. The Green County Conservation District is requesting a loan for a Takeuchi TL8 Skid Steer. Cost of the equipment would be in the amount of \$49,900.00. The district will be paying \$16,900.00 to complete the 1/3 down payment. The district is requesting a loan amount of \$33,000.00. Motion to approve loan request was made by Mr. Danny Shipley and was seconded by Mr. Jeff Rice. **Motion carried.**
  
3. The Green County Conservation District is requesting a loan for a Mini Excavator IHI 30v4. Cost of the equipment would be in the amount of \$27,500.00. The district will be paying \$9,200.00 to complete the 1/3 down payment. The district is requesting a loan amount of \$18,300.00. Motion to approve loan request was made by Ms. Denise Hoffman and was seconded by Mr. Jeff Rice. **Motion carried.**
  
4. The Calloway County Conservation District is requesting a loan for a 10,000 lbs Genie GTH 5519. Cost of the equipment would be in the amount of \$60,000.00. The district will be paying \$20,000.00 to complete the 1/3 down payment. The district is requesting a loan amount of \$40,000.00. Motion to approve loan request was made by Mr. Jeff Rice and was seconded by Mr. Danny Shipley. **Motion carried.**
  
5. The Robertson County Conservation District is requesting a loan for a Chandler Fertilizer/Lime Spreader. Cost of the equipment would be in the amount of \$217,925.00. The district will be paying \$6,500.00 to complete the 1/3 down payment. The district is requesting a loan amount of \$11,425.00. Motion to approve loan request was made by Mr. Sam Hughes and was seconded by Mr. Don Minton **Motion carried.**

**Conservation District Supervisors** – Ms. Johnna McHugh presented the report.

- **Approval vacancy petitions**
  - Edmonson County – Brady Meeks to serve unexpired term (2022)
  - Jefferson County – Rebecca Truman to serve the unexpired term of Larry Butler (2022)
  - Kenton County – Jennifer Leigh Myka to serve the unexpired term of Timothy Daniels (2020)
  - McCreary County – Paul Summer, Jr. to serve the unexpired term of Bradley Coffey, Jr. (2020)
  - Morgan County – Henry Ronald Coe to serve the unexpired term of Jerry Haney (2020)
  - Owen County – Josh Juett to serve the unexpired term of David Smith (2020)
  - Owsley County – Dustin Gumm to serve the unexpired term of Joey Minter (2020)
  - Perry County – Rebecca Dobson to serve the unexpired term of Anthony Mullins (2020)
  - Pike County – Forest Dale Johnson to serve unexpired term (2020)
  - Powell County – Mike Reed to serve the unexpired term of Wayne Courtney (2020)
  - Trigg County – James Adams III to serve the unexpired term of James E. Adams, Jr (2020)
  - Trigg County – Donovan Washer to serve the unexpired term of Alana Baker-Dunn (2020)

Ms. Denise Hoffman made a motion to approve. Mr. Don Minton seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**

- **Incentive Pay for Supervisors**
  - Montgomery County request to approve local RC&D regional meeting as a qualifying event. Motion to not approve was made by Mr. Don Minton and was seconded by Ms. Denise Hoffman. **Motion not to approve carried.**

**Agriculture District Program** - Assistant Director Johnna McHugh, DOC, presented the report with copies distributed. Three (3) new petitions were presented to the Commission for consideration for a total of 550.60 acres.

- **Campbell County** (Petition No. 019-07 (A5) – 68.75 acres. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Danny Shipley. Motion seconded by Mr. Jeff Rice. **Motion carried.**
- **Campbell County** (Petition No. 019-14 (A4) – 273.08 acres. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Sam Hughes and was seconded to Mr. Don Minton. **Motion carried.**
- **Campbell County** (Petition No. 019-15 (A2) – 276.92 acres. Motion to approve was made by Ms. Denise Hoffman and was seconded by Mr. Jeff Rice. **Motion carried.**
- **Christian County** (Petition No. 024-14) – 748.61 acres. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Danny Shipley and was seconded by Ms. Denise Hoffman. **Motion carried.**
- **Muhlenberg County** (089-04) – 617.08 acres. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Sam Hughes and was seconded by Mr. Don Minton. **Motion carried.**

Ms. Johnna McHugh presented 19 petitions for recertification.

COUNTY	PETITION NO.	ACRES	COMMENTS
Boone	008-05	501.93	
Boone	008-06	118.96	
Boone	008-07	134.85	
Bourbon	009-04	585.00	
Bourbon	009-05	305.00	
Bourbon	009-06	585.00	
Bourbon	009-07	158.00	
Bourbon	009-08	350.0	
Bracken	012-04	73.75	
Henry	052-08	273.41	
Hopkins	054-09	927.98	
Hopkins	054-17	866.70	
Hopkins	054-17	258.60	
Marion	078-01	331.78	
Pulaski	100-01	1,955.20	
Pulaski	100-02	1,026.14	
Pulaski	100-03	274.00	
Shelby	106-06	996.27	

Motion to approve was made by Mr. Danny Shipley. Motion seconded by Mr. Sam Hughes. **Motion carried.**

**NACD Director’s Report** – Mr. Jeff Rice updated the board on the following items:

- High points of the Farm Bill
- NACD current affairs
- NACD is 7<sup>th</sup> in nation on dues received

**Old Business** – Ms. Paulette Akers asked for any additional AWQA nominees. Names submitted were Mr. Mark Burnett, Mr. Darrel Luttrell, Mr. Jon Bednarski, Mr. Eric Heard and Mr. Darren Rice. No additional names were provided.

**New Business** –

- Ms. Crystal Renfro discussed the following with the board:
  - NACD Spring fly-in: March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019
  - Area meetings have been decided and have been uploaded to the website.
  - Both East and West will have the same agenda.
  - Update on KACD accomplishments.

- Seeking approval for \$30,000.00 for travel and salaries for a new contract with the KACD Executive Director. Mr. Ted Jessup made a motion to approve and was seconded by Mr. Rodney Dick. **Motion carried.**
- Equipment Loan interest rates – Ms. Johnna McHugh discussed the equipment loan interest rates with the board:
  - Currently, 2 million in the account for future loans.
  - A motion was made to continue with the zero interest rate until July meeting. Mr. Danny Shipley made a motion to approve and was seconded by Ms. Denise Hoffman. **Motion carried.**
- Division of Conservation budget presentation– Ms. Paulette Akers presented DOC budget information to the boards including:
  - Revenue for FY2019
  - Expenditures Personnel
  - Operating expenditures
  - Pass through
  - Current short fall of \$119,600.
  - Possible avenues to make up short fall

### Agency Reports

- Division of Conservation Report – Ms. Paulette Akers discussed the following with the board:
  - State Cost Share cut off was Dec. 31, 2018 with 541 applications submitted.
  - \$3.2 million in funds would be approved if fund applicants with scores of 36 or higher. Motion made by Mr. Jeff Rice and was seconded by Mr. Don Minton. **Motion carried.**
  - New cutoff date of May 30<sup>th</sup> 2019. A motion to approve the new cutoff date was made by Mr. Sam Hughes and was seconded by Mr. Danny Shipley. **Motion carried.**
  - A motion to approve the Environmental Grants was made by Ms. Denise Hoffman and was seconded by Don Minton. **Motion carried.**
  - A motion to approve three late Environmental Grants was made by Ms. Denise Hoffman and was seconded by Mr. Danny Shipley. **Motion carried.**
- KACD Area meeting updates – Ms. Crystal Renfro discussed the following with the board:
  - Area meetings dates and times.
  - Legislative Reception
  - Upcoming Convention
  - Scholarship program and the need for more outreach to the counties.
  - Jim Claypool Art and Conservation Writing contest.
    - Ms. Crystal Renfro asked the board to approve the amount of \$150.00 for the Art and Writing contest reception. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Steve Colman and was seconded by Mr. Ted Jessup. **Motion carried.**
  - Work on Social Media and KACD website continues.
- KACDE – Ms. Kayleigh Evans discussed the following with the board:
  - Soil Stewardship documents have been made up and are available for sale.
  - Employee break out session.
- KACD Auxiliary – No report given.
- Natural Resources Conservation Services – Mr. Greg Stone discussed the following with the board:
  - Mr. Greg Stone made introductions to the board.
  - Currently happy with the state of the Farm Bill
  - Discussed how to move forward and asked for any input from board members.

- Farm Service Agency – No report given.
- Department for Natural Resources – No report given.
- Governor’s Office of Ag Policy – Bill McCloskey provided information about their work in Perry, Nicholas and Bullitt Counties.
- Kentucky Department of Agriculture - Mr. Tim Hughes discussed the following with the board:
  - Commissioner Ryan Quarles welcomed everyone to KDA and presented an overview of current issues in agriculture for the state.
  - Farm to Fork program
  - Agriculture vehicle plate program.
  - Kentucky Corn Growers
  - Industrial Hemp update
    - 1,000 applications
    - 40,000 acres
    - Crop insurance will be available
- University of Kentucky - Dr. Steve Higgins presented the following information to the board:
  - Eden Shale pilot projects including the fenceline feeder and winter feeding structures.
  - Asked the board to consider increasing the amount of State Cost share for this from \$7,500 to \$15,000, plus add roof to the structure. This would require a state regulation change. A motion to move forward with a draft regulation including increased amounts for state cost share was made by Mr. Danny Shipley and was seconded by Mr. Sam Hughes. **Motion carried.**
- Division of Forestry – Mr. James Wright discussed the following with the board:
  - Re-organization description
  - Currently updating the Forestry Action Plan
  - Joint Force Forestry Team
  - Working Out of State forest fires

Mr. Steve Coleman made a motion to have KACD take over the tree bag orders over from Division of Conservation. Motion was seconded by Mr. Allan Bryant. **Motion carried.**

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Steve Coleman and was seconded by Mr. Randy McCallon. **Motion carried.**

**Adjournment** – 12:16 P.M.

**Upcoming SWCC/KACD Meeting** –

- SWCC – April 15, 2019 @ 9:00 AM at 300 Sower Blvd.
- KACD – March 21<sup>th</sup>, 2019 @ 9:30 AM at Franklin County Conservation District.