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**82nd
Annual Meeting**

**KENTUCKY ASSOCIATION OF
CONSERVATION DISTRICTS**

July 26, 27 and 28, 2026

**Crowne Plaza
Louisville, Kentucky**

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SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2026

- 12:00-4:00PM **Registration – Foyer**
- 1:00-4:00PM **Tour: TBA**
- 1:00-4:00PM **Exhibits Area –**
- 5:00-6:00PM **Evening of Remembrance- Speaker:**
 Music: Mr. David Stahl
 Vespers and Memorial Service
- 6:00PM **Dinner on Your Own**

MONDAY, JULY 27, 2026

- 7:00AM **KACD Supervisor’s Leadership Breakfast –**
 Guest Speaker: _____
- 8:00AM-4:00PM **Registration – Foyer**
- 8:00AM-5:00PM **Exhibits Area –**

Opening Session – Mr. Ted Jessup, President –

- 9:00AM - Presentation and Posting of the Colors
 The National Anthem – _____
 Pledge of Allegiance – _____
- Invocation – Mr. Matt Rodgers, Area 2 Director
- Welcome & Opening Comments – Mr. Ted Jessup, President
- Welcome – Mayor Craig Greenberg (Invited)
- 9:45-10:05AM **Keynote – Invited Speaker**
- 10:05-10:20AM **Address – Invited Speaker**
- 10:20-10:45AM Break -

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Second Morning Session – Mr. Steve Coleman, Vice President, KACD

- 10:45 – 11:30AM **Special Program** – Strengthening the Foundation: Internal Control Essentials for Conservation Districts (followed up by Breakout Sessions after lunch)
- 11:30AM – 12:00PM **Special Program** – Flowing Forward: Navigation the Future of Watershed Protection (followed up by two different Breakout Sessions after lunch)
- 12:00 -1:30PM LUNCH ON YOUR OWN
- 12:00-1:15PM **Resolutions Committee Meeting** (All KACD Board Members) –
- First Afternoon Breakout Sessions –**
- 1:30-2:45PM **CONCURRENT SESSIONS –**
- Session A – Watershed Management: Understanding PL-566 Watershed Structures Obligations and Risk.**
- Session B – Legacy in the Making: Our Future Junior Boards Envirothon Program Educational Programs**
- Session C – Navigating the Waters: Updates to the Ag Water Quality Plan and the Agriculture District Program**
- Session D – District Governance Essentials: Parliamentary Procedure 101: Mr. David Stahl Safeguarding the District: Practice Steps for Internal Financial Oversight**
- 1:30PM **Soil & Water Conservation Commission Meeting –**
- 2:45-3:15 PM Break - Refreshments in Display Area
- Second Afternoon Breakout Sessions –**
- 3:15-4:30 PM **CONCURRENT SESSIONS -**
- Session A – Funding the Flow: Navigating the Economics of Watershed Rehabilitation and Repair**

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Session B – Legacy in the Making: Our Future
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Educational Programs

**Session C – Navigating the Waters: Updates to the Ag Water Quality Plan
and the Agriculture District Program**

Session D – District Governance Essentials:
Parliamentary Procedure 101: Mr. David Stahl
**Safeguarding the District: Practice Steps for Internal
Financial Oversight**

Evening Session – Mr. Matt Rodgers, Area 2 Director
Mr. Doug DeRossett, Area 8 Director

6:00PM **Awards Program Reception**
 Years of Service - 25 years of service and up presented:

7:00PM **AUXILIARY SCHOLARSHIP AUCTION**
Immediately following awards program.
_____ , Auctioneer

TUESDAY, JULY 28, 2026

7:30AM RC&D Breakfast & Business Session –
 Speaker –

7:30AM KACD Auxiliary Breakfast & Business Meeting

8:00AM-2:30PM **Registration – Foyer**

8:00 AM-12 Noon **Exhibits Area –**

First Morning Session – Ms. Jennifer Burgan, Sec./Tr. KACD –

9:00-9:30 AM **Special Program – Ms. Kimberly Bartley**

9:35-9:55 AM **Junior Board Speakers**

9:55-10:20 AM **Education Awards:**
 Conservation Teacher of the Year
 Junior Board of the Year
 Envirothon State Winning Team

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10:20-10:45AM Break –
10:00-Noon KACD Auxiliary Craft Activity

Second Morning Session – Mr. Orville Bennett, Area 9 Director

10:45-11:15 AM **Special Program – KY Office of Ag Policy Program Update**

 Mr. Doug McLaren, Area 6 Director
11:20 – 11:40AM **Special Program – Advocacy in Action: Making Your Voice Count**
11:40 - Noon **Presentation – Forest Stewardship Awards & Remarks –**
 Mr. Brandon Howard, Director, KY Division of Forestry

Conservation District Forest Stewardship Award:
2026: _____ County Conservation District

Regional Forestry Office Stewardship Award:
2026: _____ Branch KY Division of Forestry

12:00-1:30PM KACDE Luncheon & Business Session Or
 Lunch on your Own

First Afternoon Session – Mr. Rodney Dick, Area 7 Director

1:30-1:45 PM NACD Report – Mr. David Rowlett, Kentucky NACD Representative
1:45-2:00 PM Legislative Committee Reports – Mr. Steve Coleman, Chairman
2:00-2:15 PM President’s Message – Mr. Ted Jessup
2:15-2:30 PM Break
2:30 - 4:30 PM District Employees Sessions -

 District & Partnership Technician Session-

2:30PM - KACD **Business Session**
 Standing Roles
 Treasurer's Report
 Resolutions
 Elections
 Other Business

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Banquet Session – Mr. Jeff Nalley -

Invocation
Person-X-Miles Awards
Districts of the Year Awards
Conservation Partnership Employee of the Year Award
KACD Auxiliary Scholarships
Outstanding Cooperator Awards
Distinguished Service Award
Special Recognition Award
Conservation Person-of-the-Year Award
Kentucky Leopold Conservation Award

2027 KACD ANNUAL MEETING

Holiday Inn & Sloan Convention Center
Bowling Green, KY
July 11-13, 2027