

MEETING MINUTES

Kentucky Association of Conservation Districts &

Kentucky Association of Conservation Districts Foundation

March 17, 2022

Electronic Zoom Meeting

In Attendance: Mr. Shane Wells, President; Mr. Allan Bryant, Vice President; Mr. Ted Jessup, Treasurer; Mr. David Rowlett, Past President; Mr. Steve Coleman; Mr. Rod Murphy; Mr. Doug Hensley; Mr. Roy Reynolds; Dr. Ernie Ezell; Ms. Jennifer Burgan and Mr. Jeff Rice, NACD Representative

Also, in Attendance: Mr. David Fields, DNR; Ms. Jennifer Farmer, FSA; Ms. Natalie Browning, President, KACDE; Mr. Doug McLaren; Mr. Vincent Thompson; 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 – January 24th – Mr. David Rowlett made a motion to approve minutes from the meetings, and Mr. Steve Coleman, seconded the motion to approve. **Motion carried.**

Treasurer’s Report – The KACD Treasurer’s Report was presented with copies emailed. Mr. Ted Jessup made the motion to approve the report as presented. Motion seconded by Mr. Allan Bryant. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Mr. Ted Jessup for the approval of the KACD Foundation Account Treasures Report. Seconded by Dr. Ernie Ezell. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Mr. Ted Jessup for the Executive Committee to explore bonding options for KACD. Seconded by Mr. Doug Hensley. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Mr. Allan Bryant to sponsor KY Ag in the Classroom for \$2,500. Seconded by Mr. David Rowlett. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Mr. Steve Coleman to approve the quarterly time reports for Mr. Crystal Renfro. Seconded by Mr. Allan Bryant. **Motion carried.**

Correspondence –

- A letter was received from the Legislative Ethics Committee and was discussed.

NACD Director’s Report - Mr. Jeff Rice updated the board about these items:

- The NACD SE Region HOF inductee was discussed. A motion was made by Mr. Steve Coleman to have the Executive Committee to take nominations. Seconded by Mr. Jeff Rice. **Motion carried.**
- A discussion was held about the lack of prayer and vespers service at the NACD Annual Meeting in Orlando. A motion was made by Mr. Allan Bryant to write a letter to the NACD Board of Directors

expressing the concern from KACD. If a response is not received the KACD Board will move forward with submitting a resolution concerning this to NACD. Seconded by Mr. Jeff Rice. **Motion carried.**

KACD Auxiliary Report – Ms. Lisa Mullins was unavailable.

2022 KACD Area Spring Meetings

- Updates were given about all the Area Meeting that had been held so far.

KACD Legislative Items-

- Mr. Shane Wells presented an update on the Legislative Priorities as well as, SBs 53 % 54.

KACD/NRCS TA Grant Program

- We currently have 30 partner technicians in the field.
- KACD is still looking for 20 additional employees.

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

- Update on the Monthly District Share Zoom Sessions. Looking for new ideas that we can cover.
- The Art & Writing Tabloid was discussed. The KACD Board has requested for it to be available to the districts earlier than in previous year. They would like for it to be published by Mid-August, if possible.
- The KACD Lifetime Membership print was discussed. The Executive Committee will review the draft sketches and report back to the Board.
- The May KACD Board Meeting will be held in Bowling Green at the Holiday Inn and also via Zoom.

Agency Comments

- **Natural Resources Conservation Service –**
- **KY Division of Conservation –**
- **Department for Natural Resources –** Mr. David Fields updated the board about the orphan wells program.
- **Farm Service Agency –** Mr. Jennifer Farmer updated the board about the Emergency Conservation Program being utilized for the tornado damage.
- **Energy and Environment Cabinet –**
- **KY Division of Forestry –**
- **Kentucky Department of Agriculture –**
- **KACDE –** Ms. Natalie Browning updated the board on these items:
 - KACDE will be hosting Area trainings this spring. Be watching for dates to be announced.
 - KACDE has offered to assist the KACD board anyway they can for the KACD Annual Meeting.
- **KYFB –**
- **KOAP –**

Adjournment - A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Roy Reynolds at 11:51am. Motion seconded by Mr. Allan Bryant. **Motion carried, meeting adjourned.**

Next KACD Board Meeting –

- May 19, 2022 Bowling Green, KY & Zoom