

MEETING MINUTES

Kentucky Association of Conservation Districts &

Kentucky Association of Conservation Districts Foundation

September 29, 2022

Franklin County Conservation District & Electronic Zoom Meeting

In Attendance: Mr. Allan Bryant, President; Mr. Ted Jessup, Vice President; Mr. Steve Coleman, Treasurer; Mr. Doug McLaren; Mr. Rod Murphy; Mr. Doug Hensley; Mr. Roy Reynolds; Dr. Ernie Ezell; Ms. Jennifer Burgan; Mr. Doug Derossett; Mr. Vincent Thompson; and Mr. David Rowlett, NACD Representative

Also, in Attendance: Mr. Greg Stone, NRCS; Ms. Sonya Keith, NRCS; Mr. John McCauley, FSA; Ms. Paulette Akers, DOC; Ms. Steve Kull, KDF; and Ms. Crystal Renfro, Executive Director, KACD.

Quorum was met.

Meeting Called to Order - at 9:30am by KACD President Mr. Allan Bryant.

KACD Minutes of the Last Meeting – May 19th and July 11th – Mr. Doug Derossett made a motion to approve minutes from the meetings, and Mr. David Rowlett seconded the motion to approve. **Motion carried.**

Treasurer's Report – The KACD Treasurer's Report was presented with copies emailed. Mr. Doug Derossett made the motion to approve the report as presented. Motion seconded by Mr. Ernie Ezell Motion **carried.**

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

A motion was made by Mr. Steve Coleman to change the bank accounts at WesBanco by removing Allan Bryant and Terri Shaw from all accounts and adding Steve Coleman. Also, retaining Ted Jessup and Crystal Renfro on the accounts. This would allow Ted, Steve, and Crystal to all three have full access to all bank account activities and operations, including online banking. Seconded by Mr. David Rowlett Motion **carried.**

A motion was made by Mr. Steve Coleman to change the bank accounts at First Federal Savings Bank by removing Allan Bryant and Terri Shaw from all accounts and adding Steve Coleman. Also, retaining Ted Jessup and Crystal Renfro on the accounts. This would allow Ted, Steve, and Crystal to all three have full access to all bank account activities and operations, including online banking. Seconded by Mr. David Rowlett Motion **carried.**

A motion was made by Mr. Steve Coleman to pay annual dues to the KY Ag Council of \$250. Seconded by Mr. Roy Reynolds **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Mr. Steve Coleman to pay annual dues to the National Watershed Coalition. Seconded by Mr. Doug Hensley. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Mr. Steve Coleman to submit paperwork for bonding in the amount of \$350,000. Seconded by Mr. Ted Jessup. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Mr. Steve Coleman to pay the Estill County Conservation District the quarterly payment for the ED agreement. Seconded by Mr. David Rowlett. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Mr. Steve Coleman to make a \$250 donation to KACDE for the SE Region Presidents Reception at their annual conference. Seconded by Ms. Jennifer Burgan. **Motion carried.**

Correspondence –

Agency Comments

- **Natural Resources Conservation Service** – Mr. Greg Stone updated the board on the flood relief work currently going on in Eastern Kentucky. He also announced that Ms. Sonya Keith has taken a job at the National Headquarters. He gave an update on the new fiscal year and predicted to have more cost share dollars available in the future. EQIP \$22 million obligated this year.
- **KY Division of Conservation** – Ms. Paulette Akers update the board on new Ag Water Quality Plan materials and they have received 2,200 electronic AWQPs in the last 20 months. Cost share and environmental grants are due November 15th. October 17 & 18 is the Governor’s Conference for Energy and the Environment.
- **Department for Natural Resources** –
- **Farm Service Agency** – Mr. John McCauley updated the board on the following:
 - Staffing issues, finding qualified staff is a challenge currently.
 - Update on the end of Fiscal Year.
- **Energy and Environment Cabinet** –
- **KY Division of Forestry** – Mr. Steve Kull updated the board on the following:
 - Morgan County Nursery is hosting a White Oak Field Day
 - Updated tree orders and availability.
- **Kentucky Department of Agriculture** – Mr. John Chism updated the board on the following:
 - KY State Fair
 - Hiring issues within the department.
 - Thanked everyone who attended the Committee Breakfast.
- **KACDE** – Ms. Natalie Browning forwarded a report:
 - The KACDE Conference was very well attended. They wanted to thank all of the agencies that sent speakers for the event. They will be looking for a new location next year.
- **KYFB** –
- **KOAP** –

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

- There will be a NACD Board Meeting October 6 from 5-7pm for anyone interested in joining.
- NACD SE Region Meeting Update
- NACD Annual Meeting 2023 is February 11-15 in New Orleans, LA.

KACD Auxiliary Report – The Auxiliary banking was discussed. A motion was made by Mr. Steve to transfer Auxiliary General Funds to the Auxiliary President. Seconded by Mr. David Rowlett. **Motion carried.**

Watershed Rehab Discussion

- The Energy and Environment Cabinet is going to ask the Legislatures in the upcoming session to clarify if the \$5 million is a grant or loan
- The DOC is currently working on an application for the program.
- A discussion was had on the need for a Watershed Coordinator in the State.

2022 KACD Annual Meeting

- Many aspects of the Annual Meeting were discussed. We were able to cover all the cost this year.
- 2023 Annual Meeting will be in Bowling Green
- 2024 Annual Meeting was discussed, and location is to be determined.

KACD Legislative Items-

- The Legislative Reception was discussed. The dates that are being looked at is Feb 9,21 & 23. We will have an update at the next meeting.

KACD/NRCS TA Grant Program

- We currently have 35 partner technicians in the field.
- KACD is still looking for 15 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.
- A motion was made by Mr. Steve Coleman to donate the KACD Printer to Ms. Terri Shaw. Seconded by Mr. David Rowlett. **Motion carried.**
- A motion was made by Mr. David Rowlett to pay the Nation Envirothon Dues. Seconded by Mr. Steve Coleman. **Motion carried.**

Adjournment - A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Steve Coleman at 12:05pm. Motion seconded by Mr. Roy Reynolds. **Motion carried, meeting adjourned.**

Next KACD Board Meeting –