

MEETING MINUTES

Kentucky Association of Conservation Districts

May 16th, 2019

Marriott Griffin Gate Resort / Lexington, 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; Mr. Jeff Rice, NACD Representative; Mr. Orville Bennett; and Ms. Bridget Pile.

Also in Attendance: Mr. Greg Stone, State Conservationist, NRCS; Ms. Sonya Keith, Assistant State Conservationist for Partnerships, NRCS; Mr. John Chism, KDA; Mr. Warren Beeler, Executive Director, GOAP; Mr. Steve Kull, KDF; Ms. 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 – March 21, 2019 –Mr. Steve Coleman made a motion to approve minutes from the meeting, and Mr. Rodney Dick 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. Alan Bryant. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Mr. Ted Jessup to pay for KACD's 2019 NACD Annual Dues at an amount of \$1,000. Motion seconded by, Mr. Steve Coleman. **Motion carried.**

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

A motion was made by Mr. Allan Bryant to pay for the soil pit to be dug for the Envirothon Competition. Motion seconded by Mr. Steve Coleman. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Mr. Randy McCallon to once again sponsor the Kentucky Leopold Award. Motion seconded by, Mr. David Rowlett. **Motion carried.** Mr. Steve Coleman abstained from voting.

A motion was made by Mr. Alan Bryant to pay for the Kentucky auction item that was purchased by Jeff Rice for the NACD Annual Meeting. Motion seconded by, Mr. David Rowlett. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Mr. Steve Coleman to sponsor a table at the Kentucky Farm Bureau Ham Breakfast again for an amount of \$304. Motion seconded by, Mr. Orville Bennett. **Motion carried.** The breakfast will be held August 22nd at the Kentucky State Fair.

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

- 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

A motion was made by Mr. David Rowlett to nominate Mr. Ray Adams as the 2019 NACD SE Region Hall of Fame Inductee. Seconded by, Mr. Mike Farmer. **Motion Carried.** A PowerPoint presentation will be prepared for the HOF Luncheon at the SE Region Meeting in August.

A motion was made by Mr. Steve Coleman to pay for the travel and accommodations for any Director who wishes to go to the NACD SE Region Meeting. Their local district will be responsible for their registration. Seconded by, Mr. David Rowlett. **Motion Carried.**

A motion was made by Mr. Ted Jessup to send Mr. Jeff Rice, NACD Representative to the NACD Summer Meeting in New Mexico with the same guidelines as the SE Meeting. Seconded by, Mr. Allan Bryant. **Motion Carried.**

KACD Auxiliary Report – A report was given by Ms. Bridget Pile. The Auxiliary had chosen the three scholarship recipients. Those students and their Districts will be notified. The quilt is currently at the quilters and will be ready for the Annual Meeting. The design for next year's quilt is currently being discussed.

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

- **Registration** – The registration prices were discussed and raised slightly to cover the increase in cost of the Lexington location. The 2019 registration form reflects the changes.
- **Program** –
 - A motion was made by Mr. Steve Coleman to contract with the Crossroads Quartet for the entertainment at the Soil Stewardship Program. Seconded by, Mr. Rodney Dick. Motion carried.
 - 150 invitations will be sent to Congressional Leaders, Kentucky legislators and various department leaders.
 - The program is coming along nicely. Many speakers have already confirmed.

KACD Travel Guidelines

A motion was made by Mr. Alan Bryant to update the KACD travel policy that is now noted in the travel form dated 5/16/19. Seconded by, Mr. Steve Coleman. **Motion carried.**

Report on Spring Area Meetings

- **Area 3** – Next year the Area 3 Meeting will be held in Warren County.
 - Election Results: Area 3 Director Rhodes Hester
- **Area 6** – Mr. Steve Coleman reported that the meeting was well attended in Powell County. Next year the Area 6 meeting will be held in Scott County.
- **Area 8** – Mr. Lenville Martin said that there was a large crowd at the meeting. Thank you for Pike County for hosting.
- **Area 9** – Mr. Orville Bennett said the meeting was well attended. Mr. Kyle Kelly from KYFB visited with the group giving legislative updates.
 - Election Results: Area 9 Director Doug Hensley

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

- NACD TA Grants:
 - KACD submitted 2 grant proposals to NACD: Fleming County & Hopkins County. Both are for the continuation of the 2018 TA Grants and were approved for one additional year of funding.
- Training modules are currently being developed for the KACD Website and will be presented at the Annual meeting.
- The KACD Newsletter “Commonwealth Conservation Corner” is being sent to 303 individuals using the Constant Contact service. We are in the process of including all Legislators in this contact list.
- We are currently working on a Direct Aid and State Cost Share Fact Sheet. This will be sent out to the districts and KACD will want everyone to share the information with their legislators. The KACD Executive Committee has their first Legislator Meeting the first week of June. It is time to start working on this now.
- To Date there are not Resolutions for the Annual Meeting. District’s will also be allowed to present them at the meeting.
- A motion was made by Mr. Steve Coleman to purchase display banners and a table cover with the KACD emblem that can be used at convention and at later dates for trade shows. Seconded by, Mr. Allan Bryant. **Motion carried.**
- Awards committee meeting: June 3 at the Franklin County Conservation District.
 - A motion was made by Mr. Ted Jessup to nominate Mr. Ray Adams for the Lifetime Service to Kentucky’s Conservation Districts Award. Seconded by, Mr. Allan Bryant. **Motion Carried.**
 - Suggestions for the Conservation Person of the Year and Distinguished Service Awards were given and will be decided by the awards committee on June 3.

Agency Comment

- **Natural Resources Conservation Service** – Greg Stone updated the board on these items:
 - NRCS is currently working on the possibility of partnering with KACD on an umbrella grant for future district technical positions. This would assist NRCS by allowing them to only have one grant and KACD being responsible individual grants with Districts. This is in the very early stages of discussion.
- **KY Division of Conservation** – Not attended
- **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:
 - A brief update was given on the tariffs with agriculture.
 - KDA is currently finishing up their fiscal year.
 - Due to the weather of this past winter it is speculated that it will impact the next 3 years.
- **Division of Forestry** – Steve Kull updated the board on these items:
 - The budget for KDA is currently in decent shape
 - During the 2019 tree seedling program 74 District partnered with the KDF by matching 125,000 trees to be given away. We would like to see this program continue on for many years.
- **KACDE** – Kayleigh Evans updated the board on these items:
 - KACDE had representation at all of the KACD Area Spring Meetings
 - A reception will be held at the Annual Meeting on Sunday July 7th.
 - 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.

- The KACDE Annual Conference will be held September 10-12, 2019 in Jabez. They are currently working on the agenda and it will be emailed out with registration information soon.

- **Governor's Office of Ag Policy** – Warren Beeler updated the board on these items:
 - Currently 47 Conservation Districts Administer the CAIP Program
 - Update on the Water Resources Management Group and a water harvesting project they have funded.

Adjournment - A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Randy McCallon at 11:57 am. Motion seconded by Mr. Ted Jessup. **Motion carried, meeting adjourned.**

Next KACD Board Meeting –

- September 19, 2019 – Franklin County Conservation District 9:30am