

MEETING MINUTES

Kentucky Soil and Water Conservation Commission

Monday, May 15th 2017

300 Sower Blvd. Room 216

In Attendance for SWCC: Mr. Jack Roberts, Vice-Chair; Mr. Ray Adams, Secretary; Mr. Scotty Parsons; Mr. Marc Hult; Mr. Sam Hughes; and Mr. Danny Shipley.

Others Present: Mr. John Small, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Natural Resources; Ms. Kim Richardson, Director, Division of Conservation; Ms. Johnna McHugh, Division of Conservation Assistant Director; Mr. J.D. Sparks, Department of Natural Resources; Ms. Ava Adams, KACD Auxiliary President; Ms. Kayleigh Evans, KACDE President; Mr. Ben Conner, Department of Natural Resources; Mr. Jay Nelson, Division of Conservation; Mr. James Wright, Division of Forestry; Ms. Karen Woodrich, NRCS; Dr. Steve Higgins, University of Kentucky; and Jeff Gravitt, Division of Conservation.

Quorum was met.

Meeting Called to Order – 9:00 am by Mr. Jack Roberts.

SWCC Minutes from the March 20th, 2017 Meeting – Mr. Danny Shipley asked for a correction be made to the Department of Agriculture portion of the minutes. Mr. Tim Hughes first name was misspelled. Motion to approve minutes with corrected spelling was made by Mr. Scotty Parsons and was seconded by Mr. Danny Shipley. **Motion carried.**

Equipment Report - Ms. Johnna McHugh, DOC, presented the report with copies distributed.

- **Statement of Operations** –Ms. Johnna McHugh gave an overview of the year to date equipment fund report. Mr. Ray Adams made the motion to approve this report. Mr. Danny Shipley seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**
- **Approval of Equipment Loan Requests.**
 1. The Trigg County Conservation District is requesting a loan for a new 2017 Great Plains 706 NT Drill. Cost of the equipment would be in the amount of \$20,500.00. A trade-in amount of \$3,500.00 will be allowed. The district will be paying \$3,333.34 to complete the 1/3 down payment. The district is

requesting a loan amount of \$13,666.66. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Scotty Parsons and was seconded by Mr. Ray Adams. **Motion carried.**

2. The Bath County Conservation District is requesting a loan for a new Duratech Haybuster NT Drill. The cost of the equipment would be in the amount of \$26,000.00. A trade-in amount of \$8,100.00 will be allowed. The district will be paying \$565.00 to complete the 1/3 down payment. The district is requesting a loan amount of \$17,335.00. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Sam Hughes and was seconded by Mr. Marc Hult. **Motion carried.**

- **Approval of Infrastructure Loan Request.** No approvals were requested.

Vacancy Petitions for Conservation District Supervisor's Appointments - Ms. Kim Richardson presented the requests.

- **Vacancy petitions.**
 - Pendleton - Mary Lehner to serve unexpired term of Will Browning (2018)
 - Spencer - Randall Jump to serve unexpired term of Elva Keeling (2020)
 - Graves- Greg Smith to serve unexpired term of Mitchell Hunter (2020)
 - Whitley- Anne Bays to serve unexpired term of CJ Clark (2018)
 - Boone-Victor Vanover to serve unexpired term of Monty Taylor (2018)
 - Metcalfe- Timmy Slinker to fill expired term
 - Hopkins- Danny Peyton to serve unexpired term of Quentin Lomache (2020)
 - McLean- Freddie Adkins to serve unexpired term of Charles Turley, deceased (2020)
 - Jefferson- Kedrick Stanfield to fill unexpired term of Bryan Burns (2018)
 - Warren – Mark Chapman to fill unexpired term of Darrell Cohron (2020)

Motion to approve vacancy petitions was made by Mr. Scotty Parsons and was seconded by Mr. Ray Adams. **Motion carried.**

- **Incentive Per Diem** –
 - Taylor County
 - Marion Howard-10 minute training from Field Rep Steven Olt, 2016 KACD Convention, Area 7 Spring Supervisor's meeting
 - Barry Smith-10 of 12 minute training from Field Rep Steven Olt, 2016 KACD Convention
 - David Cowherd-10 minute training from Field Rep Steven Olt, 2016 KACD Convention, and Area 7 Spring Supervisor's meeting

- Debbie Gabbert- 10 minute training from Field Rep Steven Olt, 2016 KACD Convention, and Area 7 Spring Supervisor’s meeting
 - Sophia Campbell-2016 KACD Convention, Area 7 Spring Supervisor’s meeting, 10 minute training from Field Rep. Steven Olt
- Franklin County-
 - Todd Akers-2016 KACD Convention, 8 Supervisors ten minute trainings
 - Steve Coleman-2016 KACD Convention, 9 Supervisors ten minute trainings, area 6 meeting
 - Tom Karsner-2016 KACD Convention, 10 Supervisors ten minute trainings, area 6 meeting
 - Bruce Quarles-2016 KACD Convention, 10 Supervisors ten minute trainings
- Harrison County-
 - Paul Tucker-2016 KACD Convention, 2017 Area 5 Spring Meeting, & 8 out of 10 ten minute training
 - Nick Farmer-2017 Area 5 Spring meeting, 9 out of 10 ten minute trainings
 - Bill Roberts-2017 Area 5 Spring meeting, 3 out of 10.....minimum of 2 training sessions required.
 - Jennifer Burgan-2016 KACD Convention, 2017 area 5 spring meeting, 8 out of 10 ten minute trainings
 - Russell Grey-2017 area 6 meeting, 9 out of 10 ten minute trainings
 - Meagan Baxter—2017 area 5 meeting, 8 out of 10 ten minute training
 - Eddie M – 2017 area 5 spring meeting, 10 out of 10 ten minute training
- Marshall County
 - Jeff Futrell-ten ten minute trainings, area meeting
 - Kyle O’Dell-ten ten minute trainings, area meeting
- Floyd County
 - Lenville Martin-KACD Convention, Area 8 meeting, 10 of 12 ten minute, 2 KACD teleconference
 - Floyd Allen- Area 8 meeting, 10 of 12 ten minute trainings
 - Thomas Hardwick-Area 8 meeting, 10 of 12 ten minute trainings, 1 KACD teleconferences
 - Ernie Tackett-KACD Convention, 10 of 12 ten minute trainings, 2 KACD teleconference

- Bert Layne-KACD Convention, area 8 meeting, 10 of 12 ten minute training
 - Clyde Doug DeRossett- KACD Conventionminimum of 2 training sessions required.
- Hancock County
 - Joseph M. Hagman- Area 2 Spring Supervisor’s Meeting, 9 ten minute trainings
 - Dennis R. Johnson- Area 2 Spring Supervisor’s Meeting, 10 ten minute trainings
 - Stephen R. Ogle- Area 2 Spring Supervisor’s Meeting, 8 ten minute trainings
 - Anthony L. Johnson- Area 2 Spring Supervisor’s Meeting, 8 ten minute trainings
 - Loyd P. Ray- Area 2 Spring Supervisor’s Meeting, 10 ten minute trainings
 - Gary A. Long- KACD Convention, 9 ten minute trainings
 - McCracken-
 - Dewain Gipson –KACD AREA 1 meeting, 9 ten Supervisor trainings
 - JW Goodwin-KACD Area 1, 9 ten minute Supervisor trainings
 - Wayne Ezell- KACD Area 1, 7 ten minute Supervisor trainings, KACD education conference call

Motion to approve all qualifying training sessions was made by Mr. Danny Shipley and was seconded by Mr. Marc Hult. **Motion carried.**

Agriculture District Program - Ms. McHugh presented the report with copies distributed. Five (5) new petitions were presented to the Commission for consideration for a total of 910.64 acres.

1. Boone County (Petition No. 008-12(A1) – 156.39 acres. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Mack Hult and was seconded by Mr. Ray Adams. **Motion Carried**
2. Campbell County (Petition No. 019-08 A4) – 77.55 acres. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Scotty Parsons and was seconded by Mr. Marc Hult. *This is contingent on no complaints in the next 60 days.* **Motion carried.**
3. Campbell County (Petition No. 019-17) – 407.57 acres. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Ray Adams and was seconded by Mr. Scotty Parsons. **Motion carried.**
4. Campbell County (Petition No. 019-16(A1)) – 50.50 acres. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Ray Adams and was seconded by Mr. Scotty Parsons. **Motion carried.**

5. Garrard County (040-01) – 209.63 acres. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Scotty Parsons and was seconded by Mr. Ray Adams. **Motion carried.**

Seven (7) new agricultural districts have been submitted to the commission for five-year recertification for a total of 9,997.25 acres. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Scotty Parsons and was seconded by Mr. Ray Adams. **Motion carried.**

COUNTY	PETITION NO.	ACRES
Barren County	005-012	358.50
Ballard County	004-01	315.46
Ballard County	004-02	4,131.71
Henry County	052-02	599.00
Henry County	052-05	224.00
Henry County	052-17	228.00
Oldham County	093-04	4,140.58

Discussion of Spring Area Meeting

- Area 3 – Mr. Danny Shipley said the meeting was well attended, with talk of moving the meeting next year to a different location.
- Area 4 – Mr. Ray Adams said the meeting was well attended and was held at the Parklands of Floyd’s Fork. They had three different counties make presentations at the meeting, and a new KACD board member was elected, Mr. Mike Farmer.

Division of Conservation Report – Ms. Kim Richardson updated the board about these items:

- DOC is looking into possible administrative regulations
 - Using correct scaling
 - Raising caps
 - More incentives to enroll
- Mr. Jay Nelson with the help of Mr. Craig Givins, is currently working on updating the SCS system and is looking at a possible launch time of November to December.

- DOC is currently reviewing 30 plus applicants for the field rep position. The hiring process is moving forward.
- Chanisty Chadwell, the DOC's Program Coordinator, has left DOC. The position will be vacant with job duties being divided between division employees.
- Garrard County requested to be added to the Frankfort Field Rep region. Ms. Kim Richardson will contact Garrard County to address.
- DOC staff level is currently at 16, with a cap of 17.
- Current budget and travel budget levels are in acceptable levels for this time of year.

Agency Reports

- **Natural Resources Conservation Service** – Ms. Karen Woodrich updated the board about these items:
 - NRCS is interested in partnering with the Kentucky conservation districts to fund positions for Soil Conservation Technician position in the districts. This would be a contribution agreement with 50 percent contribution from each party, and allowing for a 10% administrative cost for the partner.
 - Ms. Karen Woodrich gave a PowerPoint presentation on the importance of Conservation Technical Assistance Program (CTA).
- **Kentucky Department for Natural Resources** – No report given.
- **Energy and Environment Cabinet** – No report given.
- **Kentucky Department of Agriculture** – In place of Mr. Tim Hughes, Mr. Ben Conner updated the board about these items:
 - SB218 Hemp bill has passed.
 - 12,800 acres of hemp will be allowed to be grown in Kentucky.
 - Farmer will need to fill out an application for a one year lease on growing. Farmers can reapply each year.
 - Approval is based upon passing a background check.
 - Poster and Essay contest deadline was April 7. The awards will be handed out on June 16.
 - Is taking applications for 2017 Farm to Fork Program.
 - New KDA program rewards businesses for offering more Kentucky farm-sourced menu items
- **Agriculture Education/FFA State Advisor**- Not attended and no report was given.
- **Farm Service Agency** – Not attended and no report was given.
- **University of Kentucky** – Dr. Steve Higgins updated the board about these items.
 - Introduction to the feeding cubbies was held in April, with 90 plus people attending.
 - Pilot project to be held June 6. This is an educational training for local farmers.

- How to move forward with this project will rely on how well the pilot project turns out.
- Saint Catharine and Morehead's ongoing plans and goals was discussed.
- **Division of Forestry** – Mr. James Wright introduced himself as the new Director of Forestry and updated the board about these items:
 - Currently the Division of Forestry is coming out of its spring fire season.
 - The Division of Forestry has learned much from helping out with Oklahoma's forest fires.
 - Working on training additional personnel to help out when needed.
- **KACDE** – Ms. Kayleigh Evans updated the board about these items:
 - KACDE has sent out the soil stewardship materials.
 - Convention mail outs were sent out to all districts.
 - Ms. Kayleigh Evans invited all KACD board members to attend the business lunch at the convention.

Mr. Jack Roberts attended his last SWCC meeting and has vacated his seat as Vice-Chair. Mr. Jack Roberts thanked everyone that he has worked with over the past years.

This marked the last meeting with Mr. John Denton as President as well.

The SWCC will have at least three new board members at the next SWCC meeting.

Next Board Meeting –

July 9, 2017 – KACD Convention, 2:00 Sunday.

September 18, 2017

November 20, 2017

Adjourned - Mr. Ray Adams made motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Mr. Scotty Parsons.

Motion carried