

MEETING NOTES

Kentucky Soil and Water Conservation Commission

Monday September 18, 2017

**300 Sower Blvd
Conference Room B**

In Attendance for SWCC: Mr. Ray Adams, Chair; Mr. Danny Shipley, Secretary; Mr. Billy Doolin; Mr. Scotty Parsons; Mr. Don Minton; Mr. Jeff Rice; Ms. Denise Hoffman; and Mr. Sam Hughes.

Others Present: Ms. Kim Richardson, Director, Division of Conservation; Ms. Johnna McHugh, Assistant Director, Division of Conservation; Ms. Kayleigh Evans, President, Kentucky Association of Conservation District Employees; Mr. Jay Nelson, Division of Conservation; Ms. Karen Woodrich, Natural Resources Conservation Service; Ms. Amanda Moore, Natural Resources Conservation Service; Dr. Steve Higgins, University of Kentucky; Mr. Tim Hughes, Kentucky Department of Agriculture; Mr. Craig Givens, Natural Resources Conservation Service; Mr. Richard Wahrer, Department for Natural Resources, Commissioner's Office; Ms. Jennifer L. Turner, Department for Natural Resources, Commissioner Office; Mr. Steve Kull, Division of Forestry; and Mr. Jeff Gravitt, Division of Conservation.

Quorum was met.

Meeting Called to Order – 9:00 am by Mr. Ray Adams.

SWCC Minutes from the May 15, 2017 Meeting – Motion to approve minutes was made by Mr. Billy Doolin and was seconded by Mr. Jeff Rice. **Motion carried.**

Swearing in of newly appointed and reappointed members – Ms. Johnna McHugh read the oath of office and the following accepted by signing the oath:

- Mr. Scotty Parsons
- Mr. Jeff Rice
- Mr. Don Minton
- Ms. Denise Hoffman

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

- **Statement of Operations** – Ms. Johnna McHugh gave an overview of the year to date equipment fund reports for June and August 2017.
 - Motion to approve the June 2017 equipment fund report was made by Mr. Danny Shipley and was seconded by Mr. Billy Doolin. **Motion carried.**
 - Motion to approve the August 2017 equipment fund report was made by Ms. Denise Hoffman and was seconded by Mr. Sam Hughes. **Motion carried.**
- **Approval of Equipment Loan Requests** –
 1. The Marion County Conservation District is requesting a loan for an aerator. Cost of the equipment would be in the amount of \$12,851.20. The district will be paying \$10,013.25 to complete the 1/3 down payment. The district is requesting a loan amount of \$3,337.75. Motion to approve loan request was made by Mr. Scotty Parsons and was seconded by Mr. Sam Hughes. **Motion carried.**
 2. The Franklin County Conservation District is requesting a loan for an 8 foot Brillion SS-8 Seeder. Cost of the equipment would be in the amount of \$11,950.00. The district will be paying \$3,983.33 to complete the 1/3 down payment. The district is requesting a loan amount of \$7,966.67. Motion to approve loan request was made by Mr. Jeff Rice and was seconded by Mr. Sam Hughes. **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** –
 - Clinton County - Steve Young to serve the unexpired term of Larry Conner (2018)
 - Oldham County - Andy Vertrees to serve the unexpired term of Clarence Mays (2020)
 - Trimble County – Frank Gregory Heveline to fill vacancy (2020)

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

- **Incentive Per Diem** –
 - **Bell County**
 - Chuck Blank – Area 7 meeting, 10 ten minute training sessions
 - John Brock – Area 7 meeting, 12 ten minute training sessions
 - Elwood Combs – Area 7 meeting, 12 ten minute training sessions
 - Robert Mason – Area 7 meeting, 10 ten minute training sessions
 - Robert Mason VII – Area 7 meeting, 10 ten minute training sessions
 - Kenneth Robbins – Area 7 meeting, 11 ten minute training sessions
 - David Thompson – Area 7 meeting, 12 ten minute training sessions
 - **Breckinridge County**
 - Lee Burks – Area 3 meeting, 11 ten minute training sessions
 - Eddie Dyer – Area 3 meeting, 11 ten minute training sessions
 - Marion French – Area 3 meeting, 9 ten minute training sessions
 - Pat Henderson – Area 3 meeting, 11 ten minute training sessions
 - Kenny Hinton – Area 3 meeting, 11 ten minute training sessions
 - Steven Hinton – Area 3 meeting, 11 ten minute training sessions
 - **Campbell County**
 - Linda Bray- Schafer- Area 5 meeting, 11 ten minute training sessions
 - Debbie Buckley – Area 5 meeting, 11 ten minute training sessions
 - Pete Garrett – Supervisor training from Field Representative Linda Hunter, 12 ten minute training sessions
 - Ken McCormick – Area 5 spring meeting, 13 ten minute training sessions two of these were for the Forestry & Education KACD committee conference calls
 - Ron McCormick – KACD convention, Area 5 meeting, 11 ten minute training sessions
 - Rick Simon – KACD convention, Area 5 meeting, 11 ten minute training sessions
 - Dennis Walter – Area 5 meeting, 11 ten minute training sessions
 - **Carroll County**
 - Bobby Gibson – Area 5 meeting, 12 ten minute training sessions
 - Billie Hotfil – Area 5 meeting, 12 ten minute training sessions
 - Mike Kelley – Area 5 meeting, 12 ten minute training sessions
 - David Rowlett – Area 5 meeting, 12 ten minute training sessions

- **Casey County**
 - David Grider – Area 7 meeting, 9 Supervisor training sessions
 - Donny Grider – Area 7 meeting, 9 Supervisor training sessions
 - Lonnie Mullins – Area 7 meeting, 9 Supervisor training sessions
 - Mary Sue Shoopman – KACD Convention, Area 7 meeting, 8 Supervisor training sessions
 - Curtis Todd II – Area 7 meeting, 8 Supervisor training sessions
 - Brent Ware – Area 7 meeting, 8 Supervisor training sessions
 - Roger Weddle – Area 7 meeting, 9 Supervisor training sessions

- **Clinton County**
 - Greg Abston – Area 7 meeting, 10 of 12 ten minute Supervisor training sessions
 - Roger Beard – Area 7 meeting, 10 of 12 ten minute Supervisor training sessions
 - Kathy Conner – Area 7 meeting, 10 of 12 ten minute Supervisor training sessions

- **Elliott County**
 - Madison Dehart – Area 8 meeting, 10 ten minute training sessions
 - Joe Holbrook – KACD convention, Area 8 meeting, 10 ten minute training sessions
 - Dan Ison – Area 8 meeting, 10 ten minute training sessions
 - Kenneth C. Skaggs – KACD convention, Area 8 meeting, 10 ten minute training sessions

- **Floyd County**
 - Clyde Doug DeRossett – KACD convention, 8 ten minute training sessions

- **Fleming County**
 - Donnie Christman – Area 8 meeting, 9 of 12 ten minute training sessions
 - Gene Jarvis – KACD Convention, Area 8 meeting, 10 of 12 ten minute training sessions

- **Gallatin County**
 - Ron Courtney – Special Supervisor training session by Field Rep. Linda Hunter, 10 ten minute training sessions
 - Gary Easton – Area 5 meeting, 10 ten minute training sessions
 - Joe Lowe – Area 5 meeting, 12 ten minute training sessions
 - Vic Satchwell – Area 5 meeting, 11 ten minute training sessions
 - Joe Smith – Area 5 meeting, 12 ten minute training sessions
 - Cindy Sullivan – Special Supervisor training session by Field Rep. Linda Hunter, 11 ten minute training sessions

- Peggy Tinch – Area 5 meeting, 12 ten minute training sessions
- **Grant County**
 - Bill Courts – Area 5 meeting, 8 or more 10 minute training sessions
 - Edna Cummins – Area 5 meeting, 8 or more 10 minute training sessions
 - Tim Epperson – KACD Convention, 8 or more 10 minute training sessions
 - Ronnie Gabbert – Area 5 meeting, 8 or more 10 minute training sessions
 - Jerry Martin – Area 5 meeting, 8 or more 10 minute training sessions
 - Kenwood Soper – KACD Convention, Area 5 meeting, 8 or more 10 minute training sessions.
- **Harlan County**
 - Murphy H. Green – Area 9 meeting, 8 or more 10 minute training sessions by the Field Representative
 - David Howard – Area 9 meeting, 8 or more 10 minute training sessions by the Field Representative
 - Robert Jones – Area 9 meeting, 8 or more 10 minute training sessions by the Field Representative
 - Susie Mavinidis – Area 9 meeting, 8 or more 10 minute training sessions by the Field Representative
 - Christian Metcalfe – Area 9 meeting, 8 or more 10 minute training sessions by the Field Representative
 - Lonnie T. Saylor – Area 9 meeting, 8 or more 10 minute training sessions by the Field Representative
- **Jackson County**
 - Wilson “Short” Boggs – Area 7 meeting, 12 ten minute training sessions
 - Eddie J. Madden – Area 7 meeting, 12 ten minute training sessions
 - Jimmy K. Wells – Area 7 meeting, 12 ten minute training sessions
 - Howard M. Williams – Area 7 meeting, 11 ten minute training sessions
- **Knox County**
 - John W. Bays – KACD Convention, Area 7 spring supervisor workshop, 11 ten minute training sessions
 - Wiley Brown – Area 7 spring supervisor workshop, 9 ten minute training sessions
 - Cloyce Hinkle – Area 7 spring supervisor workshop, 8 ten minute training sessions
 - Kyle R. Hubbs – KACD Convention, Area 7 spring supervisor workshop, 9 ten minute training sessions
 - Shirley R. Merida – Area 7 spring supervisor workshop, 12 ten minute training sessions

- Marvin Mills – Area 7 spring supervisor workshop, 12 ten minute training sessions
- Joshua K. Ramsey – KACD Convention, Area 7 spring supervisor workshop, 11 ten minute training sessions
- **Lawrence County**
 - Keith Bradley – Area 8 meeting, 12 ten minute training sessions
 - Kevin McCormick – Area 8 meeting, 9 ten minute training sessions
 - *Keith Moore’s term began January 1, 2017 and has attended the Area 8 meeting in Montgomery County as has attended 5 training sessions. The Lawrence County Conservation District is requesting the per diem increase for supervisor Keith Moore also.
 - Dale C. Smith – Area 8 meeting, 12 ten minute training sessions
 - Leland Jay Sexton – Area 8 meeting, 12 ten minute training sessions
- **Lee County**
 - Orville Bennett – Area 9 meeting, 10 ten minute training sessions
 - Ronnie Brandenburg – 10 minute Special training by Field Representative, 10 ten minute training sessions
 - Charles Lynn Cooper – Area 9 meeting, 11 ten minute training sessions
 - Eddie Cundiff – Area 9 meeting, 10 ten minute training sessions
 - David Jennings – 10 minute Special training by Field Representative, 10 ten minute training sessions
 - George Marshall – Area 9 meeting, 10 ten minute training sessions
 - LC Reese – Area 9 meeting, 10 ten minute training sessions
- **Marion County**
 - Steve Downs – Area meeting, KACD convention, 8 ten minute training sessions
 - Roger Hardin – KACD convention, 8 ten minute training sessions
 - Joe Bernard Lockett - Area meeting, KACD convention, 9 ten minute training sessions
 - Joe Paul Mattingly – KACD convention, 8 ten minute training sessions
 - Donnie Veatch – KACD convention, 9 ten minute training sessions
- **Mason County**
 - William Boulden, Jr. – Area 5 meeting, 10 ten minute training sessions
 - Kenton Comer – Area 5 meeting, 8 ten minute training sessions
 - Eric Cooper – Area 5 meeting, 11 ten minute training sessions
 - Janice Barnett-Gifford – Area 5 meeting, 12 ten minute training sessions
 - Jane Poe – KACD Convention, Area 5 meeting, 11 ten minute training sessions
 - Clay Saunders – Area 5 meeting, 9 ten minute training sessions

- Anthony Wenz, Jr. – Area 5 meeting, 12 ten minute training sessions
- **Meade County**
 - Jamie Barger – Area meeting, at least 8 ten minute training sessions
 - Nathan Beavin – Area meeting, at least 8 ten minute training sessions
 - Andrew Ford – Area meeting, at least 8 ten minute training sessions
 - Charlotte Lawson – KACD convention, Area meeting, at least 8 ten minute training sessions
 - Larry Schmidt – KACD convention, Area meeting, at least 8 ten minute training sessions
- **Menifee County**
 - Penni Combs – KACD Convention, Area 8 meeting, 12 supervisor training sessions
 - *Barbara James – Area 8 meeting, 6 supervisor training sessions
 - Kevan Lane – Area 8 meeting, 11 supervisor training sessions
 - Kenneth Pugh – Area 8 meeting, 10 supervisor training sessions
 - Charlene Smallwood – Area 8 meeting, 11 supervisor training sessions
 - Dillard Smallwood – Area 8 meeting, 11 supervisor training sessions
 - Hattie Williams – Area 8 meeting, 12 supervisor training sessions
- **Montgomery County**
 - Robert Amburgey – KACD Convention, 12 ten minute training sessions
 - John Gabbard – KACD Convention, 12 ten minute training sessions
 - Mike Gabbard – Area 8 meeting, 12 ten minute training sessions
 - Barry McCoy – KACD Convention, 12 ten minute training sessions
 - Danny Montgomery – KACD Convention, 12 ten minute training sessions
 - Linda Webb – Area 8 meeting, 12 ten minute training sessions
 - Shannon White – KACD Convention, 12 ten minute training sessions
- **Morgan County**
 - Jerry Haney – Area 8 meeting, 10 ten minute trainings given by Pam Williams
- **Muhlenberg County**
 - Terry Benton – KACD Convention, 8 ten minute training sessions
 - Denise Brown – KACD Convention, Area Spring meeting, 8 ten minute training sessions
 - Ted Jessup – KACD Convention, Area Spring meeting, 8 ten minute training sessions
 - Wallace Slinker – KACD Convention, Area Spring meeting, 8 ten minute training sessions

- **Nelson County**
 - Thomas Hart – Spring Area meeting, 12 ten minute training sessions
 - Ricky Humphrey – KACD Convention, 12 ten minute training sessions
 - William Lutz – Spring Area meeting, 12 ten minute training sessions

- **Ohio County**
 - Jason Anderson – Area meeting, 9 ten minute training sessions
 - Cletus Greer – Area meeting, 8 ten minute training sessions
 - Garry Igleheart - KACD Convention, Area meeting, 9 ten minute training sessions
 - Darren Luttrell – Area meeting, 9 ten minute training sessions
 - Walter Porter – KACD Convention, Area meeting, 8 ten minute training sessions

- **Owen County**
 - Randy Bishop – Special training with Linda Hunter, 8-12 ten minute training sessions
 - John Hetterman – Area 5 meeting, 8-12 ten minute training sessions
 - Kyle Jacobs – Special training with Linda Hunter, 8-12 ten minute training sessions
 - John Russell New – Special training with Linda Hunter, 8-12 ten minute training sessions
 - Gene Ray Stewart – Special training with Linda Hunter, 8-12 ten minute training sessions

- **Owsley County**
 - Denise Hoffman – Special 10 minute training by Field Rep., 11 ten minute training sessions
 - Gary McIntosh – Area 9 meeting, 9 ten minute training sessions
 - Jerry McIntosh – Special 10 minute training by Field Rep., 11 ten minute training sessions
 - Joey Minter – Area 9 meeting, 10 ten minute training sessions
 - Holly Shouse – Special 10 minute training by Field Rep., 8 ten minute training sessions
 - Kenny Shouse – Area 9 meeting, 11 ten minute training sessions
 - Randall Thomas – Area 9 meeting, 11 ten minute training sessions

- **Pendleton County**
 - Martha Gosney – Area 5 meeting, 8 of 12 ten minute training sessions
 - Maxie Kordes – Supervisor Leadership development training given by Field Rep. Linda Hunter, Attend 8 of 12 ten minute training sessions
 - Rob McClanahan – Area 5 meeting, 8 of 12 ten minute training sessions
 - Larry Miller - Area 5 meeting, 8 of 12 ten minute training sessions
 - Edwin Monroe – Supervisor Leadership development training given by Field Rep. Linda Hunter, Attend 8 of 12 ten minute training sessions

- Greg Wolf – Area 5 meeting, 8 of 12 ten minute training sessions
- **Pulaski County**
 - Wayne Cox – Area meeting, and has attended 11 ten minute training sessions
 - Rodney Dick – Area meeting, and has attended 12 ten minute training sessions
 - Barbara Fulcher – Area meeting, and has attended 10 ten minute training sessions
 - Don Minton – Area meeting, and has 10 ten minute training sessions
 - Lyndon Woods – Area meeting, and has attended 12 ten minute training sessions
- **Rowan County**
 - Gary Ferguson – Area 8 meeting, 8 of 12 training sessions given by Pam Williams
 - Sam Hughes – Area 8 meeting, 8 of 12 training sessions given by Pam Williams
 - Clyde Mays Jr. – Area 8 meeting, 8 of 12 training sessions given by Pam Williams
 - Willie Pennington – Area 8 meeting, 8 of 12 training sessions given by Pam Williams
 - Yvonne Thompson – Area 8 meeting, 8 of 12 training sessions given by Pam Williams
- **Spencer County**
 - Lowry Brown – Area 4 meeting, 12 ten minute training sessions
 - Thomas Franklin Jr. – Area 4 meeting, 12 ten minute training sessions
 - N. Glen Goebel – Area 4 meeting, 12 ten minute training sessions
 - Paul Jeffiers – Area 4 meeting, 12 ten minute training sessions
 - Robert L. Jones – Area 4 meeting, 11 ten minute training sessions
 - *Eugene Hoene – Area 4 meeting, 6 training sessions (Came on the Board in January 2017)
 - *Shirley Thomas – Area 4 meeting, 6 training sessions (Came on the Board in January 2017)
 - Both received some of the 10 minute trainings in their new member Board Packet and unofficially were present in December and heard the 10 minute training.
- **Wolfe County**
 - Brandon Rose – Area 8 meeting, 8 ten minute training sessions

- **Woodford County**
 - Harold Carmickle – KACD Convention, at least 8 ten minute training sessions
 - Curtis Congleton – Area 6 meeting, at least 10 ten minute training sessions
 - Donald Mitchell – Area 6 meeting, at least 10 ten minute training sessions
 - Michael Mitchell – Area 6 meeting, at least 10 ten minute training sessions
 - Peggy Carter Seal – Area 6 meeting, at least 10 ten minute training sessions
 - Darrell Varner – Area 6 meeting, at least 10 ten minute training sessions

***Did not meet qualifications**

Motion to approve all qualifying counties and individuals was made by Mr. Danny Shipley and was seconded by Mr. Sam Hughes. **Motion carried.**

Agriculture District Program - Ms. Johnna McHugh presented the report with copies distributed.

Three (3) new petitions were presented to the Commission for consideration for a total of 530.41 acres.

- Owen County (Petition No. 094-01(A1) – 383.20 acres. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Billy Doolin and was seconded by Mr. Sam Hughes. **Motion carried.**
- Campbell County (Petition No. 019-04 (A13) – 47.74 acres. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Sam Hughes and was seconded by Mr. Jeff Rice. **Motion carried.**
- Campbell County (Petition No. 019-02 (A5) – 99.47 acres. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Danny Shipley and was seconded by Mr. Scotty Parsons. **Motion carried.**

Ten (10) agricultural districts have been submitted to the commission for five-year recertification for a total of 11,892.16 acres.

COUNTY	PETITION NO.	ACRES
Barren	005-10	1,090.40
Calloway	018-03	192.95
Calloway	018-04	378.32
Calloway	018-06	257.70
Henry	052-06	817.00
Jackson	055-03	429.00
Oldham	093-10	265.00
Oldham	093-11	386.00
Owen	094-01	7,861.30
Trimble	112-02	214.49

Motion to approve ten agricultural district recertifications was made by Mr. Scotty Parsons and was seconded by Mr. Danny Shipley. **Motion carried.**

Division of Conservation Report – Ms. Kim Richardson updated the board on the following items:

- With current pension short falls, the conservation districts are facing an increase in payouts for retirement. A total of 48 counties are looking at these increases. They have been notified by Kentucky Retirement Systems.
- Mr. Doug Wilson has started as the Division of Conservation new field rep and is currently working out of the London office.

- Ms. Kim Richardson turned the discussion over to Ms. Johnna McHugh to discuss District in Good Standing following items:
 - 2016-2017 scoring of report card.
 - Appeals for District in Good Standing.
 - 2017-18 report card changes for DIGS.
- Ms. Johnna McHugh discussed the following DIGS appeals for approval:
 - Bath County
 - Appeal was made for a deficiency in reporting. Proof was shown and accepted. This moves Bath County from a 75% to 100%. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Danny Shipley and was seconded by Mr. Sam Hughes. **Motion carried.**
 - Crittenden County
 - Appeal was made for a deficiency in attending fiscal court during the FY17. Proof was shown and accepted. This moves Crittenden County from a 90% to 100%. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Scotty Parsons and was seconded by Mr. Billy Doolin. **Motion carried.**
 - Gallatin County
 - Appeal was made for a deficiency in reporting and budget updating. Proof was shown and accepted. This moves Gallatin from a 75% to 100%. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Jeff Rice and was seconded by Mr. Sam Hughes. **Motion carried.**
 - Greenup County
 - Appeal was made for a deficiency in sufficient bonding. Proof was shown and accepted. This moves Greenup County from a 75% to 100%. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Jeff Rice and was seconded by Ms. Denise Hoffman. **Motion carried.**
 - Hardin County
 - Appeal was made for a deficiency in sufficient bonding. Proof was shown and accepted. This moves Hardin County from a 75% to 100%. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Danny Shipley and was seconded by Mr. Billy Doolin. **Motion carried.**
 - Hart County
 - Appeal was made for a deficiency in submitting reports by deadline. Proof was shown and accepted. This moves Hart County from a 75% to 100%. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Sam Hughes and was seconded by Mr. Danny Shipley. **Motion carried.**

- Johnson County
 - Appeal was made for a deficiency in submitting reports by deadline and attending fiscal court in FY17. Proof was shown and accepted for attending fiscal court, but report was submitted late. This will not change Johnson Counties score. It will remain at 75%. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Jeff Rice and was seconded by Mr. Billy Doolin. **Motion carried.**
- Muhlenberg County
 - Appeal was made for a deficiency in attending fiscal court in FY17. Proof was shown and accepted. This moves Muhlenberg County from a 90% to 100%. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Jeff Rice and was seconded by Mr. Sam Hughes. **Motion carried.**
- Powell County
 - Appeal was made for a deficiency in submitting corrective measures. Proof was shown and accepted. This moves Powell County from a 90% to 100%. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Danny Shipley and was seconded by Mr. Scotty Parsons. **Motion carried.**
- Rockcastle County
 - Appeal was made for a deficiency in attending fiscal court in FY17. Proof was shown and accepted. This moves Rockcastle County from a 75% to 100%. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Danny Shipley and was seconded by Mr. Sam Hughes. **Motion carried.**
- Scott County
 - Appeal was made for a deficiency in submitting fiscal court report by deadline. Proof was shown but it was still submitted late and will still be considered as being late. Scott County will remain at 90%. Motion to reject was made by Ms. Denise Hoffman and was seconded by Mr. Billy Doolin. **Motion carried.**
- Ms. Johnna McHugh asked for approval for removing the “yes” (A option) and “no” (B option) choices on number 11 on the GIGS report card and replacing them with QuickBooks as the “A” choice and Quicken as the “B” choice. Motion to approve was made by Ms. Denise Hoffman and was seconded by Mr. Danny Shipley. **Motion carried.**
- Ms. Johnna McHugh discussed following Direct Aid information with the board:
 - There is a total of 7 codes for funding.
 - Current totals are at \$779,025.00. This leaves a remaining balance of \$25,475.00 left over from \$804,500.00. This remaining balance can be used for any upcoming district needs.

- Ms. Johnna McHugh asked the board if it would like to include the new district retirement costs in on Direct Aid. The board decided that this would put Direct Aid funding in the negative by more than \$80,000.00 and would not be possible at this time. Motion to not include districts retirement increases into Direct Aid was made by Ms. Denise Hoffman and was seconded by Mr. Jeff Rice. **Motion Carried.**
- Ms. Kim Richardson turned the discussion over to Ms. Karen Woodrich, Mr. Jay Nelson and Mr. Craig Givens to discuss the following updates of the State Cost Share Program.
 - Ms. Karen Woodrich discussed the following:
 - Upcoming cutoffs for SCS.
 - Possible staggering of SCS and EQIP (Environmental Quality Incentive Program) to keep from competing with each other.
 - Moving deadline of accepting final applications to January 31st.
 - ❖ Motion to approve was made by Mr. Scotty Parsons and was seconded by Mr. Danny Shipley. **Motion carried.**
 - Mr. Jay Nelson discussed the following:
 - Purpose of redesign of the program.
 - Draft application/required information (related scoring theory).
 - Basic program organization/new practice structure.
 - 416 KAR 1:010 Considerations.
 - ❖ Practice purpose and limitations.
 - ❖ Scoring section.
 - Basic program organization (new practice structure)
 - Mr. Craig Givens discussed the following:
 - Proposed changes to the Kentucky State Cost Share Practices and ranking process for 2017.
 - Revision goals.
 - Proposed practices.
 - Cropland BMP practice/eligibility/components
 - Forestland BMP practice/eligibility/components.
 - Livestock-Pastureland BMP practice/eligibility/components.
 - Livestock-Animal Feeding Operation BMP practice/eligibility/components.
 - Streambank BMP's practice/eligibility/components.
 - Application review.
 - Application examples and scoring.

Agency Reports

- **Natural Resources Conservation Service** – Ms. Karen Woodrich updated the board about these items:
 - Ms. Karen Woodrich will be detailed for a four month period with USDA in Washington DC. Ms. Amanda Moore will be the Acting State Conservationist.
 - Natural Resources Conservation Service is still awaiting official Chief to be appointed.
 - United States Department of Agriculture hiring freeze is over but is under a tight hiring strategy currently.
 - Federal funding is forthcoming (October).
 - The EQIP deadline is November.
 - NRCS funding for livestock is at 69.8%. That's 9.8% over what federal regulation call out for.
 - NRCS total project completions stand at 20% so far this year.
 - Conservation Stewardship Programs (CSP) has spent \$3,924,222.00 as of date this year.
 - Ultima has partnered with NRCS in the hiring of 6 new district employees at entry level positions.

- **Kentucky Department for Natural Resources** –No report given.
- **Kentucky Department of Agriculture** – Mr. Tim Hughes presented the following to the board:
 - This upcoming week is farm safety week. Grayson County is having a gathering in response to this.
 - Kentucky is still leading the way in hemp production and has hosted two national meetings in the state.
 - 2017 Farm to Fork Program still has funding available.
 - 120 freezers have been handed out.
 - Agricultural vehicle farm tags has raised more than \$630,000.00 in funding for the department. This funding helps programs like FFA and 4H programs.
- **Agriculture Education/FFA Sate Advisor** – No report given.
- **Farm Service Agency** – No report given.
- **University of Kentucky, Research Experiment Station** – Dr. Steve Higgins presented the following to the board:
 - A ribbon cutting ceremony was held on September 8 to mark the opening of the new Bluegrass stockyard and Bluegrass Marketplace.
 - Kentucky's distilleries have a large supply of spent grains to be use as feed for cattle.

- **Division of Forestry** – Mr. Steve Kull presented the following to the board:
 - Division of Forestry’s working relationship/partnership with NRCS.
 - Division of Forestry is having a slow period at this time. This is due to the extra rain fall Kentucky has experienced this year.
 - Division of Forestry has many volunteers helping out with the cleanup in Texas after Hurricane Harvey.
 - October 1 is the start of Kentucky’s fire season.
 - The Division of Forestry’s nurseries are doing well. The division has more than 1.6 million trees available for purchase.
- **Kentucky Association of Conservation District Employees (KACDE)** – Ms. Kayleigh Evans presented the following to the board:
 - KACDE is slowing down after a busy convention.
 - The KACDE portion of the convention was well attended with a lot of new faces.
 - KACDE has sold over 89,000 tabloids for the Arts and Writing contest.

Next Board Meeting – November 20, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

Adjourned – Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Scotty Parsons and was seconded by Mr. Danny Shipley. **Motion carried.**