

MEETING NOTES

Kentucky Soil and Water Conservation Commission

Monday November 20, 2017

**300 Sower Blvd
Conference Room B**

In Attendance for SWCC: Mr. Ray Adams, Chair; Mr. Scotty Parsons, Vice Chair; Mr. Don Minton; Mr. Jeff Rice; Ms. Denise Hoffman; Mr. Marc Hult; and Mr. Sam Hughes.

Others Present: Mr. Charles Snavelly, Secretary, Energy and Environment Cabinet; Mr. Allen Luttrell, Commissioner, Department for Natural Resources; Ms. Kim Richardson, Director, Division of Conservation; Ms. Johnna McHugh, Assistant Director, Division of Conservation; Mr. David Rowlett, President Kentucky Association of Conservation Districts; Ms. Kayleigh Evans, President, Kentucky Association of Conservation District Employees; Mr. Jay Nelson, Division of Conservation; Ms. Amanda Moore, Natural Resources Conservation Service; Mr. Tim Hughes, Kentucky Department of Agriculture; Mr. Craig Givens, Natural Resources Conservation Service; Mr. Richard J. Wahrer, Commissioner's Office Department for Natural Resources; 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. Scotty Parsons and was seconded by Mr. Don Minton. **Motion carried.**

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 October 2017.
 - Motion to approve the October 2017 equipment fund report was made by Mr. Jeff Rice and was seconded by Mr. Sam Hughes. **Motion carried.**

- **Approval of Equipment Loan Requests** –

1. The Garrard County Conservation District is requesting a loan for a Wheatheart Post Pounder. Cost of the equipment would be in the amount of \$13,238.99 (tax exempt). The district will be paying \$4,438.99 to complete the 1/3 down payment. The district is requesting a loan amount of \$8,800.00. Motion to approve loan request was made by Mr. Jeff Rice and was seconded by Mr. Don Minton. **Motion carried.**
2. The Lyon County Conservation District is requesting a loan for a Haybuster 107-C No-Till Seed Drill. Cost of the equipment would be in the amount of \$24,350.00. The district will have a trade-in allowance of \$10,000.00. This will take the place of the 1/3 down payment. The district is requesting a loan amount of \$14,350.00. Motion to approve loan request was made by Mr. Scotty Parsons and was seconded by Mr. Sam Hughes. **Motion carried.**
3. The Webster County Conservation District is requesting a loan for a No-Till Drill. Cost of the equipment would be in the amount of \$35,210.00. The district will have a trade-in allowance of \$17,210.00. This will take the place of the 1/3 down payment. The district is requesting a loan amount of \$18,000.00. Motion to approve loan request was made by Mr. Scotty Parsons and was seconded by Mr. Jeff Rice. **Motion carried.**
4. The Muhlenberg County Conservation District is requesting a loan for an 2018 John Deere 1590 10 ft. No-till drill. Cost of the equipment would be in the amount of \$35,811.93. The district will have a trade-in allowance of \$25,000.00. This will take the place of the 1/3 down payment. The district is requesting a loan amount of \$10,811.93. Motion to approve loan request was made by Mr. Scotty Parsons and was seconded by Mr. Don Minton. **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** –

- Campbell County - Donald S. Girton to serve the unexpired term of Debra Buckley (2020)
- Christian County – Lanny Boyd to serve the unexpired term of Wayne Boyd (2020)
- Christian County – Mark Claxton to serve the unexpired term of Harold Lancaster (2020)
- Daviess County - Suzanne Cecil White to serve the unexpired term of Guy Hardy (2018)

- Hopkins County - Mark Herring to serve the unexpired term of Danny Peyton (2020)
- Jackson County - Brenda Truitt to serve the unexpired term of Wilson “Short” Boggs (2018)
- McCracken County - Erick Harris to serve the unexpired term of B.A. Hamilton (2018)
- Webster County - Mark Mitchell to serve the unexpired term of Roger Blackburn (2018)

Motion to approve vacancy petitions was made by Mr. Marc Hult and was seconded by Mr. Jeff Rice. **Motion carried.**

- **Incentive Per Diem** – None to report.

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

Eleven (11) new petitions were presented to the Commission for consideration for a total of 3,232.03 acres.

- Campbell County (Petition No. 019-06(A3) – 53.10 acres. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Marc Hult and was seconded by Ms. Denise Hoffman. **Motion carried.**
- Carter County (Petition No. 022-02) – 678.22 acres. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Sam Hughes and was seconded by Mr. Don Minton. **Motion carried.**
- Cumberland County (Petition No. 029-04 (A1) – 212.13 acres. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Sam Hughes and was seconded by Mr. Jeff Rice. **Motion carried.**
- Cumberland County (Petition No. 029-05) – 278.93 acres. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Don Minton and was seconded by Mr. Sam Hughes. **Motion carried.**
- Cumberland County (Petition No. 029-06) – 395.36 acres. Motion to approve was made by Ms. Denise Hoffman and was seconded by Mr. Don Minton. **Motion carried.**
- Cumberland County (Petition No. 029-07) – 460.72 acres. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Jeff Rice and was seconded by Mr. Don Minton. **Motion carried.**
- Cumberland County (Petition No. 029-08) – 404.64 acres. Motion to approve was made by Ms. Denis Hoffman and was seconded by Mr. Jeff Rice. **Motion carried.**
- Logan County (Petition No. 071-26) - 359.00 acres. Motion to approve was made by Ms. Denise Hoffman and was seconded by Mr. Scotty Parsons. **Motion carried.**
- Mercer County (Petition No. 084-19 (A2) – 122.00 acres. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Don Minton and was seconded by Mr. Sam Hughes. **Motion carried.**
- Nelson County (Petition No. 090-08(A1) – 12.90 acres. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Sam Hughes and was seconded by Mr. Jeff Rice. **Motion carried.**

- Shelby County (Petition No. 106-02(A1)) – 255.03 acres. Motion to approve was made by Ms. Denise Hoffman and was seconded by Mr. Jeff Rice. **Motion carried.**

Forty eight (48) agricultural districts have been submitted to the commission for five-year recertification for a total of 29,099.27 acres.

COUNTY	PETITION NO.	ACRES	COMMENTS
Barren	005-01	1,209.89	Removed 202.42
Boyle	011-01	1,337.02	Removed 62.00
Boyle	011-02	13.00	Removed 394.00
Boyle	011-03	900.00	
Boyle	011-05	172.97	Removed 3.03
Boyle	011-06	322.00	
Boyle	011-07	1,502.09	Removed 41.00
Boyle	011-08	344.90	Removed 6.10
Boyle	011-09	644.00	
Boyle	011-10	559.88	Removed 124.91
Boyle	011-15	280.77	Removed 15.23
Boyle	011-16	212.00	Removed 77.00
Boyle	011-17	696.92	
Boyle	011-18	520.00	
Kenton	059-02	176.73	Removed 2.47
Knox	061-03	677.87	Removed 79.81
Logan	071-01	611.00	
Logan	071-02	1,536.00	Removed 175.00
Logan	071-03	552.00	
Logan	071-05	280.00	
Logan	071-07	375.00	Removed 26.00

Logan	071-08	198.00	Removed 130.00
Logan	071-13	550.00	
Logan	071-14	740.00	
Logan	071-15	744.32	Removed 406.30
Logan	071-19	251.00	
Logan	071-20	1,101.00	Removed 174.00
Logan	071-21	968.00	
Logan	071-25	271.00	
Mercer	084-04	1,167.50	
Mercer	084-19	381.90	
Nelson	090-01	376.26	
Nelson	090-02	277.28	
Nelson	090-04	176.22	Removed 13.78
Nelson	090-05	275.89	Removed 50.11
Nelson	090-06	920.41	
Nelson	090-07	482.80	
Nelson	090-08	215.80	
Nelson	090-09	293.74	Removed 17.26
Nelson	090-11	290.26	Removed 7.74
Nelson	090-12	272.04	
Shelby	106-01	268.00	
Shelby	106-02	3,338.60	Removed 20.40
Shelby	106-04	1,083.73	Removed 12.27
Taylor	109-16	372.40	
Trimble	112-02	214.49	

Webster	117-14	720.33	
Whitley	118-05	224.26	Removed 96.23

Motion to approve forty eight agricultural district recertification was made by Mr. Scotty Parsons and was seconded by Mr. Jeff Rice. **Motion carried.**

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

- Decrease in DNR funding.
- 17% cut in current budget and discussed possible percentage for upcoming year.
- 20% reduction in Direct Aid.
- General Funds continue to be reduced.

Ms. Kim Richardson turned the discussion over to Mr. Jay Nelson. Mr. Jay Nelson gave an overview of the State Cost Share manual updates and the new application. The new application may not be ready for the February submission and the manual will be finalized in the next couple of weeks.

Ms. Kim Richardson turned the discussion over to Mr. David Rowlett, who discussed the KACD application for the Executive Director position.

Agency Reports

- **Natural Resources Conservation Service** – No report given.
- **Kentucky Department for Natural Resources** – Mr. Charles Snavely discussed the following with the board:
 - Decrease in DNR funding.
 - Releasing Direct Aid Funding to conservation districts.
 - Technical Assistant positions available across the state.
 - 17% cut in current budget and discussed possible percentage for upcoming year.
 - Deciding on what services are going to be offered by Department for Natural Resources.
 - Possible transition to a 401K plan for retirement.
- **Kentucky Department of Agriculture** – Mr. Tim Hughes presented the following to the board:
 - Total of 30 Farm to Fork submissions.
 - Rebates to restaurants and schools for buying from local farms.
 - Making it easier for hunters to donate venison to food pantries.
- **Agriculture Education/FFA State Advisor** – No report given.
- **Farm Service Agency** – No report given.
- **University of Kentucky, Research Experiment Station** – No report given.
- **Division of Forestry** – No report given.

- **Kentucky Association of Conservation District Employees (KACDE)** – Ms. Kayleigh Evans presented the following to the board:
 - KACDE is experiencing a slow period.

Next Board Meeting – 2018 Meeting Schedule: Third Monday at 9:00 a.m.

- January 11th
- March 19th
- May 21st
- July 8th
- September 17th
- November 19th

Adjourned – Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Marc Hult and was seconded by Mr. Don Minton. **Motion carried.**