

MEETING MINUTES

Kentucky Soil and Water Conservation Commission

Monday May 18th, 2016 – 9:00 am

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

Others Present: Ms. Kim Richardson DOC Director; Ms. Johnna McHugh, DOC Assistant Director; Ms. Becky Thomas, BN; and Mr. Steve Higgins, UK.

Quorum was met.

Meeting Called to Order - at 9:48 a.m. by Mr. Jack Roberts, Vice-Chairman.

SWCC Minutes from the March 21, 2016 Meeting - Motion to approve minutes was made by Mr. Scotty Parsons and seconded by Mr. Ray Adams. **Motion carried.**

Comments from Kentucky Beef Network about Eden Shale Farm. – KBN gave positive a positive review of the Eden Shale Farm.

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

- **Statement of Operations** –Ms. McHugh gave an overview of the year to date equipment fund report. Mr. Danny Shipley made the motion to approve this report. Mr. Scotty Parsons seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**
- **Approval of Equipment Loan Requests.** No current approvals were requested. Discussion was held about the importance of keeping our loan requests coming. This will insure that no budget cuts will occur.
- **Approval of Infrastructure Loan Request.** No current approvals were requested.

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

- **Vacancy petitions.**
 1. **Knox County** – Mr. Joshua K. Ramsey to serve unexpired term of Lloyd Buchanan.
 2. **Ballard County** – Mr. David Cooper to serve unexpired term of Tyler Powell (2018)
 3. **Madison County** – Billy Ray Hughes to serve term of Ray Marcum (2018)

Mr. Danny Shipley moved to approve the two petitions. Mr. Scotty Parsons seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**

- **Incentive Per Diem**
 1. **Lee County**
 - a. George Marshall – 10 ten minute training, Area 9 meeting
 - b. Charles Lynn Cooper – 10 ten minute training , Area 9 meeting
 - c. David Jennings – 10 ten minute training, Area 9 meeting
 - d. Orville Bennett – 8 ten minute training, Area 9 meeting
 - e. LC Reese – 9 ten minute training, Area 9 meeting
 - f. Ronnie Brandenburg – 10 ten minute trainings, Area 9 meeting

g. Eddie Cundiff – 10 ten minute training, Area 9 meeting

2. Hancock County –

- a. Anthony L. Johnson – 8 ten minute training, Area 2 meeting
- b. Loyd P. Ray – 8 ten minute training, Area 2 meeting
- c. Gary A. Long – 8 ten minute training, Area 2 meeting
- d. Joseph M. Hagman – 8 ten minute training, Area 2 meeting
- e. Dennis R. Johnson – 8 ten minute training, Area 2 meeting
- f. Stephen R. Ogle – 8 ten minute training, Area 2 meeting

3. Taylor County –

- a. Sophia Adams – KACD Convention, spring area meeting
- b. David Cowherd – KACD Convention, spring area meeting
- c. Debbie Gabbert – KACD Convention, spring area meeting
- d. Melvin D. Martin – KACD Convention, spring area meeting
- e. Berry Smith – KACD Convention, Supervisor 10 minute training

4. Allen County

- a. Randy Harston – KACD Meeting, 8 ten minute meeting training
- b. Joe Young – KACD Meeting, 7 ten minute meeting training
- c. Tommy Long – KACD Meeting, 8 ten minute meeting training
- d. Danny Shipley – KACD Meeting, 7 ten minute meeting training
- e. William McClure – KACD Meeting, 7 ten minute meeting training
- f. Maxie Brown – KACD Meeting, 8 ten minute meeting training
- g. Michael Vick – KACD Meeting, 8 ten minute meeting training

5. Harrison County

- a. Paul Tucker – 9 out of 10 ten minute training, Area 5 meeting
- b. Nick Farmer – 9 out of 10 ten minute training, Area 5 meeting
- c. John D. Klein – 9 out of 10 ten minute training, Area 5 meeting
- d. Jennifer Burgan – 8 out of 10 ten minute training, Area 5 meeting
- e. Russell Gray – 10 out of 10 ten minute training, Area 5 meeting
- f. Megan Baxter – 10 out of 10 ten minute training, Area 5 meeting
- g. Eddie Million – 9 out of 10 ten minute training, Area 5 meeting

6. Ohio County

- a. Jason Anderson – 10 ten minute training, area meeting
- b. Cletus Greer – 9 ten minute training, area meeting
- c. Gary Igleheart – 10 ten minute training, area meeting
- d. Darren Luttrell – 10 ten minute training, area meeting

7. Simpson County

- a. Larry Gomer – KACD 2016, Area 3 meeting, and 10 ten minute training
- b. Bruce Akin – KACD 2016, Area 3 meeting, and 10 ten minute training
- c. Joe Cushenberry – KACD 2016, Area 3 meeting, and 10 ten minute training
- d. Buster Estes – KACD 2016, Area 3 meeting, and 10 ten minute training
- e. Jeff Holder – KACD 2016, Area 3 meeting, and 10 ten minute training
- f. Anthony Denning – KACD 2016, Area 3 meeting, and 10 ten minute training
- g. Chad Konow – KACD 2016, Area 3 meeting, and 10 ten minute training

8. Breckinridge County

- a. Patrick Henderson – 11 ten minute training, Area 3 meeting
- b. Steven Hinton – 11 ten minute training, Area 3 meeting
- c. Lee Burks – 10 ten minute training, Area 3 meeting
- d. Kenny Hinton – 11 ten minute training, Area 3 meeting
- e. Eddie Dyer – 11 ten minute training, Area 3 meeting

9. Floyd County

- a. Lenville Martin – 8 ten minute training, Area 8 meeting
- b. Floyd Allen – 8 ten minute training, Area 8 meeting
- c. Thomas Hardwick - – 8 ten minute training, Area 8 meeting
- d. Ernie Tackett – 8 ten minute training, Area 8 meeting
- e. Bert Layne – 8 ten minute training, Area 8 meeting
- f. Clyde Doug DeRossett – 8 ten minute training, Area 8 meeting

Motion to approve incentive per diem was made by Mr. Ray Adams and was seconded by Mr. Marc Hult. **Motion carried.**

Agriculture District Program - Ms. McHugh presented the report with copies distributed. Four (4) new petitions were presented to the Commission for consideration for a total of 996.94 acres.

- Anderson County (Petition No. 003-06) – 266.0 acres. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Ray Adams and was seconded by Mr. Scotty Parsons. **Motion carried.**
- Breckenridge County (Petition No. 014-08 (A1) – 97.0 acres. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Danny Shipley and was seconded by Mr. Ray Adams. **Motion carried.**
- Oldham County (Petition No. 093-04) (A4) – 538.25 acres. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Scotty Parsons and was seconded by Mr. Billy Doolin. **Motion carried.**
- Taylor County (109-19) (A1) – 95.00 acres. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Ray Adams and was seconded by Scotty Parsons. **Motion carried.**

Discussion of Spring Area 9 Meeting - Ms. Kim Richardson gave update on area 9 meeting. Meeting was held at Buckhorn on April 1st, 2016. Peggy Conway's name was submitted for commission election.

Division of Conservation Report – Ms. Kim Richardson reporting.

- Direct Aid – Governor Matt Blevins issues a line item veto concerning Direct Aid. Meeting was held between Mr. Shavely and Mr. Luttrell, discussing a 9 % reduction on Direct Aid. This is the same as current state budget cuts. Further decisions will be forthcoming in the next couple of weeks.
- State Cost Share – Currently going through audit right now and will set dates this upcoming July.
- 2016 KACD Convention – Mr. Jack Trumbo will be speaking at our leadership breakfast. We will be having a Watershed breakout session for districts. Speakers will be Sonya Keith; NRCS, Ron Gruzesky;DOW. Mr. Allen Luttrell will be there speaking as well.
A resolution from Carroll County wants SWCC to have more of a part in the DIGS appeals. Mr. Ray Shipley would like to start now in trying to get the Governor there for next year.

Agency Reports

- **Natural Resources Conservation Service**- Karen Woodrich was not in attendance.
- **Kentucky Department for Natural Resources** – Unattended.
- **Kentucky Department of Agriculture** - Mr. Kyle Kelly addressed those in attendance on Agriculture budget cuts and losses from pesticide funding. Agriculture Department looks forward to future educational meetings.
- **Agriculture Education/FFA State Advisor**- Mr. David Duke addressed those in attendance on Grassland Reserve's and the winning bids are getting their notices. One (1) Million acres was offered and one hundred thousand got though.
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- **University of Kentucky** – Mr. Higgins conducted tour.
- **Division of Forestry** – Mr. Bill Steel dealing with a line item Veto as well. Nursery is a concern but personnel are more of a budget concern.
- **KACDE** - Unattended.

Next Board Meeting – 2016 Meeting Schedule:

July 10 at KACD Convention at 2:00p.m.

September 19th

November 21st

Adjournment – 10:40 a.m.

Mr. Scotty Parsons made motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Mr. Ray Adams. **Motion carried**