



1320 Research Park Drive  
Manhattan, Kansas 66502

## **MINUTES OF THE STATE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

1. The State Conservation Commission meeting was called to order by Rod Vorhees, Chairman and Area V Commissioner, at 9:15 a.m., Monday, January 14, 2019, at Colbert Hills, 5200 Colbert Hills Drive, Manhattan, Kansas.

2. **ATTENDANCE:**

**Elected Commissioners:**

Ted Nighswonger, Area I Commissioner  
Andy Larson, Area II Commissioner  
Brad Shogren, Area III Commissioner  
John Wunder, Area IV Commissioner  
Rod Vorhees, Area V Commissioner

**Ex-Officio & Appointed Members:**

Dan Devlin, Director, Kansas Center for Agricultural Resources and the Environment (KCARE), K-State Research and Extension  
Peter Tomlinson, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Extension Specialist for Environmental Quality Agronomy Department, Kansas State University  
Terry Medley, P.E., Water Structures Program Manager, Division of Water Resources, Kansas Department of Agriculture  
Karen Woodrich, State Conservationist, Natural Resource Conservation Service

**Division of Conservation, Kansas Department of Agriculture Staff:**

Rob Reschke, Executive Director  
Scott Carlson, Assistant Director  
Steve Frost, Administrative Manager  
Dave Jones, Water Quality Program Manager

3. **CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION:**

**A motion was made by Brad Shogren to certify the election to the Conservation Commission for a two-year term beginning January 1, 2019: Area II – Andy Larson and Area IV – John Wunder. The motion was seconded by Ted Nighswonger. Motion carried.**

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**4. ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON AND VICE-CHAIRPERSON OF THE COMMISSION:**

**A motion was made by John Wunder to nominate Rod Vorhees to serve as Chairperson. The motion was amended by Brad Shogren to add John Wunder for Vice Chairperson. Motion carried.**

**5. ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Changes made to:

Certification of Commissioner elections and board positions

**A motion was made by Brad Shogren to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Ted Nighswonger. Motion carried.**

**6. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:**

**A motion was made by Brad Shogren to approve the November 18, 2018, minutes as mailed. The motion was seconded by Andy Larson. Motion carried.**

**7. NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. 20-Year award distribution
- b. Review Kansas Partnership Agreement
- c. SCC strategic planning exercise was conducted

**8. ADJOURNMENT:**

The next regular Commission meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 25, 2019, at 9:00 a.m. at the Kansas Department of Agriculture, 1320 Research Park Drive, Manhattan, Kansas.

**The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.**



Rob Reschke  
Executive Director



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The statewide KACD EO Conference is tentatively set for May 7 & 8, 2019. It will be held in Hays, KS. EO board is checking into hotels and booking a meeting room. The plan for now is to start at 11 am and finish around 5 pm on May 7 and run 8 am to noon on May 8. There will be time allocated for the DOC, SCC & KACD to provide their updates.

The KACD EO board will be assisting Dan Meyerhoff, KACD Director, in planning a Conservation Day at the State Capital on February 20<sup>th</sup>.

Districts are currently planning their annual meetings. They are also preparing for spring Envirothon, youth educational programs, women in ag workshops, grass seedings, and tree plantings.

And as always, if anyone has any questions or concerns they need assistance with please contact myself or any of the area KACD-EO reps for assistance.