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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 9:02 a.m. Monday, April 11, 2011, at the State Conservation
   Commission, Topeka, 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 Member:

   Eric Banks, State Conservationist, USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)
   David Barfield, Kansas Department of Agriculture (KDA), Division of Water Resources
   Phil Barnes, Associate Professor, Water Quality, Biological and Agricultural Engineering,
   K-State Research and Extension

   Staff:

   Greg Foley, Executive Director
   Scott Carlson, Assistant Director
   Max Foster, Chief Fiscal Officer
   Hakim Saadi, Watershed Programs Manager
   Don Jones, Water Quality Program Manager

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

   Motion by John Wunder to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Ted
   Nighswonger. Motion carried.

4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

   Motion by Ted Nighswonger to approve the January 18, 2011, February 4, 2011 and
   February 8, 2011 minutes as mailed. Seconded by Brad Shogren. Motion carried.
5. GUESTS:

Pat Lehman, Executive Director, Kansas Association of Conservation Districts
Chris Grunewald, Assistant Attorney General

6. FINANCIAL REPORT:

a. Review of the Third Quarter Financial report – Max Foster. See Attachment A.

7. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: NONE.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a. Summary of 2011 Spring Workshops – Scott Carlson. See Attachment B.

b. Legislative update and review of Fiscal Year 2012 Budget – Greg Foley.

i. The budget has not been finalized to this point.

c. 2011 joint summer meeting with KACD (sponsored by SCC Area IV Commissioner) – Greg Foley.


Motion by Andy Larson that the meeting be adjourned to executive session for the purpose of confidential attorney-client consultation with the Commission’s attorneys regarding the Agreement and the pending litigation of the Kickapoo Tribe v Knight et al., with the open meeting to reconvene at 11:35 a.m. at the same location. Seconded by Ted Nighswonger. Motion carried. Time in 10:53.

At 11:35, the executive session was terminated and the open session resumed, following a motion for same by Andy Larson. Seconded by Ted Nighswonger. Motion carried.

e. Executive Reorganization Order update – Greg Foley.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Review Fiscal Year 2012 program allocation scenarios – Don Jones.
b. Review Fiscal Year 2012 Water Resource Cost Share Program (WRCSP), Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Program (NPSPCP), Buffer Initiative Program (BIP) and Riparian and Wetland Protection Program (RWPP) policy provisions – Don Jones. See Attachment C.

Motion by Brad Shogren to approve the Fiscal Year 2012 WRCSP, NPSPCP, BIP, and RWPP policy revisions. Seconded by Andy Larson. Motion carried.


i. Staff was advised to contact candidates for availability.

d. Review cost-share encumbrance and cancellation policy recommendations. Policy was adopted at the November 23, 2011 meeting to cancel 2011 funds on June 1, 2011 but was extended to June 10, 2011 with SCC Chairman concurrence – Scott Carlson. See Attachment D.

Motion by Ted Nighswonger to extend Fiscal Years 2008 and 2009 NPSPCP and RWPP contracts until June 1, 2012. Seconded by Andy Larson. Motion carried.

e. Watershed Dam Construction Program (WDCP) funding recommendation for Rehabilitation and Inundation mapping for Fiscal Year 2011 – Hakim Saadi. See Attachment E.

Motion by Andy Larson to approve funding recommendation for rehabilitation and inundation mapping for Fiscal Year 2011. Seconded by John Wunder. Motion carried.

10. REPORTS:

a. Agency Reports:

i. Natural Resource and Conservation Services (NRCS) – Eric Banks. See Attachment F.

b. Staff Reports:

i. Statement of Substantial Interest handed out.

c. Commissioner reports:
11. ADJOURN:

The next regular Commission meeting is scheduled for May 9, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. at the State Conservation Commission in Topeka, Kansas.

Motion by Andy Larson to adjourn. Seconded by Ted Nighswonger. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:14 p.m.

Greg A. Foley,
Executive Director