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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 8:00 a.m., Monday, July 29, 2013 at the Bacani Hotel, Junction of US 400 and Hwy 47, Fredonia, 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:

Eric Banks, State Conservationist, USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)
Peter Tomlinson, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Extension Specialist for Environmental Quality Agronomy Department, Kansas State University

Division of Conservation, Kansas Department of Agriculture Staff:

Greg Foley, Executive Director
Scott Carlson, Mined Land Reclamation Program Manager
Donna Meader, Public Service Executive
Don Jones, Water Quality Programs Manager

Guests:

Herb Graves, State Association of Kansas Watersheds (SAKW)
Todd Marple, Wilson County Conservation District
Abby Carpenter, Kansas Association of Conservation Districts (KACD) – Employee Organization
Pat Lehman, KACD Executive Director
Bill Simshauser, Area II KACD Director
Gene Albers, Area III KACD Director
Bevin Law, Area IV KACD Director
Ron Brown, Area V KACD Director

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3. ADDITIONS, AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Brad Shogren to approve the agenda as mailed. Seconded by Ted Nighswonger. Motion Carried.

4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

a. Approve the May 14, 2013 minutes as mailed.

Motion by Ted Nighswonger to approve the May 14, 2013 minutes as mailed. Seconded by Andy Larson. Motion carried.

5. COMMENTS FROM GUESTS:

a. Herb Graves – SAKW – Reported on Dam Workshop and Stream Mitigation Guidelines is in the works and Mitigation issues.

6. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

a. Secretary Rodman, Kansas Department of Agriculture letter on CP-25.

b. National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) Applauds Appointment of Jason Weller to Lead NRCS.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a. Discussion on the next regular Commission meeting scheduled on Thursday, September 12, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. at the Pride of Kansas Building, Kansas State Fair, Hutchinson, Kansas. - Greg Foley.

b. Summary of Emergency Livestock Water Supply Initiative (FY 2013) see Attachment A– Don Jones.

c. Conservation District document submittal update see Attachment B – Donna Meader.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Discussion on budget guidance and direction for FY 2015 and the Kansas Water Authority Recommendation – Greg Foley.

b. Discussion on wind development mitigation funding opportunity – Greg Foley. Commission directed to work with the applicable counties to pursue opportunities.

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c. Administration:

- i. Review and authorize Commissioner and Staff travel – Greg Foley.

Motion by Andy Larson to approve out-of-state travel for Hakim Saadi to attend the Association of Dam Safety Officials Annual Conference to be held September 8 – 12, 2013 in Providence, Rhode Island. Seconded by John Wunder. Motion carried.

Motion Be John Wunder to approve out-of-state travel for Scott Carlson to attend the National Association of State Land Reclamationists Annual Conference to be held September 29 through October 3, 2013 in Hot Springs, Arkansas. Seconded by Andy Larson.

Motion by Brad Shogren to approve out-of-state travel for Greg Foley to attend the National Association of State Conservation Agencies Annual Meeting to be held in Rogers, Arkansas October 6 – 10, 2013. Seconded by Ted Nighswonger. Motion carried.

- ii. Review of program close-out for FY 2013, ending balances, carry forward see Attachment C – Donna Meader.

- iii. Reallocation plan or strategy for carry forward funds - Don Jones.

Motion by Andy Larson to Reallocate the \$219,782 Water Resources carry forward funds to Conservation Districts immediately as District Needs Allocation. Seconded by Ted Nighswonger. Motion carried.

Motion by Brad Shogren to utilize uncommitted NPS funds for Livestock Waste Systems and for Streambank Protection Projects. Seconded by John Wunder. Motion carried.

- iv. Poultry Litter Nutrient Management incentive - Don Jones. Don met with the Labette County Conservation District on July 20, 2013 to request input from the board on how to gain participation in nutrient management in areas applying poultry litter. Input received centered upon nutrient analysis of the litter and have a Nutrient Management Plan on cropland.

Motion by Brad Shogren to utilize NPS funding, set aside for poultry litter nutrient management, to supplement the EQIP program funding for 590 NRCS practice code. Seconded by Andy Larson. Motion carried.

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9. REPORTS:

- a. Agency Reports:
 - i. NRCS Report see Attachment D – Eric Banks.
 - ii. KSU, Environmental Quality Agronomy Department – Peter Tomlinson. The site selection tool will be out in early August for poultry litter.
- b. Staff reports:
 - i. Update on the move to Manhattan - Greg Foley
 - ii. Request funding from the Kansas Water Authority budget committee of \$1,245,223 for the construction of six Streambank Stabilization projects on the Delaware River.
- c. Commissioner Reports:
 - i. Area I – Ted Nighswonger. Reported that have received moisture.
 - ii. Area II – Andy Larson. Water Congress Meeting in Garden City on August 1 - 2, 2013.
 - iii. Area III – Brad Shogren. Reported that they are wet, are proceeding with streambank projects and irrigation district.
 - iv. Area IV – John Wunder. Reported that they have received a little rain; pond program accomplished so much with so little bureaucracy and would like to encourage more of the same.
 - v. Area V – Rod Vorhees. Reported that the drought has been a great lesson for his children.

10. ADJOURN:

The next regular Commission meeting is scheduled for September 12, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. at the Pride of Kansas Building, Kansas State Fair, Hutchinson, Kansas.

Motion by Andy Larson to adjourn. Seconded by Ted Nighswonger. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:38 p.m.



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**EMERGENCY DROUGHT LIVESTOCK WATER SUPPLY INITIATIVE
FY 2013 FINAL REPORT**

➤ **INITIAL SIGN UP ENDING 9/15/2012**

Applications Received

3244

Dollars Requested

\$8,073,734

➤ **Funds Allocated to the Drought Initiative**

Non-Point Source, Water Resources, Division of Water Resources (DWR), Conservation Districts and Watershed Districts Funds:

Dollars Allocated

Area 1(Northwest Kansas) \$269,148

Area 2(Southwest Kansas) \$195,442

Area 3(Central Kansas) \$346,514

Area 4(Northeast Kansas) \$399,597

Area 5(Southeast Kansas) \$325,158

Conservation District Funds Used for Drought Initiative Projects \$159,771

Watershed District Initial Allocation (9 Districts) \$330,000

**\$121,804 was returned to the Watershed Districts
at the close of FY 2013.*

Total Allocated Funds \$2,025,630

➤ **Drought Initiative Funds Paid**

Dollars Paid

Non-Point Source, Water Resources and DWR Funds \$941,443

Watershed District Funds paid \$208,196

Conservation District Funds Used for Drought Initiative Projects \$132,332

Total Funds Paid \$1,281,971

over

➤ **Drought Initiative breakdown by Practice (code)**

<u>PRACTICE</u>	<u>NUMBER COMPLETED</u>
Pond Cleanout (378D)	504
New Pond (378)	9
Water Well (642)	70
Pumping Plant for Water Supply (533)	63
Watering Facility (Tank) (614)	58
Spring Development (574)	9
Total Practices Completed	713

➤ **FY 2014 Drought Initiative Funds**

Non-Point Source, Water Resources and DWR Funds (FY 2013 Encumbered)	\$483,112
Conservation District Funds Used for Drought Initiative Projects (FY 2013 Encumbered)	\$27,439
Funds Requested from Watershed Districts for FY 2014	<u>\$42,500</u>
Total FY 2014 Funds	\$553,051

**Conservation District Documents
Not Received by the DOC as of 7/26/13**

2011 Audit: (Due 1/1/2013)

Marshall County

2011 Notification of CD Audit Review form: (Due 1/1/2013)

Marshall County

Monthly Board Meeting Minutes, Treasurer's Reports & Unpaid Bills Reports:
(Due 10 days after each conservation district board meeting)

Greenwood County – April, May and June 2013

Mitchell County – June 2013

County has been contacted several times to submit the required document(s).

DIVISION OF CONSERVATION, KDA - FY 2013 QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT
JULY 1, 2012 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2013

	PROGRAM/FUND	INDEX	Appropriation/ Allocation	Total Expenditures	% of Funds Expended	Funds		UNCOMMITTED BALANCE
						Committed/		
						Encumbered-Contigent		
1.	STATE GENERAL FUND - 1000							
	a. Office Operations	0053	479,375.00	479,375.00	100.0%	0.00		0.00
	TOTAL - STATE GENERAL FUND		\$479,375.00	\$479,375.00	100.0%	\$0.00		\$0.00
2.	STATE WATER PLAN FUND - 1800							
	a. Water Resources Cost-Share							
	(1) Office Operations		137,998.00	106,289.14	77.0%	14,674.38		17,034.48
	(2) CSIMS Cost-Share Assistance		2,732,036.99	1,934,939.87	70.8%	606,029.93		191,067.19
	(3) Reserve Funds		11,685.82	0.00	0.0%	0.00		11,685.82
	WR - TOTAL	1205	2,881,720.81	2,041,229.01	70.8%	620,704.31		219,787.49
	b. Non Point Source Pollution Control							
	(1) Office Operations		57,387.00	47,022.50	81.9%	9,600.00		764.50
	(2) NPS-Engineering Services		0.00	0.00	0.0%	0.00		0.00
	(3) NPS/TA-Conservation Technician Positions		116,662.97	116,662.97	100.0%	0.00		0.00
	(4) NPS/TA-No Till Conservtion Districts		18,164.90	18,140.75	99.9%	0.00		24.15
	(5) CSIMS Cost-Share Assistance		2,003,101.10	1,415,170.25	70.6%	439,831.75		148,099.10
	(6) Wyandotte County I&E		7,350.00	7,350.00	100.0%	0.00		0.00
	NPS - TOTAL	1210	2,202,665.97	1,604,346.47	72.8%	449,431.75		148,887.75
	c. Aid to Conservation Districts	1220	2,260,000.00	2,259,228.00	99.9%	0.00		772.00
	d. CREP/WTAP							
	(1) Office Operations		88,267.00	88,267.00	100.0%	0.00		0.00
	(2) WR/CREP CSIMS		8,463.00	8,463.00	100.0%	0.00		0.00
	(3) WRAP Projects		0.00	0.00	0.0%	0.00		0.00
	(4) Reserve Funds		0.27	0.00	0.0%	0.00		0.27
	CREP/WTAP - TOTAL	1225	96,730.27	96,730.00	100.0%	0.00		0.27
	e. Watershed Dam Construction							
	(1) Watershed Dam Cost-Share Assistance		506,737.00	190,893.27	37.7%	315,843.73		0.00
	(2) Inundation Mapping		0.00	0.00	0.0%	0.00		0.00
	(3) Rehabilitation		123,561.61	0.00	0.0%	123,561.61		0.00
	(4) Reserve		0.00	0.00	0.0%	0.00		0.00
	WATERSHED PROGRAM - TOTAL	1240	630,298.61	190,893.27	30.3%	439,405.34		0.00
	f. KS Water Quality Buffer Initiative							
	(1) Office Operations		0.00	0.00	0.0%	0.00		0.00
	(2) CSIMS-KS Water Quality Buffer Projects		282,656.00	265,138.28	93.8%	0.00		17,517.72
	(3) Reserve		302.79	0.00	0.0%	0.00		302.79
	BUF - TOTAL	1250	282,958.79	265,138.28	93.7%	0.00		17,820.51
	g. Riparian and Wetland Protection							
	(1) RW-Engineering Services		29,600.00	29,600.00	100.0%	0.00		0.00
	(2) RW-Professional Technical Services		104,030.87	6,285.00	6.0%	97,745.87		0.00
	(3) CSIMS-Demonstration Projects		29,496.59	16,926.43	57.4%	12,570.16		0.00
	(4) Reserve Funds		1,872.54	0.00	0.0%	0.00		1,872.54
	RW - TOTAL	1260	165,000.00	52,811.43	32.0%	110,316.03		1,872.54
	i. Lake Restoration-Water Supply Program	1275	679,131.00	0.00	0.0%	679,131.00		0.00
	TOTAL - STATE WATER PLAN FUND		\$9,198,505.45	\$6,510,376.46	70.8%	\$2,298,988.43		\$389,140.56

**DIVISION OF CONSERVATION, KDA - FY 2013 QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT
JULY 1, 2012 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2013**

REVENUE PROGRAM FUNDS	INDEX	Fee Deposit Accounts	Total Expenditures	% of Funds Expended	Funds		Cash Flow
					Committed/	Encumbered-Contigent	
1. KDWP-Buffer Partnership - 2517	2510	81,059.35	81,059.17	100.0%	0.00	0.18	
2. LAND RECLAMATION FEE FUND - 2542	2090	276,297.74	158,146.86	57.2%	0.00	118,150.88	
3. KDHE/EPA - FEDERAL FUNDS - 3889		(ON THIS ACCOUNT-MONEY IS DEPOSITED AS REPORTS ARE SUBMITTED TO KDHE)			REMAINING BAL TO REQUEST		
a. KDHE/Buffer Coordinators	3880	126,019.07	85,822.59	68.1%	0.00	40,196.48	
c. KDHE/NPS Conservation Tech	3880	28,252.76	28,252.76	100.0%	0.00	0.00	
TOTAL KDHE-TA - 3880		154,271.83	114,075.35	73.9%	0.00	40,196.48	
b. KDHE/Buffer Indirect Funds	3705	28,502.05	4,972.00	17.4%	20,000.00	23,530.05	
c. KDHE/NPS Indirect Funds	3705	4,500.00	0.00	0.0%	0.00	4,500.00	
TOTAL KDHE-INDIRECT FUNDS - 3705		33,002.05	4,972.00	15.1%	20,000.00	28,030.05	
TOTAL- FEDERAL FUNDS - 3915		187,273.88	119,047.35	63.6%	20,000.00	68,226.53	
4. NRCS CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENTS - 3715		(ON THIS ACCOUNT-MONEY IS DEPOSITED AS REQUESTED FROM NRCS)			REMAINING BAL TO REQUEST		
a. NRCS/NPS Conservation Tech	3825	178,031.23	148,480.07	83.4%	30,487.11	29,551.16	
b. NRCS/NPS No-Till	3825	10,950.00	10,950.00	100.0%	0.00	0.00	
c. NRCS/WQ Engineering	3825	0.00	0.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	
TOTAL NRCS-TA/ENGINEERING - 3825		188,981.23	159,430.07	84.4%	30,487.11	29,551.16	
d. NRCS/WQ SCCPersonnel Ind	3800	18,690.28	18,690.28	100.0%	0.00	0.00	
e. NRCS/WQ Indirect Funds	3800	60,626.94	7,776.07	0.0%	1,429.39	52,850.87	
TOTAL NRCS-INDIRECT FUNDS - 3800		79,317.22	26,466.35	33.4%	1,429.39	52,850.87	
TOTAL- NRCS FUNDS - 3917		268,298.45	185,896.42	69.3%	31,916.50	82,402.03	
5. MOTOR VEHICLE FUND - 6118	6000	3,447.92	3,447.92	100.0%	0.00	0.00	
6. WR WSD DROUGHT PROGRAM - 7305	7000	330,000.00	330,000.00	100.0%	0.00	0.00	
TOTAL - CASH FLOW						\$268,779.62	
GRAND TOTAL							
		\$10,824,257.79	\$7,867,349.18	72.7%	\$2,298,988.43	\$657,920.18	
			TOTAL SPENT IN FY 2013		\$10,166,337.61		
1. *HOSPITALITY FUND - 1000	0054	425.74	425.74	100.0%	0.00	0.00	

*Paid under KDA Budget



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**NRCS HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES
for the
KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS
AND
STATE CONSERVATION COMMISSION
FREDONIA, KANSAS
July 29, 2013**

PERSONNEL

Reassignments

and/or Promotions: Kevin B. Arnet, Soil Conservationist, Effingham, to Soil Conservationist, El Dorado
Arvil G. Bass, State Conservation Engineer, Salina State Office, to Acting Assistant State Conservationist for Field Operations, Hutchinson Area Office
Gaye L. Benfer, Assistant State Conservationist for Programs, Salina State Office, to Assistant State Conservationist for Operations, Salina State Office
Joní Y. Franklin, Resource Conservationist, Salina State Office, to National Headquarters, Appeals Division, Washington, D.C.
Marcus L. Griffin, Student Trainee (Soil Conservationist), to Soil Conservationist, Hugoton
Monica S. Jones, District Conservationist, Wellington, to District Conservationist, Gainesville, Florida
Dean Krehbiel, Resource Conservationist, Salina State Office, to State Resource Conservationist, Salina State Office
Marvin A. Lewis, Student Trainee Soil Conservationist, Burlington, to Soil Conservationist, Paola
Blake M. McLemore, Soil Conservationist, Emporia Field Office, to District Conservationist, McPherson
Ashley M. Montgomery, Student Trainee (Soil Conservationist), to Soil Conservationist, Marysville
Julie A. Norem, Soil Conservationist, Hiawatha, to Soil Conservationist, Holdenville, Oklahoma
James C. (Chad) Remley, Soil Scientist, Salina State Office, to State Soil Scientist, Salina State Office
Andrew R. Quintana, Student Trainee (Soil Conservationist), to Soil Conservationist, Hill City
Xiomara Tryban, Assistant State Conservationist for Field Operations, Hutchinson Area Office, to Assistant State Conservationist for Programs, Salina State Office

Kevin A. Vaughn, Soil Conservationist, Hugoton, to Soil Conservationist Burlington
Jasmine A. Wilson, Student Trainee (Soil Conservationist), to Soil Conservationist, Garden City

Retirements: Lyle D. Frees, Natural Resource Specialist, Salina State Office
Carman A. Guries, Voucher Examiner, Salina State Office
John W. Henry, Rangeland Management Specialist, Manhattan

OPERATIONS

Kansas received its budget allocation information May 10. With the overall Federal government budget climate, our budget numbers are respectable. We currently have just over a \$1 million reduction compared to how last fiscal year ended. Since we have held several positions vacant and reduced other costs, we will be able to operate through the remainder of the year with the ability to continue to provide solid conservation assistance to meet the NRCS mission.

NRCS is moving forward with the transformation of administrative activities such as human resources, budget and finance, and property and procurement. Many of the details are yet to be determined. However, the plan will focus on the formation of national teams to handle specific business area processes. All current employees will maintain a job and will not be forced to relocate. The teams will work virtually from current locations. The transition process will begin immediately with the new structure scheduled to be in place by December 2014. The new structure is expected to standardize the way NRCS handles administrative duties and to stabilize administrative operations.

Kansas submitted its fiscal year (FY) 2014 State Resource Assessment to national headquarters in June. This assessment includes our budget request which looked at work to be installed from active program contracts and projected FYs 13 and 14 conservation work.

With projected cuts in future years, the State Conservationist (STC) has assembled a team of eight area, state, and field office staff to look at the current NRCS management and operational structure and functions. This team will provide recommendations for improvements or streamlining to the way NRCS does business.

PROGRAMS

- **Conservation Stewardship Program (CStP) and Conservation Security Program (CSP)**
 - Authority has been granted to resume making CSP payments after the payment process was halted due to sequestration.
 - CStP cutoff date for consideration for FY2013 funding was June 14, 2013. Kansas has received \$5,187,000 to obligate contracts for this FY.
- **NRCS Easement Programs**
 - **Farm and Ranchland Protection Program (FRPP)**
 - Kansas received \$3.1 million for the enrollment of FRPP applications in FY13.
 - Seven applications were received covering approximately 7,280 acres in Lyon, Osage, Riley, and Washington Counties.

- o The Easement staff continues to work on easement closings from previous year enrollments.

Grassland Reserve Program (GRP)

- o Field offices have completed initial ranking of FY13 GRP applications. Currently no funds are available to enroll any new applications.
- o The Easement staff continues to work on easement closings from previous year enrollments.

Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP)

- o Kansas received \$2.5 million for restorations and enrollment of WRP applications for FY13.
- o Six applications have been received and are being processed for eligibility and acquisition.
- o Thirty-three wetland restorations are currently in the planning, design, and construction process involving approximately 2245 acres.

Emergency Watershed Protection Program—Floodplain Easements (EWPP-FPE)

- o Kansas currently maintains three flood plain easements involving approximately 836 acres.
- o NRCS assisted with reseeding 374 acres to grass as part of restoration efforts in Doniphan County during spring 2013.

- **Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP)**

- o The General EQIP application deadline was November 16, 2013. Initial dollars received to implement the program was \$17,800,673. These dollars funded the following EQIP categories.

- Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG)
- Cooperative Conservation Partnership Initiative (CCPI)
- Drought Recovery Initiative
- National Organic Initiative (NOI)
- National On-Farm Energy Initiative (NOFEI)
- National Seasonal High Tunnel Initiative (NSHTI)
- National Water Quality Initiative (NWQI)
- Ogallala Aquifer Initiative (OAI)

Kansas received an additional \$11,939,000 June 28 to assist in funding remaining applications in the following fund codes:

- Cooperative Conservation Partnership Initiative (CCPI)
- National Seasonal High Tunnel Initiative (NSHTI)
- National Water Quality Initiative (NWQI)
- Ogallala Aquifer Initiative (OAI)
- Grazing Lands Health
- Livestock Waste
- Historically Underserved.

Due to the additional funds, all applications in each category were fully funded except for NWQI, Ogallala, Water Quality and Water Quantity applications. The deadline for all additional funds to be obligated is August 1, 2013.

- o All High and Medium applications were funded under the Drought Initiative. Areas will begin ranking low priority applications to utilize remaining funds.
- o Only three applications were received and funded under the Water Quality Drought Pilot. The program utilized only \$15,000 out of \$2 million.

- **Watershed Rehabilitation Program Activities**
 - Kansas NRCS is currently working on FY 14 planning assistance requests for 7 watershed dams considering Rehabilitation. No FY13 funding has been awarded for planning assistance.
 - The Spring Creek Watershed District in Sedgwick County is working towards rehabilitation of their R-1 Dam near Garden Plain, Kansas. The final design is complete. Land rights have been acquired, permits secured and project agreement approved. Estimated project cost is \$627,000. Construction is targeted for fall of 2013.

TECHNOLOGY

Division of Conservation (DOC) Streambank Agreements

- Two agreements between the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and DOC have resulted in DOC-hired contractors designing 91 Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) streambank protection projects since 2005. Eighty-one of those projects have been built, seven projects have been cancelled before being built, and the other three are currently in construction. Construction should finish by this fall—thus ending the agreements.

Architect and Engineer (A&E) Contracts

- NRCS currently has two engineering companies under contract to design conservation practices and do a variety of work on Public Law 83-566 (P.L. 566) watershed structures. The conservation practices were for agricultural waste management system designs for ten beef, dairy, and swine operations. During the past two years, they have also designed nine streambank protection projects and provided construction services on three projects currently being built.
 - Previous A&E contracts have resulted in agricultural waste management system designs for 57 beef, dairy, and swine operations and construction services for 17 of these projects.
- **National Resources Inventory (NRI)**
 - The 2013 Local Data Collection was completed by April 2013. The data collection involved field office personnel collecting cropping history, program participation information and erosion data on 8,478 points scattered throughout the state.
 - Another round of the Grazing Lands On-Site Study data collection is in progress and will be completed July 2013. Data collectors will be collecting data on approximately 101 points located in 41 Kansas counties.

OUTREACH

Meetings have been held with our State Fair partners to discuss planning preparations for the Kansas State Fair that is being held September 6-15. KACD, Division of Conservation, Farm Service Agency, Kansas Forest Service, Kansas Forestry Association/Tree Farm Organization, and a new partner, the Kansas Agricultural Statistics, will be joining us this year to host the booth.

In August, several soil health workshops will be offered on different days and in different locations across the state.

- August 6—Scott City—William Carpenter 4-H Building, 600 E. Fairgrounds Road, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.
- August 7—McPherson—McPherson Museum, 1111 East Kansas Avenue, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- August 8—Holton—Family Life Center, Evangel United Methodist Church, 227 Pennsylvania Ave., 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.