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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 10:00 a.m., Monday, August 8, 2016, at the Clarion Inn, 1911 E. Kansas Avenue, Garden City, 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:**

Terry Medley, P.E., Water Structures Program Manager, Division of Water Resources,  
Kansas Department of Agriculture

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

Rob Reschke, Executive Director  
Steve Frost, Water Conservation Programs Manager

**Guests:**

Herb Graves, Executive Director, State Association of Kansas Watershed (SAKW)

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

- a. No additions or corrections were made to the agenda.

**A motion was made by Andy Larson to approve the agenda as presented or amended. The motion was seconded by Ted Nighswonger. Motion carried.**

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

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**A motion was made by Ted Nighswonger to approve the April 25, 2016, minutes as mailed. The motion was seconded by Andy Larson. Motion carried.**

### **5. COMMENTS FROM GUESTS:**

Herb Graves, SAKW – Herb reported that a few watershed districts have amended the general work plan to include minor projects, that the projects are to be built to NRCS standards, and they may ask the DOC for assistance in delivery cost share.

### **6. FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Steve Frost presented the Financial Report and shared a copy with each Commissioner. A short discussion was held on the carry-over amount and the need to reduce this in the future.

### **7. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- a. Dave Jones – Water Quality Program Manager – begins August 15
- b. Donna Meader – Conservation District Program Coordinator – begins August 15
- c. SCC Commissioners and DOC staff are invited to attend the Governor's Luncheon at the State Fair on September 15

### **8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- a. Discussion of next SCC Meeting – to be held Thursday, September 15, 2016, at 9:00 a.m. in the Pride of Kansas Building at the Kansas State Fair, Hutchinson, Kansas.
- b. Blue Ribbon Task Force – Rob provided an update and mentioned some revenue raising options. More information can be found on the Kansas Water Office website.
- c. Third Party Easement Update – Rob provided an update on this.
- d. Stream Mitigation Guideline Update – Rob mentioned that the Corps of Engineer (COE) is reviewing DOC's request to be a third party easement holder. The COE is taking comments on the stream mitigation guidelines.

### **9. NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. Budget guidance and direction for FY 2018 and Kansas Water Authority (KWA) Recommendations – Reschke
  - The budget will be presented for approval at the September 1, 2016, KWA meeting.
- b. Discuss SCC luncheon at KACD convention
  - Rod and John will be keynotes speakers. They will meet with Cindy Woofter to plan the process of gathering information for the luncheon presentation.
- c. Review staff travel – Vorhees

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- i. Staff will attend the 2016 National Association of State Conservation Agencies (NASCA) annual meeting in Branson, Missouri, September 25-29, 2016
  - ii. Hakim Saadi will attend the Association of Dam Safety Officials Annual Conference in Philadelphia, PA, September 11-15, 2016, (travel expenses are to be paid by FEMA through DWR – has already been approved)
  - iii. Scott Carlson will attend the 2016 National Association of Abandoned Mine Land Programs (NAAML) annual meeting in Bozeman, Montana.
- d. Review allocation plan/strategy of FY 2016 carry forward funds to FY 2017 - Frost
- i. Water Resources

**A motion was made by Andy Larson to reallocate \$113,913.90 of Water Resources carry-forward funds to Conservation Districts based upon the District Needs Allocation formula. The motion was seconded by Brad Shogren. Motion carried.**

- ii. Non-Point Source

**A motion was made by Brad Shogren to reallocate \$68,000.00 of Non-Point Source carry-forward funds to fund stream bank projects in the Cottonwood Watershed. These projects have been designed. The motion was seconded by Ted Nighswonger. Motion carried.**

### 10. REPORTS:

- a. Agency Reports:
  - i. KDA – Terry Medley – Terry gave an update on DWR Structures programs.
  - ii. NRCS – Eric Banks – Eric gave an update on NRCS programs.
- b. Staff Reports:
  - i. Rob Reschke – DOC – Gave update on upcoming staff travel
  - ii. Steve Frost – DOC – gave update on the funding carry forward of FY16 fund to the FY17 programs.
- c. Commissioner reports:
  - i. Area I – Ted Nighswonger – provided an update on his area.
  - ii. Area II – Andy Larson – provided an update on his area.
  - iii. Area III – Brad Shogren – provided an update on his area.
  - iv. Area IV – John Wunder – provided an update on his area.
  - v. Area V – Rod Vorhees – provided an update on his area.

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**11. ADJOURNMENT:**

The next scheduled SCC meeting will be held Thursday, September 15, 2016, at 9:00 a.m. at the Pride of Kansas Building, Kansas State Fair, Hutchinson, Kansas.

**A motion was made by Andy Larson to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ted Nighswonger. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.**



Rob Reschke  
Executive Director