

## Kansas Forestry Association Board Meeting



**Date:** November 21, 2019  
**Time:** 9:00 am - 3:00 pm  
**Lunch:** Local Restaurant or On Your Own  
**Location:** Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism  
Region 2 Office  
300 SW Wanamaker Road  
Topeka, KS 66606

### Agenda

- I. Call to Order/Welcome/Introductions – Tom Hogard, President KFA
  - i. David Hebert - Environmental Specialist of the Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas
  - ii. Kayti Brinkman – American Tree Farm Midwest Regional Manager
  - iii. Clint Thornton – Kansas Department of Wildlife Parks and Tourism
  - iv. Guests
- II. KFA Activity Reports
  - i. [Secretaries Report](#) – Sandy Chandler
    - Review/Approval of July Meeting Minutes
  - ii. [Treasurers Report](#) – Sandy
    - Receipts/Payments
    - Signs and New Membership
- III. Old Business
  - i. Fall Forestry Field Day – Shane Neel
  - ii. KFA Bylaws – Carolyn Turney
  - iii. WQAN Update – Shane
  - iv. Other Items
- IV. New Business
  - i. [Managing Carbon with Healthy Forests Workshop](#) – Wayne White
  - ii. [American Tree Farm System National Leadership Conference](#) – Carolyn
    - [Kansas Self Evaluation](#)
  - iii. [ROI Carbonator 500 Demonstration](#) – Shane and Dave Bruton
  - iv. 2020 Agroforestry Field Day – Shane
    - Roger Wells in Americus
  - v. Membership and Elections – Tom
    - Inviting Nut Growers Association, K-State students
  - vi. Winter Newsletter – Shane
    - Donations and Membership, State Forester Retirement, ROI Article
  - vii. Executive Committee “Retreat” – Tom
    - Time, Topics, Purpose
  - viii. Committee Reports
  - ix. Other Items
- V. Agency Reports
- VI. Next Meeting/Adjourn

**Kansas Forestry Association Board Meeting**



**Date:** July 11, 2019  
**Time:** 9:00 am - 3:00 pm  
**Lunch:** Venison Chili provided by Charlie Barden  
**Location:** Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism  
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**Agenda**

**Call to Order**

**Welcome/Introductions:** Tom Hogard, President KFA

**New Board Members:**

Nestoria L. Wright - Environmental Office Director of the Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas

Sherry Fountain - United States Forest Service

**Board Members:** Carolyn Turney, Roy Turney, Mark Janzen, Sherry Fountain, Robert Atchison, Wayne White, Floyd Schmidt, Ryan Raskot, Wayne Luckert, Jim Hays, Charlie Barden, Shane Neel, Sandy Chandler

**Guests:** Dan Howell

**KFA Activity Reports:**

**Secretaries Report:** Sandy Chandler

**Review/Approval of February 20, 2019 Meeting Minutes**

Carolyn moved to approve as printed, 2nd by Wayne White.

Approved.

**Treasurers Report:** Sandy

Debra McDaniels donated benches for the National Walnut Council meeting auction. Sandy will send her a donation receipt.

Bob mentioned other thank you notes for donations will be sent.

A check was received for auction items from the Walnut Council Foundation, \$1,122.00.

Jim Hays moved to approve the treasurer's report as presented.

Wayne Luckert 2nd. Motion approved.

**Funds thru June 30, 2019**

KFA/Tree Farm	\$22,252.33
Memorial Honors Giving	\$ 2,599.34
National Walnut Council Meeting 2019	\$ 17.00

**Receipts/Payments:**

Motion to approve Sandy's time and expense report. Moved by Carolyn, 2nd by Wayne White. Passed

**Program Director Report: Shane Neel**

In-kind information is up to date.

Most other items will be discussed later in agenda.

A hard copy of report was given out. (attached).

**Old Business:****National Walnut Council Annual Meeting: Charlie Barden:**

It is complete, thanks to many folks, a thank you note received was received from Hugh Pence. Larry Biles is ready to do it again in a few years. Lot of walks in, approximately 150-160 attended.

K-State Extension helped out, Kansas Forest Service personnel also assisted. Several comments were heard on spouse's tours. Overall all comments were good.

Floyd Schmidt has left over glasses.

Blind Tiger brewed Walnut Beer.

Bob Howell asked about the location of next National Walnut Council meeting.

Bob Atchison said it will be at Perdue, in Carbondale Illinois.

**KFA Bylaws Update: Carolyn Turney**

Carolyn has looked into the bylaws and visited with Shane and does not feel it can get done by Fall Field day. Needs to have in depth review. It was reviewed 2 years ago. Shane, Tom Hogart, Charlie Barden, Bob Atchison, and Floyd Schmidt are on the committee and they have not been able to meet. It was suggested to really get bylaw changes ready for next year.

Tom handed out materials on Article 3 of restructuring the membership for the board consideration (attached). This was for review, no action to be taken today. Discussion only was held on dues. No action was taken.



**Water Quality Advocate Network Update: Shane Neel**  
Working on next training. Citizen Science Approach. Tree Inventory, working with KACEE (Kansas Association for Conservation & Environmental Education) to improve water quality.  
He is also working with KFS foresters. 930 volunteer hours recorded.  
Will have a booth at Wildlife Conservation Event, Lawrence KS, August 17th.  
Hosted by Douglas County Conservation District.  
Will be putting together a blurb and with Wayne White, will send out emails, to help make them aware of using an advocate.

Citizen Science Approach Grant was written to continue the Tree Farm grant from last year. Getting kids involved.

**New Business:**

**Kansas Association of Conservation Districts Presentation:**  
Wayne Lukert presented a program and explanations of what the KS County Conservation Districts (CCD) are made up of, operations, and government involvement. Districts are by county. Reviewed powers and authority of CD's. Funding and what issues, services they can provide. Works with many other organizations, state agencies.

**Wayne White: USDA Forest Service conference: June 16-18, 2020.**  
**Wichita KS**  
Managing Carbon with Healthy Forests and Forest Products in the Southern Great Plains. Sponsors: USDA Forest Service: Southern Plains Climate Hub, Kansas Forest Service, USDA Ag Research Services. More information to come.

**Award Nominations: Bob Atchison and Shane Neel**  
Discussion held on the nominees for Agroforestry awards.

**Kansas Agroforestry Award nominees: (Nomination forms were presented)**

1. Ray & Ardis Atkins, Inman KS, McPherson County
2. Steve Haas, Riley, KS, Riley County
3. Marilyn Rowilson, Moreland KS, Graham County
4. Roger Well, Americus KS, Lyon County



Roger Wells was suggested. He has written a plan and is working with Howard Freerksen, KFS Forester.

Carolyn made comment he was well above the others nominees.

Floyd agreed as did Bob.

Carolyn elaborated on his accomplishments and examples.

Roy moved to nominate Roger Wells, Floyd 2nd, motion passed.

#### **Forest Stewardship Tree Farmer of the Year**

Bob Atchison: presented Jerry Botts: a member of the Walnut Council, who doesn't want to engage in the Tree Farmer program. He is well qualified and will be hosting the 2020 Walnut Council Field Day. Suggestions made to provide a recognition but change the name since he isn't a Tree Farmer. Botts just wanted to plant trees, with no recognition.

Wayne Luckert moved to give the executive committee the authority to decide on an award and if he will agree to the award. 2nd by Jim Hays. Passed.

No other nominations were submitted.

**2019 Fall Field Day:** Geyer Tuttle Creek Research Station, Manhattan KS.

Dates: October 9th, Wednesday. Ryan Armbrust will have a session on honey suckle bush. Other than that agenda is pretty wide open. Maybe the seed orchard. Possibly sawmill demonstration. Biohard trailer demonstration.

#### **American Tree Farm System Grant Proposal: Shane**

KACEE will do most of match. Haven't heard rather we got the grant.

It is a follow up from a grant they had last year. And possibly continue applying for similar grants to follow through. If funded, training will start this fall. (proposal handed out)

#### **Board Member Elections: Tom**

**Nominations, Fall Elections**

4 are up for election: Tom, Floyd, Luke, Roy. Will contact Luke to see if he is still interested in being on the board.

#### **Summer Newsletter: Shane**

National Walnut Council, Spouses Tour, Managing Tree Shelters, Fall Field Day, Tim Lyons will provide some comic forestry related clips.

Oct 17th Plant Materials, Manhattan KS, will have an open house, on Chinese chestnut trees.

**Other Items:**

**Agency Reports:** KFS made history. Has a line item directly with the State of Kansas. Not thru the Extension office. \$650,000 line item budget for fire. Several supporters help to get this.

Larry Bile's is retiring in December 2019.

Bob is meeting with Kickapoo tribe to continue the work KFS is doing on their lands.

Working on a Water Quality grant where we will find salary monies to keep the water quality foresters going with the work they are doing.

Delaware and Tuttle WRAPS have provided funding for a nut planter.

Jim Hays is retiring from the Nature Conservancy. Nature Conservancy is looking for 4 replacements due to retirement and moving to other positions. Jobs are opened. Some interviews have taken place. Filling the positions should be this fall. They are a non-profit, not a state agency. They are national, worldwide organization.

Mark Janzen talked about salt cedar, monarch butterfly,

Sherry is trying to connect urban sector with rural sector. How do you connect them, so kids learn? Bob A provided some input.

K-State has selected College of Ag Dean, Ernie Mitten.

Meeting for Honors funding to determine educational/research grants hasn't been held. Committee will get together and get it done.

**Next Meeting/Adjourn:**  
Nov 14th Thursday.

Mark Janzen moved to adjourn, Jim 2nd motions. Passed.

Respectfully submitted  
Sandy Chandler  
Secretary/Treasurer



## Treasurer's Report

KANSAS FORESTRY ASSOCIATION  
PROPOSED BUDGET AND FINANCIAL REPORT CALENDAR YEAR 2019  
January 1, 2019 thru November 14, 2019

	Proposed Income	Actual Income	Remaing Balance
<b>INCOME:</b>			
<b>General Income:</b>			
Donations: General	3,000.00	745.00	2,255.00
Forest Found Engagement Funds	300.00		300.00
Forest Found Fundraising Direct online	110.00	125.00	-15.00
Forest Found Inspect Incentives	10.00	10.00	0.00
Forest Found Program Funding	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
KFA Membership signs		315.87	-315.87
KFA Membership dues	1,000.00	651.00	349.00
Miscell	150.00	347.00	-197.00
Sponsor Forestry Awards	400.00	400.00	0.00
<b>Sub-total General Income</b>	<b>5,970.00</b>	<b>3,593.87</b>	<b>2,376.13</b>
<b>Kansas Walnut Council:</b>			
Field Day Registrations	0.00		0.00
National Walnut Council Membership	350.00	347.00	3.00
<b>Sub-Total Walnut Council</b>	<b>350.00</b>	<b>347.00</b>	<b>3.00</b>
<b>PROPOSED TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$6,320.00</b>	<b>\$3,940.87</b>	<b>\$2,379.13</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>			
<b>General: Admin Fees</b>			
KS Corporation Filing	40.00	40.00	0.00
Membership incentives	200.00	624.32	-424.32
Member signs	500.00		500.00
Miscell	150.00		150.00
Name Tags	30.00		30.00
Pay Pal Processing Fee	200.00	14.25	185.75
Postage	200.00	27.98	172.02
Printing	50.00	5.40	44.60
Webpage	160.00		160.00
Outreach Events		473.04	-473.04
<b>Sub-total General Admin Fees</b>	<b>1,530.00</b>	<b>1,184.99</b>	<b>345.01</b>
<b>Finance Contractor Payment</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>	<b>960.00</b>	
<b>Tree Farm Signs</b>	<b>75.00</b>		<b>75.00</b>

KANSAS FORESTRY ASSOCIATION  
PROPOSED BUDGET AND FINANCIAL REPORT CALENDAR YEAR 2019

	Proposed Expense	Actual Expense	Balance
<b>Field Days, Awards, Sponsorships</b>			
Kansas Agroforestry Award	100.00	100.00	0.00
Forest Stewardship Tree Farmer Award	100.00	100.00	0.00
Sponsored supported Forestry Awards		400.00	-400.00
Kansas Walnut Council Sponsorships/Award	0.00		0.00
Kansas Walnut Council Field Day Expense	0.00		0.00
Kansas Walnut Council Workday Expense	150.00	36.25	113.75
Kansas Forest Service Fall Field Day (Use Memorial Honors Funds)	125.00	127.94	-2.94
Agroforestry Field Day Sponsor	0.00		0.00
Event Registrations and Travel	600.00	473.04	126.96
National Walnut Council Sponsorship	1,000.00		1,000.00
<b>Sub-Total Field Days, Awards, Sponsorships</b>	<b>2,075.00</b>	<b>1,237.23</b>	<b>837.77</b>

<b>PROPOSED TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$4,680.00</b>	<b>\$3,382.22</b>	<b>\$1,257.78</b>
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<b>RESERVE FUNDS (Uncommitted)</b>	<b>Begin 2019</b>	<b>Income/Exp</b>	<b>End Balance</b>
KFA/Tree Farm Current	22,252.33	\$812.63	23,064.96
Memorial Honors Giving	2,599.34	\$127.94	2,471.40
<b>Sub-Total of Un-Committed Reserve Funds</b>	<b>\$24,851.67</b>	<b>\$940.57</b>	<b>\$25,536.36</b>
<b>National Walnut Council Meeting 2019</b>	<b>425.00</b>		<b>425.00</b>
Income		1,497.00	1,497.00
Expense		760.44	760.44
<b>Remaining Amount</b>	<b>425.00</b>		<b>\$1,161.56</b>





**More details coming soon at  
[kansasforests.org/CarbonSequestration.html](https://kansasforests.org/CarbonSequestration.html)**

This workshop will explore science and management recommendations for the use and demonstration of bio-based technologies and science and management practices to enhance carbon storage in the forest and woodlands of the Southern Great Plains, within the context of climate change projections and impacts.

Although wood-based energy holds promise for both economic resilience and climate change mitigation, there are a number of outstanding research and applications questions, particularly at regional scales, that need to be addressed before its adoption becomes more widespread.

**Join us as we develop new and innovative methods to strengthen and diversify bio-based production systems in response to climate change.**



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# Managing Carbon through Healthy Forests *in the Southern Great Plains*

A Workshop for Resilient Ecosystems and Economies in a Changing Climate

## WORKSHOP DETAILS

**June 16-18, 2020**

**Hilton Double Tree, Wichita, Kansas**

The forests and woodlands of the Southern Great Plains hold great promise for carbon storage in the face of climate change challenges for the region. This workshop will explore science and management recommendations that leverage forestry resources for energy while promoting economic resilience through the creation of new and expanded markets.

## ATTENDEES

Workshop attendees include:

- Conservation and natural resource professionals
- Academic researchers in forestry, energy, environment, agriculture and climate
- Industry professionals in wood-based technologies, research and management
- Forest managers
- Wood-energy professionals
- Landowners in the Southern Great Plains

## SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

### Walnut - \$2,500 and above

At the top tier of sponsorship, you will receive:

- Four workshop registrations
- Name and logo listed as a sponsor
- Exhibit space at workshop (two, six-foot tables)
- Recognition of sponsorship at general session
- Recognition in workshop materials

### Oak - \$1,000 - \$1,499

As an Oak level sponsor, you will receive:

- Two workshop registrations
- Name and logo listed as a sponsor
- Exhibit space at workshop (one, six-foot table)

### Pine - \$1,500 - \$2,499

As a Pine level sponsor, you will receive:

- Three workshop registrations
- Name and logo listed as a sponsor
- Exhibit space at workshop (two, six-foot tables)
- Recognition in workshop materials

### Pecan - \$500 - \$999

As a Pecan level sponsor, you will receive:

- One workshop registration
- Name and logo listed as a sponsor
- Exhibit space at workshop (one, six-foot table)

**Exhibitor - \$300** Exhibitor space is available. It includes one, six-foot table and one workshop registration.

## Submit Sponsorship

Submit sponsorship by mailing the sponsorship form and check to:

Kansas Forest Service  
attn: Carbon Management Workshop  
2610 Claflin Rd.  
Manhattan, KS 66502

Request to be invoiced for sponsorship or get additional information on sponsorship by calling 785-532-3300 or by emailing [kfs@ksu.edu](mailto:kfs@ksu.edu)

## Contact

For questions on the workshop, contact:  
Dave Bruton, Kansas Forest Service  
785-313-2295  
[dbruton@ksu.edu](mailto:dbruton@ksu.edu)



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Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## **SPONSORSHIP LEVELS**

Select desired sponsorship level:

☐ Walnut - \$2,500 and above

☐ Pine - \$1,500 - \$2,499

☐ Oak - \$1,000 - \$1,499

☐ Pecan - \$500 - \$999

☐ Exhibitor - \$300

Payment method:

☐ Payment enclosed

☐ Send invoice for sponsorship

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Contact Person for Logo: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) for complimentary registration: \_\_\_\_\_  
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ESTIMATED COSTS WORKSHEET  
DUE October 15, 2018

**Instructions:** To the best of your ability, please fill in all applicable green cells. Completed worksheets must be submitted to [Jaamine Brown at \[Jaamine.Brown@ForestFoundation.org\]\(mailto:Jaamine.Brown@ForestFoundation.org\)](mailto:Jaamine.Brown@ForestFoundation.org) no later than November 8, 2019. You will be notified in mid-November of your maximum allowable reimbursement. Only worksheets submitted by a state committee Chair, Program Administrator or conservation partner will be accepted.

1. Only *airfare* (or mileage, if driving) and lodging expenses are eligible for reimbursement. Registration fees, meals, and other incidental expenses are not eligible for reimbursement.
2. Only one Estimated Cost Worksheet and Reimbursement Request will be accepted per state committee or conservation partner. Individuals attending may not submit on their own. After the NLCC, only one reimbursement check will be issued to the state committee or conservation partner.
3. You will be notified in mid-November of your funding status. Once approved and notified, we kindly request that you register online and book your hotel room within 30 days.
4. After the NLCC, a completed Reimbursement worksheet (second tab in this document) must be submitted to Jasmine Brown by March 30 2020. Reimbursement will be based on actual costs incurred via submission of completed Reimbursement worksheet and all eligible receipts.
5. Funds awarded will be based on need and overall demand. Submitting an Estimated Costs Worksheet indicates that you have read, understand and agree with the above criteria as well as APT's Travel Policy.

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NATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE  
AND  
COMMUNITIES OF PRACTICE  
PRESENTS

# 2020 AFF NATIONAL LEADERSHIP COMMUNITY CONFERENCE

February 25-27, 2020  
Hyatt Regency Baltimore Inner Harbor-Baltimore, MD



STRENGTHENING, GROWING, AND  
INCREASING CONSERVATION IMPACT

## American Tree Farm System Evaluation

### Introduction:

In 2018, the American Forest Foundation completed a network-wide assessment of the American Tree Farm System (ATFS) to understand the challenges facing ATFS and recommend a pathway forward that will strengthen, grow and increase the impact of this important recognition and certification program for family forest owners. Utilizing the feedback we heard from ATFS leaders through surveys, focus groups and individual interviews, a collection of recommendations was released for feedback in August 2018. The recommendations served to jump-start conversations with ATFS leaders into co-creating solutions to the most pressing challenges facing the program. Based on the recommendations, AFF was able to make key investments to the program over the past year. Most notably, the hiring of ATFS Regional Managers to provide a deeper level of support and understanding of local-level challenges throughout the ATFS program, and to identify how best to implement the transition elements effectively in each state.

The conversations that ATFS leaders continue to have with ATFS Regional Managers and other staff are an important driver as we implement the recommendations to strengthen, grow and increase the impact of the ATFS program. Together, we must continue to stride forward and create and implement solutions.

From here, we want to understand each state's overall readiness to pursue and pilot solutions to these recommendations. In this document, you will find a refined version of the recommendations, and we are asking each state program to rate its readiness to engage in working on solutions that can be piloted or implemented in your state in the next 3-6 months. The results of your self-evaluation will allow us to more clearly see where there are similar interests (and even similar ideas & solutions) between state programs. This will allow us to target staff resources more effectively to help develop and test solutions.

### Instructions:

1. Review each program element thoroughly.
  - a. The section labeled "What We Heard" briefly sums up the feedback from ATFS leaders that was received during the 2018 program assessment.
  - b. The sections labeled "How We are Beginning to Address" and "Suggested Recommendations for Future Improvement" are derived from the recommendations and feedback we received during the 2018 program assessment.
2. For each element, indicate your state program's readiness to engage in working on solutions that can be piloted or implemented in your state in the next 3-6 months.
3. Indicate any additional ideas, concerns, or questions you may have associated with each element.
4. Complete your self-evaluation and e-mail it to your Regional ATFS Manager **by September 30, 2019.**

**Thank you very much for your contributions to the ATFS program.**

**Your feedback on this self-evaluation is an important resource that will inform how we will continue to strengthen, grow and increase the impact of ATFS in the decades to come.**

**Name:** Shane Neel and Carolyn Turney

**State:** Kansas (Kansas Forestry Association)



**Element: Network Communication**

What We Heard	How We Are Beginning to Address	Recommendations for Future Implementation
State committees and inspecting foresters struggle to keep up with changes in the program and engage in discussions about problem solving and program improvement with AFF.	<p>ATFS Regional Managers are establishing connections with leaders in their region. Managers are taking stock of the extent to which information is currently being disseminated and absorbed within the state programs.</p> <p>AFF is committed to hosting listening sessions and open houses, including one-on-one sessions, at the annual National Leadership Conference.</p>	<p>AFF will work with state programs, inspecting foresters, sponsor organizations, State Foresters, and other contributing organizations, to reassess how to most effectively communicate with the network in both directions.</p> <p>We will work together to establish a set of communication protocols and schedules and establish channels that foster increased participation in providing feedback to AFF around program policy, administration and operation.</p>

How would you rate your state program's readiness to engage in developing and piloting a recommendation around this program element in the next 3-6 months? **(Please highlight one option.)**

- We have completed pilot implementation of a recommendation associated with this element.
- We are currently implementing a recommendation associated with this element.
- We are in discussion with our Regional ATFS Manager or other AFF staff to pilot recommendations associated with this element.
- We are interested in implementing recommendations associated with this element but have taken no action.
- This element, and associated recommendations, is not applicable in our state
- **We are unaware of this element and/or unaware of what it means for our state.**
- We are aware but not interested in implementing recommendations associated with this element.
- We have significant concerns about/resistance to recommendations associated with this element. (Please explain, using the comments section below.)

Comments: The Regional Manager is a new role for ATFS and we are not sure what it will mean for our state. We have participated in some of the communication sessions and will continue to support these efforts as is possible. Kansas is committed to continued collaboration with the Regional Manager and open communication. Each state has unique circumstances and we welcome the increased focus on individual state collaboration with the Regional Manager.

**Element: Landscape Management Plans**

What We Heard	How We Are Beginning to Address	Recommendations for Future Implementation
Participating in ATFS has become a burden for foresters and too complicated for landowners to navigate. There is too much time spent on paperwork and not enough time spent engaging landowners to help them meet their objectives.	AFF has successfully piloted Landscape Management Plans (LMP) in Florida and Alabama. LMPs have shown to reduce the administrative burden for foresters and streamline landowner enrollment. Further expansion of the LMP model is being undertaken in 2019, in conjunction with local partners and funders.	Work with local partners and funders to continue to expand the use of LMPs where there is utility.

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Comments: We currently have a Landscape Forestry grant awarded by USFS that addresses Landscape forestry in targeted wildlife areas and state lakes with adjacent landowners. The primary goal is to use the Kansas Department of Wildlife Parks and Tourism land to develop demonstration areas and host field days to encourage woodland management and recognize 3 additional tree farms per year. While this project is not directly related to AFF, we are interested in considering LMPs with AFF. The major concern from this perspective in Kansas is a lack of industry funders to expand program further.

**Element: Tracking Landowners/Tracking Impact**

What We Heard	How We Are Beginning to Address	Recommendations for Future Implementation
State leaders often struggle to effectively engage, track, and communicate with landowners within the ATFS Database. It is also difficult to track and monitor new prospects for ATFS. In addition, we are undercounting the overall conservation impact of Tree Farmers. Because of this, we miss out on the opportunity to demonstrate the impact of ATFS landowners in the landscape which could increase further investment.	AFF has begun development of a Customer Relationship Management (CRM) system for efficiently tracking interactions and communications with all landowners engaged throughout AFF's programs. The CRM will feature spatial records, basic data on environmental conditions (forest type, soils, hydrology, etc.), and will give users (including ATFS leaders and Inspectors) the ability to highlight and track management activities over the course of time. The first phase of this system focuses on enhancing the forester experience.	<p>Continue development of CRM and full integration into the ATFS Database, testing and launching in areas with the greatest need.</p> <p>Tailor improvements to the 004 Inspection Form, in conjunction with the 2020-2025 Standards revision process, to facilitate capturing more of the work that landowners are accomplishing on the ground.</p> <p>Develop technology to speed the completion of required inspection forms, eliminate the need for double-entry of data, and maintain quality.</p>

How would you rate your state program's readiness to engage in developing and piloting a recommendation around this program element in the next 3-6 months? **(Please highlight one option.)**

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Comments: At this time, district foresters are the primary resource for inspections and are tied to many other responsibilities for grants. We are open to considering these recommendations at a future date.



**Element: Certification Administration**

What We Heard	How We Are Beginning to Address	Recommendations for Future Implementation
State committees are burdened with the administrative requirements of ATFS, and many states struggle to maintain critical program elements. This puts ATFS certification credibility at risk and limits the ability of state leaders to pursue more enjoyable and engaging landowner activities.	<p>In 2019, AFF increased staff capacity by hiring ATFS Regional Managers (RM).</p> <p>Through 2019, RMs will position themselves to identify state programs with the greatest need for certification administration support</p> <p>AFF is developing a Customer Relationship Management (CRM) system which will streamline select administrative functions.</p> <p>Beginning with the 2020 annual third-party assessment, RMs will provide an increased level of support to participating state programs.</p>	<p>Where necessary, AFF staff can maintain critical elements of certification administration (for example, internal and external assessment administration, data integrity, communications and training, etc.).</p> <p>Where appropriate, certification elements can be managed at the regional level, across state lines, in order to maximize economies of scale.</p>

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Comments:

**Element: Database**

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Maintaining the integrity of the ATFS Database is burdensome to state programs and inspectors. By having records that are not up to date, it risks the credibility of ATFS certification.	AFF previously completed database clean-up efforts through Edge Research. Based on the results and feedback from state programs, these third-party database clean-up efforts were suspended. Instead, AFF is supporting state programs at the local level in database clean-up.	<p>In states where AFF takes a role in managing elements of certification administration, staff responsibilities will include managing data integrity and quality assurance.</p> <p>For states where AFF does not play a role in certification administration, protocols around data integrity will be established and AFF will continue to provide grant support.</p>

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Comments: Kansas' database has been significantly addressed and updated with new information by the Kansas Forest Service database manager. We will periodically review the list to address any other issues.

**Element: Forester Motivation**

What We Heard	How We Are Beginning to Address	Recommendations for Future Implementation
<p>Foresters don't see the value of participating in ATFS. Because of this, state programs struggle to complete inspections and conduct landowner engagement beyond the required sample each year. Without an engaged pool of foresters, state programs are reluctant to grow for fear of not being able to fully meet the demands of inspections and re-inspections.</p>	<p>AFF has provided Outcome-Based Grant opportunities to state committees to better understand what motivates foresters in each state.</p> <p>ATFS Regional Managers are building relationships with state programs and inspectors to understand key barriers for inspectors.</p> <p>Initial development of the CRM (<i>see Tracking Landowners/ Tracking Impact</i>) includes tools to enhance the forester experience in tracking landowners.</p>	<p>AFF will engage with partner organizations, such as state agencies, to understand their motivation for participation in ATFS and secure required levels of participation by these partnering foresters.</p> <p>Utilize emerging technology to more efficiently identify landowner prospects, streamline enrollment, and create cost-effective ways for foresters to manage their pool of landowners and track planned activities.</p>

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Comments: There are some concerns as KFS foresters are the primary source for inspections and they are quite busy already. Streamlining the process could help with this burden. There is a restriction for state employees receiving monetary awards.



**Element: Growing Certification/Certifying New Landowners**

What We Heard	How We Are Beginning to Address	Recommendations for Future Implementation
State programs are not able to, or do not wish to, grow due to the capacity burdens associated with ATFS program administration and limited forester engagement and availability.	<p>AFF has begun analysis of certification demand, incorporating mill locations, productivity, certification and ATFS data. Based on this analysis and input from ATFS leaders and local partners, we will be able to better understand where there are areas of high priority and capacity/desire for certification growth.</p> <p>AFF has successfully piloted Landscape Management Plans (LMP) in Florida and Alabama. LMPs have shown to reduce the administrative burden for foresters and streamline landowner enrollment. Further expansion of the LMP model is being undertaken in 2019.</p> <p><i>(See Element: Landscape Management Plan)</i></p>	<p>Where there is demonstrated value and market demand for certification in a region, we will pursue growing certification in conjunction with local partners.</p> <p>Where conditions are favorable, we will expand certification at the regional or wood basket level by leveraging capacity and resources across state lines.</p> <p>Increase the number of Independently Managed Groups to grow the number of certified landowners where conditions are favorable.</p> <p>Expand AFF's WoodsCamp platform in areas with certification growth initiatives to help identify landowners that are prime prospects for ATFS enrollment.</p>

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Comments: Kansas is committed to efforts to expand tree farm and increase participation, however we are a part of the Recognition Pathway, so strict certification is not an option right now. We are interested in Regional Certification possibilities for parts of the state.

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**Element: Engaging New Landowners**

What We Heard	How We Are Beginning to Address	Recommendations for Future Implementation
Growth in ATFS is limited due to committee and forester capacity and difficulty of entry and value for landowners. Further, the ATFS Standards limit those landowners interested in stewardship who can be served by the program.	<p>AFF is piloting the WoodsCamp platform to test its ability to reach unengaged landowners and move them toward ATFS enrollment.</p> <p>AFF has assumed administrative leadership of the Sustainable Forestry and African American Land Retention Program (SFLR), providing an avenue to increase connection and collaboration between SFLR, ATFS, and AFF's conservation work.</p>	<p>Develop avenues within AFF that are inclusive of landowners at all levels of forest stewardship. Revisit standards for program participation outside of certification to expand recognition of good stewardship.</p> <p>Develop effective strategies for sustaining engagement with landowners across the spectrum of forest stewardship, including those landowners not interested in or eligible for certification.</p>

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Comments: Kansas has taken action for engaging landowners regionally with the Water Quality Advocate Network and trainings on Tools for Engaging Landowners Effectively. Our main goal is forest stewardship with our KFA efforts and we are interested in pursuing options to recognize these efforts, even if certification is not an option. This is one of our main priorities and we would target this as an option to expand within the next 3-6 months.

# ROI CARBONATOR 500 DEMONSTRATION



**November 20, 2019  
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

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