

Kansas Forestry Association Board Meeting Minutes



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

Call to Order/Welcome/Introductions – Floyd Schmidt, Vice President KFA

David Hebert - Environmental Specialist of the Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas
Bachelor of Biology, Master in Ag Research. Happy to be able to attend
Meeting and represent Kickapoo.

Kayti Brinkman – American Tree Farm Midwest Regional Manager
Kalamazoo MI, works with states in the Midwest,

Clint Thornton – Kansas Department of Wildlife Parks and Tourism

Board Members: Introduced themselves for visitors and new members:

Floyd Schmidt, Carolyn Turney, Roy Turney, Mark Janzen, Robert Atchison,
Debra McDaniels, Ryan Rastok, Dustin Mengarelli, Wayne White, Charlie Barden,
Shane Neel, Sandy Chandler.

Carolyn Turney has pecans for purchase. Let her know after the meeting if you are interest.

Guests: David Bruton, Kansas Forest Service

Announcement:

Carolyn announced:

Tom Hogard couldn't attend, due to recent death of niece.

Clint Thornton was at fall field day and Carolyn invited Clint to come to meeting,

Clint is Mayor of Chapman also, and can't make it due to an incident at the Chapman
School.

KFA Activity Reports

Secretaries Report – Sandy Chandler

Review/Approval of July Meeting Minutes

Page 1: Board Members: spelling of Rastok needs correction

Page 2: Old Business under National Walnut Council Meeting: 2nd line remove the word
"received" (not needed).

Next to bottom line: Bob Howell change to Dan Howell (name correction)

Last sentence: Change spelling of Perdue to Purdue

KFA Bylaws Update: Add Carolyn's name to committee on bylaws.

2nd paragraph last sentence remove words "No action was taken".
Carolyn moved to accept minutes as revised, and Wayne 2nd. Passed

Treasurers Report – Sandy
Receipts/Payments
Signs and New Membership

Funds thru November 14, 2019

KFKA/Tree Farm/KS Walnut Council	\$23,064.96
Memorial Honors Giving	2,472.40
Nat Walnut Council Meeting 2019	1,161.56

There hasn't been a committee assigned to review and do a proposed budget. It was suggested that maybe the executive committee should be preparing the proposed budget for 2020. They will be meeting in January. Shane will put on the agenda to discuss and Sandy can call in.

Remaining National Walnut Council Meeting 2019 funds should be put in general fund for 2020. Carolyn moved to have the NWC funds moved to reserved funds KFA/Tree Farm/KS Walnut Council. 2nd by Charlie. Passed.

Shane provided page with information on signs,

Based on information we have had 12 people purchase Forestry signs for a total of \$315.87.

We have had 5 people sign up online for dues using Pay Pal.

We have 3 new members this year:

Greg Gathers 7-22-2019

Shannon Kidombo 6-4-2019

Andy Seibert 3-6-2019

We have 47 renewals

Membership: Sandy explained the need to send out renewal notices to members as individuals. Then another letter for donations. Shane will work with Tom on a Letter for donations.

Carolyn moved to pay Sandy \$248.86; 2nd by Charlie. Passed

Contract payment	\$240.00
Photo copies	4.40
Postage	4.46

Old Business

Fall Forestry Field Day – Shane Neel

Good turnout considering the rain.

Charlie thanked the group for the \$5.00 donation from the registration fee for the Research Station to help with repairs and upkeep.

Spring 2020 KFS is looking to have the Agroforestry Field Day. It will include Water Quality. The Agroforestry Field Day will be held at Ron Wells, Americus KS.

Fall Field day will be in the southeast, date to be determined.

KFA Bylaws – Carolyn Turney:

Executive Committee has not met as a group. Executive Committee is hoping to get something prepared by spring meeting. Mainly to work out the difficult situations on dues. She explained the change to reflect dues between Individual, Tree Farmers and KS Walnut Council. This is mainly the only change to the bylaws that needs to be changed. If anyone feels that there are other bylaw changes needed let Executive Committee know.

WQAN Update – Shane (Water Quality Advocate Network Grant)

We have \$69,754 for In-kind documentation.

Provided volunteer contribution.

28 advocates, has another 20 for next training. Hoping to have 2nd training this coming spring, possibly around April.

Bob Atchison:

KFS applied for another grant for Kickapoo Tribe and Trees for Water. KFA is providing in-kind. Nebraska/Kansas Windbreak grant isn't going to happen.

Other Items:

Floyd showed calendars that Tom has received for promotion of KFA, name is on the bottom. Possibly could use for 2021 but too late for 2020.

Handed out left over writing pads that are "water proof. Shane/Dave Bruton has "swags" with KFA logo left from the National Walnut Council Meeting. Made out of walnut and has about 28 left. Can be used to hold paper, or cloth, hats. Can either sell or use as "give aways".

New Business

Managing Carbon with Healthy Forests Workshop – Wayne White

Conference coming up in June 18-20 2020, at Wichita

Southern Great Plains Climate Hub, USDA & Kansas Forest Service.

Wayne is asking for KFA to be a sponsor. Will have name on brochure, could have a booth, Maybe share with another forestry association.

4 sponsorships levels available. Or can be an exhibitor. Debra moved to sponsor level \$500.00 2nd by Ryan. Passed. Will use the Memorial Funds as this is an education/workshop.

Registration may run about \$100.00; 2 1/2 days. Registration fee has not been set yet.

American Tree Farm System National Leadership Conference – Carolyn

Shane submitted a request for registration. It is held in February 25-27 2020. Only included travel and hotel, but not airplane fair. He asked for \$800. And they only are providing \$600.00. Registration is up to \$300.00+. It is in Baltimore Maryland. ATFS likes for all States to attend. Shane is the only one going. It will be a lot more than the \$600.00 ATFS is providing. Carolyn moved to authorize Shane to go and any expense outside of the reimbursement they give him to be covered by KFA. Wayne White 2nd. Passed.

ROI Carbonator 500 Demonstration – Shane and Dave Bruton

November 20, 2019; they figured they had about 80 people at demonstration. Held at Haven KS. This is more designed for after a disaster related event to get rid of wood waste. Machine is almost 30 feet long. Burning at a high temperature, very little smoke. Dave explained how it worked, comments made and what help was needed.

Bruton: Christmas Tree Growers will be delivering the Governors Christmas Tree. Larry Biles is retiring in December and this will be his last attendance. Governor Kelly would like to provide a little reception with the delivery. If you would like to attend it is at 10:00 AM; Nov 26, Tuesday. Please meet at the Governor's House. Dave has stage coach, wagon and horses lined up. Larry & Governor Kelly will ride in the stage coach. Christmas Tree Growers is still hosting the event. Dave is inviting KFA members to attend and participate. Please be there by 9:45.

2020 Agroforestry Field Day - Shane

Roger Wells in Americus
Already Discussed. Date to be determined.

Membership and Elections - Shane

Inviting Nut Growers Association, K-State students

Shane has visited with the nut growers resource students about how can we support them. Is it somehow possible have a K-State student incorporated on the board, appointed to the board. Nut Growers isn't an association that meets all the time. Bill Reid updates his blog regularly, but some members want more support. Bill Reid is retiring.

Tom Hogard, Floyd Schmidt, Roy Turney and Luke Terry are up for renewal on the KFA board of directors. Luke can't always make meetings, but will participate thru workshops and emails, and would be willing to continue on the board. Private sector is good to have.

Charlie moved to have those that are up for renewal: Tom, Floyd, Roy and Luke for another 2 year term. Carolyn 2nd. Passed.

Winter Newsletter – Shane

Donations and Membership, State Forester Retirement, ROI Article
Provided a summary of newsletters mailed, emailed.
Asked for articles, items that need to be included.

Executive Committee “Retreat” – Floyd

Time, Topics, Purpose

Ask for input on anything that the board needs discussed at meeting.

Committee Reports:

Friday Jan 24, Feb 20, 2020 are scheduled for workday at seed orchard at the Wayne Geyer Research Farm, Tuttle Creek, Manhattan KS. Chili luncheon will be provided.

Next week is Kansas Association of Conservation Districts meeting.

Shane will look into inviting the Nut Growers at KFA next meeting February 13th, 2020.

Dave asked for those that might be coming to the Christmas Tree delivery. Bob, Ryan, Dustin, Dave Hebert.

Update on State Forester search: 6 applicants will be going thru the 2nd round of interviews. Wanting to have the State Forester in place by the end of year.

Other Items

Agency Reports

Next Meeting: February 13th next meeting.

Adjourn

Respectfully submitted
Sandy Chandler