

## 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  
Region 2 Office  
300 SW Wanamaker Road  
Topeka, KS 66606

### 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. Biochar 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

Due to the meeting room being occupied on November 14th, the meeting will be Nov 21st. This was discovered after the meeting was adjourned.