

Kansas Forestry Association Board Meeting



Date: February 13, 2020; changed to: March 2, 2020, due to weather
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

Call to Order/Welcome/Introductions – Tom Hogard, President KFA

Board members:

Ryan Raskot, Floyd Schmidt, Carolyn & Roy Turney, Charlie Barden, Mark Janzen., Debra McDaniels, Wayne White, Nestoria Wright; Kickapoo Tribe Clint Thornton; Wildlife Biologist, KDWPT, Shane Neel, Sandy Chandler

Jason Hartman; KS Forest Service State Forester & Bob Atchison; KS Forest Service Rural Forester, joined in afternoon session.

KFA Activity Reports:

Secretaries Report – Sandy Chandler

Review/Approval of November 2019 Meeting Minutes

Corrections to the November 23, 2019 meeting:

Page 1: Remove Clinton Thornton name as attending: he didn't attend.

Under Announcement 4th line "at the" change to "near".

Clint is a councilman not mayor.

Page 2:

Funds: KFKA change to KFA (remove 2nd K)

Under Old Business, Fall Forestry Field Day:

Change Ron Wells to Roger Wells.

Page 3:

Under American Tree Farm System; last paragraph, 2nd line: remove "but not airplane fair".

Charlie Barden moved to accept with corrections. Floyd Schmidt 2nd. Motion passed.

Treasurers Report – Sandy
2020 Budget

2019 final report was presented.

Carolyn moved to approve and Wayne White 2nd to approve. Passed.

End 2019 Funds:

KFA/Tree Farm/Walnut Council	\$25,946.27
Memorial Honors Giving	<u>2,471.40</u>
<u>Total 2019 Ending Balance</u>	\$28,417.67

Proposed 2020 budget was presented and changes were explained. The Executive Board reviewed the changes at their meeting via conference call with Sandy Chandler. Carolyn moved to accept and approve as presented. Wayne White 2nd. Passed.

Receipts/Payments

Sandy's expenses:

Contract payment:	\$337.50
Photo copies:	8.20
KS Government Annual Report filing:	<u>40.00</u>
Total:	\$385.70

Carolyn moved to accept and pay; Ryan 2nd. Passed.

Shane: Trip to Baltimore for February 2020 National Leadership Community Conference: proposed amount was \$800.00. American Forest Foundation (AFF) approved \$600.00. Actual cost being submitted to American Forest Foundation (AFF): \$732.91; At November 2019 meeting it was approved to pay for any costs over what AFF would cover and it was to come out of the Memorial Funds budget line. Expenses were charged to Shane's Kansas Forest Service procurement card, therefore a check for \$732.91 needs to be sent to KFS.

Tom showed 2 samples of tote bags. They are listed on membership form as giving aways. Minimum order is 100.

Long bag 16 x 6 x 12. 2.42 bag. + set up fee.

Wayne White moved to purchase the long bag, 16 x 6 x 12" 2nd by Charlie Barden. Motion passed.

Old Business

KFA Bylaws – Carolyn Turney
Draft Proposals, voting.

Bylaw changes were presented. Discussion was held, explanation made about the proposed changes. Review of how KFA became organized.

Bylaws can be changed with notification of 15 days in advance. Proposed voting would be at the KFS field day.

Any active members should be allowed to vote.

Motion by Carolyn that we mail through US Mail to members who are active, at the end of 2019, bylaw changes to be voted on in person at the Agroforestry Field Day, April 28, 2020. (Rain date April 29). 2nd by Charlie. Approved.

Because the Walnut Council sends in membership renewals after the year ends, those members would be included, as active. Meaning, Walnut Council member renewals are a year behind.

Mailing must be out by April 1, 2020.

Geyer Workdays – Charlie Barden

Charlie reported on the work days. Good work days and had plenty of help. Thinning, worked with the oak and walnut. A request was received to use some of the logs for "mushroom" growing. Still need to move some of the logs and bush, basic clean up. Will keep some of the logs for KFS field days.

WQAN Update – Shane Neel

Shane is working with watershed foresters. Jarran Tindle & Andy Klein. Want to have more hands on and working on a protocol. Idea is to have a general practice (hands on) with a landowner, versus just talking about it. Train some of the advocates about forest health to have them help with assessment of woodlands.

Going to pilot with advocates in Baldwin City, and then take to all advocates and train.

Ryan Rastok suggested to get all of the foresters on board.

Advocates: Have about 25 advocates who have completed the training and some 15+ wanting to do the training.

Managing Carbon with Healthy Forests Workshop – Wayne White

Handed out flyer with speakers and registration information. Registration is \$100.00. Dates: June 16-18, 2020

This will be held in Wichita KS. Registration starts at 11:00 AM; opening meeting 1:00 PM. A reception on Tuesday at Hotel. Wed evening outside event. Thursday 1/2 day. Will be sending out an email to all KFA members. Discussion was held.

Tom will be the complementary attendee with KFA sponsorship. Wayne White is the contact person.

American Tree Farm System National Leadership Conference – Carolyn and Shane

Carolyn and Roy didn't go, Shane went to Baltimore. American Forest Foundation is working towards carbon credits in states. Get Family Farms, smaller farms, involved and present them with carbon credits. Looking at two current proposals. Growing Mature Forest, a 20 year contract, payment made up front. Enhancing Future Forests. 10 year contract with 30 years benefit.

Woodscamp, KS Region going North or West. Concern was expressed as to how or where we would be going as they are dividing up the states and Katie has been re-assigned. Discussion held. Didn't announce where it would be next year.

Other Items

None

New Business

Executive Committee Retreat – Tom

2020 Vision/Goals

Topics that were discussed: Technical Service, Leadership, Contractors list. Mainly worked on the by-laws. And KFA Mission. By-laws was the main focus with membership clarification. Also discussed about being a more sustainable organization. Possibly using grants and should we be applying for.

Discussion was held on how to contact individuals involved with EQIP; TSI to get the word out about KFA to join.

Bob Atchison asked what kind of goal to bringing on new tree farmers, maintaining numbers, growing numbers of membership.

What is the definition of Tree Farmer: 10 acres, ATF guidelines, inspected by certified inspectors.

Talked about members getting old and problem of the lack of the younger generations getting involved. Long term goal needs to look at the younger generations.

Larry Biles

On hold until Larry can be here. Not sure if he can be involved and/or a spokesperson for KFA or as an advocate since he is a retired employee. Future of Larry being involved with KFA as a spokesperson will have to be determined. The board would need to let Larry know what they want him to do.

2020 Agroforestry Field Day – Shane

April 28, 2020: Roger Wells – 868 Road 290, Americus, KS 66836. He received the award in 2019. He is a retired biologist. Lots of wildlife plots. Works with John Redman WRAPS, KDWPT. Proposed a schedule with Lyon County Conservation District, Morris County Conservation District. Alternative watering, rotational grazing, removing & planting trees, wildlife habitat and food plots are suggested sites. A prescribed burning is questionable as a site. It would already be burned.

Spring Newsletter – Shane

Wayne White will write on Carbon Workshop

Coming to vote on KFA Bylaws in the agroforestry section.

Luke Terry has an article, picture on windbreak.

Shane on AFF National Conference

Sandy will send out dues renewals for individuals.

2020 Fall Forestry Field Day - Shane

October 7, 2020: River Farms Inc. - 14900 120th Rd, Erie, KS 66733

Ted Cambern with River Farms Inc., called me back. He said they would be happy to hold the 2020 field day. Also they will be pecan picking at that time so a demonstration of their shaking operation

can be shown. Also near pecan grove is a timber stand improvement area, and a tree planting of 1200 trees. Lot of options.

2020 Award Nominations

Shane will be sending out notifications on the awards.

If anyone knows of someone, send to Shane and he will put on the list.

Will keep the nominations from last year that did not receive it.

Committee Reports

National Walnut Council will be; July 26-29 2020. Southern Illinois University, Carbondale IL.

Research committee

Bob Atchison, Ryan Raskot, Wayne White. Can give small research grants. Needs to do the criteria yet.

Other Items

None

Agency Reports

Jason Hartman, State Forester: Jason was appointed in December 2019 as Kansas Forest Service State Forester. He has been with KFS 15 years. He was a Forester in Missouri before KFS. Has a degree in Forestry from Oklahoma State University.

Doesn't see any change in the KFS agency with their support to KFA.

Bob Atchison: This group, KFA has been helpful to KFS in rural forestry and Forest Stewardship programs. The USDA Forest Service requires that we have a group to assist and KFA fills that requirement.

Grants: if funding through the US Forest Service, the KFA would be associated as an in-kind source. Andy and Jarran will be administering the grants if funded.

RCPP grant has been asked for an extension. Goes through April 2020. Would then have another 5 years.

EQIP: delivered thru County Conservation Districts; basically eastern Kansas. News release coming soon. 80% cost share. Applications through CCD. Kansas Water Plan, KS Water Authority, is providing the funding. Districts 3, 4, 5. East of 81 highway.

Next Meeting/Adjourn

Friday July 17th: Floyd Schmidt moved, Ryan Raskot 2nd to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted

Sandy Chandler
Secretary/Treasurer
KFA