



**Kentucky Association of Conservation District Employees**  
**Minutes of January 14, 2010 Conference Call**  
**10:00 a.m. EST**

**Participants in the conference call:**

Brian Hacker – President	Debbie Eubank – Area 2 Rep
Stephanie Young - Treasurer	Penny Warwick – Area 3
Linda Russell – Secretary	Joy Edwards – Area 4
Martha Newby – Reporter	Tracy Yocum – Area 5
Kim Brown – Area 1 Rep	Wanda Gilbert – Area 7

President Brian Hacker called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. EST. Secretary Linda Russell requested a roll call to record those in attendance.

Secretary Linda Russell presented the minutes for December 15, 2009 for approval as emailed. **A motion was made by Joy Edwards with a second by Stephanie Young to approve the minutes. Motion carried.**

Treasurer Stephanie Young presented the December financial reports as emailed. **After discussion, Joy Edwards moved to approve the reports and file for audit seconded by Debbie Eubank. Motion carried.** Stephanie Young reported that to date 9 orders for tee shirts have been placed with Valley Apparel.

**BILLS TO BE PAID:**

Martha Newby updated the KACDE Employee Choice Award plaque by adding Stephanie Young and Linda Russell's name to the plaque. Due to our budget restraints, Martha is donating the cost.

**NCDEA REPORT:** Linda Smith will submit her report in the next KACDE newsletter.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Committee Appointees – The Committee members and their duties have been updated. Stephanie Young moved to approve the 2010-2011 appointees and changes to committees seconded by Tracy Yocum. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Fundraiser Ideas**

- a. The shopping/gas cards that we have discussed will be put on hold due to the company making changes to the current program. We will revisit this in February.
- b. The idea of an address book was discussed. It would include websites and contact information for people that employees have found helpful to them for conservation education, professional development, etc. Some people may not have the time or the resources to search for the websites and/or contacts.
- c. The tabloids for the conservation art and writing contest were discussed. There was definite interest shown at the Educational Roundtable recently held in Woodford County. Cindy King will comprise a survey and send out ASAP to see how many counties would be interested in obtaining the tabloids. These may be published at a discounted rate. Stephanie Young will check on this. The topic for 2010 is wildlife.

- d. Joy Edwards has a wooden oil lamp holder that hangs on the wall. This may be a possible fundraiser. Joy will take a photo and distribute to the Board members so they will know what it looks like. If we decide to pursue this, Ronnie Young has volunteered to make them.
  - e. Joy Edwards also suggested that Schwan's Home Delivery has a fundraiser. If you have a truck that services your area, ask about the program. Kim Brown volunteered to find out the details. This may be a good idea for people living in rural areas that don't have quick access to wholesale distributors, such as Sam's.
  - f. Brian Hacker asked if there were any objections to him advertising his tax service preparation. He will prepare tax forms for a donation to KACDE. Everyone thought this was a good idea.
  - g. The Gator Utility Vehicle was discussed. The cost would be approximately \$5000. We would have to sell 500 tickets @ \$10 each to break even. This may be too large of a project to try at the current time.
  - h. We still need items donated for our eBay auction. We have approximately \$98 in our eBay account.
  - i. Penny Warwick will check on a gas grill through one of her supervisor's.
- 2. Conference Ideas**
- a. We have one person committed to do GPS training. Other suggestions were MSWord 2007, cost share/USDA programs, new employee orientation, day-to-day office procedures, tree planting and site preparation, Amanda Patrick as a speaker, pizza garden food plot, Envirothon, environmental education, Grandparents Kits, nature walk, and trail building.
- 3. Newsletter Ideas** – Please submit articles to Martha Newby for KACDE's newsletter as soon as possible. Brian Hacker would like to have at least one article from each Area Rep.
- 4. Unfinished Projects** – Since only 2 people attended the mid-year meeting in Woodford County due to bad weather, President Brian Hacker requested the Professional Development Committee to work over the next two weeks on the annual conference. Kim Brown and Tracy Yocum will assist with Special Projects Committee. Joy Edwards and Linda Russell will review the Plan of Work for changes needed. Linda Smith and Leslie Foruquirean will work on the Budget/Finance Committee items.
- 5. Board Meeting Schedule for 2010** – We will probably hold the February meeting at the new Russell County Conservation District office. Jennifer Hardwick will be contacted for a suitable date.
- 6. Other** – Brian Hacker reported on the joint KACD/Soil & Water Conservation Commission meeting. He spoke about the Educational Roundtable and the "Treats for Troops" project. Ray Adams son-in-law was so appreciative of our donations. Over 25 boxes were sent overseas. Joy Edwards has received photos of the troops with our donations she will share with us.

With no further business Wanda Gilbert moved to adjourn at 11:45 a.m. seconded by Joy Edwards. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by

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Linda Russell, KACDE Secretary