



**KACDE Conference Call
November 19, 2008
10:00 a.m. EST**

Participants in the call:

Brian Hacker – President
Stephanie Young – Vice President & Area 8
Linda Russell – Secretary
Valorie Floyd – Treasurer
Linda Smith – Past President
Martha Newby – Reporter
Leslie Fourqurean – Area 1
Debbie Eubank – Area 2
Shelley Isenberg – Area 3
Joy Edwards – Area 4
Tracy Yocum – Area 5
Sandy Gay – Area 9

Brian Hacker gave an overview of the November 11th meeting at Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. Twenty-five (25) District Employees attended from Kentucky.

A motion and second has been made to pay the bills. We need to take a vote today. The bills are:

- a. Martha Newby – (SECDEA refreshments supplies and appreciation gifts for Ruthie Pike, Lillie Cox, Linda Davidson) - \$85.82 + \$43.74 for a total of \$129.56.
- b. Stephanie Young – (SECDEA refreshment supplies) - \$56.13
- c. Banker's Advertising – (reimbursement for luggage tags) - \$264.95. The SECDEA ordered luggage tags made from corn, a check has been given to us by SECDEA
- d. Linda Smith - \$137.04 reimbursement for wreath fundraiser and flower bulbs
- e. Lillie Cox - \$40.53 reimbursement for refreshments

A vote was taken and motion carried. Martha Newby, Stephanie Young, and Linda Smith abstained from voting.

Committee Reports

Fundraising Committee:

Tee shirts – Martha found a picture and sent it to Valorie Floyd. Valorie has spoken to Pam at Valley Apparel and she will try to get a price for the shirts to her today.

Crafts – May be able to put wreaths on Ebay.

Coupon books – see if the restaurant choices could be statewide for us to be able to sell them.

Old Business

1. **Commissioner of Agriculture Update:** Mr. Mark Farrow – Brian sent email asking for dates of field days that conservation districts are involved in and Mr. Farrow will put these on the Department of Agriculture calendar.

2. **Ag Awareness Day Update:** Stephanie will send us talking points so we can know what to say to our State Representatives about the Conservation Day.
3. **Travel Guidelines Procedures:** These are still in progress.
4. **SECDEA Refreshments:** Brian asked everyone to send a list of what items they donated for the SECDEA “Taste of Kentucky” refreshments to Martha so she can send out thank you notes by Thanksgiving.
5. **DOC Training:** KACDE will have 30 minutes for environmental education (3 sessions of 10 minutes each). KACD will be spending \$200 for refreshments at two of the trainings. They asked if we could spend \$200 at the other two trainings. **Joy Edwards moved to pay the \$200 for refreshments seconded by Linda Smith. Motion carried.** We will reimburse the districts when they present us bills. Magoffin and Pulaski counties have said they would donate \$100 each.
6. **Agenda for Mid-Year Board Meeting:** Brian needs to know how many will be attending the meeting at Jabez. Please bring laptop and printer/scanner if you have one so we can get more work accomplished.
7. **Jabez “Hands On” Project:** Joyce is supposed to contact Martha today. John Hancock is head of the AgrAbility program at UK. UK may be planting raised beds, and we will need specialized tools for gardening, etc. This will open more doors for acquiring grants. We need to get prices on specialized tools, etc. for our meeting with Ruthie Pike. We still haven’t heard about our 501(c)3 application.
8. <http://www.epa.gov/enviroed/grants.html>: Brian asked everyone to check out the link. We may be able to get a grant – be thinking of ideas.

New Business

1. **2009 NCDEA Dues:** The dues were approved at the November 11 meeting.
2. **2009 NACD Convention Travel Expenses:** Brian’s expenses were approved at the November 11 meeting.
3. **Smithsonian Soil Exhibit:** This exhibit will be traveling and Ruthie Pike is going to try and see if the exhibit can come to the Corvette Museum in Bowling Green.

Brian Hacker adjourned the call at 11:00 a.m.

Minutes taken and respectfully submitted by

Linda Russell
KACDE Secretary