



## **Board Meeting Minutes**

**March 18, 2025, 6:00 p.m.**

**ZOOM: Meeting ID: 896 4545 6605 Passcode: 211100**

**Present:** Board Supervisors: Mike Wilson, Debra Waller, John Stork, Casey Moll, Kathy King.  
Staff members: Mark Jacobs, Susan Brown, James Acey. NRCS: Chris Rawson

**I. CALL TO ORDER:** Mike Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:07pm.

**II. MINUTES:**

- a. February 18, 2025, Board Meeting Minutes to Approve – Debra Waller made a motion to approve, John Stork seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion passed.

**III. TREASURER'S REPORT:**

- a. John Stork presented February 2025 Treasurer's Report – Casey Moll made a motion to accept the report, Debra Waller seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion passed.
- b. Per Diem – John Stork presented Per Diem summary. Debra Waller made a motion to approve March Per Diem, Casey Moll seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion passed.

**IV. DISTRICT REPORTS:**

- a. Division of Conservation (DOC) Reports – presented by Mike Wilson. Mike asked for clarification on how much State Cost Share we do. Mark/Chris reported that Boone doesn't do many, and staff understand how to do it. The staff will update board when applicable.
- b. NRCS Report – presented by Chris Rawson.
- c. District Staff Report – James gave an update on recent surveys and plans for the property.

**V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- a. Land Use Update – Mark said that we received grant funds from DOC. We need a hydraulic hookup for the tractor and John said he could do that for us.
- b. Conservation Technician Susan Brown presented staff recommendation of Ilys Anderson. Debra Waller made a motion to approve, Casey Moll seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion passed.
- c. Area 5 Meeting Update – Mark Jacobs gave a recap of the meeting, which included updates on Fish and Wildlife, SB89, and other conservation district updates. Mike Wilson recalled that KACD stated that they did not want to get involved in SB 89. Susan Brown gave suggestions for ways that our board could act, including signing

on with other agencies in a message to the Governor or acting independently as private citizens. The board discussed the meaning, language, and impact of the bill. Only one Boone Co. representative (Banta, 63rd district) voted against the bill. Kathy King made a motion that we should reach out to Banta and invite her to a zoom meeting. Debra seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Regarding the Area 5 meeting, Debra Waller reported: The Sec. of Energy said that the Board of Commissioners has to be divided evenly and there is already too many from one party and that they needed one more name. After a moment or two, someone from the back of the room nominated someone from Pendleton County.

Debra Waller called Allan Bryant after the meeting, who said that there is nothing else she needs to know, and she also called Rebecca Coleman who has not responded yet, but Debra Waller will keep trying.

- d. FY 2025-2026 Proposed Budget – Mike Wilson gave a recap of meeting with Fiscal Court held on March 17, 2025. Mike Wilson, Mark Jacobs and Pavla Link represented BCCDKY. Mike is confident that we will get a lot of what we asked for this year. Pavla Link asked about vision and life insurance. The only questions from the Fiscal Court were about the enclosed trailer and the contracted services. Thanks to Pavla Link for being so prepared. Office space was mentioned, and the Fiscal Court is aware of the situation.

## **VI. NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. 2025 Interns – Susan Brown presented the recommendation of Parker and Olivia, with Emma as a backup. Kathy King made a motion to approve, John Stork seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion passed.
- b. KACD Dues – Mike Wilson reported that it is time to renew our annual \$350 dues to KACD. Kathy King asked what the benefit is. Mike Wilson said that there is a benefit to being a part of an association and having a collective voice. KACD benefits rural communities. Mark Jacobs said that he does not see the value, they did not assist us when we have asked for help in the past, and that maybe we should wait to see if Mike Wilson gets appointed. Kathy made the motion that we table this matter. Casey 2nd. All were in favor. Mark stated that Jay Nelson was invited to meet with us, Kenton, and Campbell Counties and we will follow up with him on that.

## **OTHER:**

- a. Mike, John, Debra, and Mark will schedule performance reviews soon.
- b. Debra Waller asked if we have a statement that says the Center is focused on kids programs. The staff said yes, it is all over the website and it is absolutely the focus of our work.
- c. Debra Waller made a motion that there be an emphasis on education of youth at the Center and that it be written in the description of the Center. Kathy King seconded the motion. All in were in favor, motion passed.
- d. Casey Moll reported on a recent visit to North Point Elementary with Susan Brown to discuss education program collaboration with the faculty.

- e. Kathy King moved that we write a letter of recommendation for Jasper Stevenson. Debra Waller seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.
- f. Susan Brown reminded everyone about requests for volunteers with upcoming requests.

**VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None received.

**VIII. REMINDERS:**

- a. Town Hall Meeting with Jay Nelson (DOC Director) – March 20, 2025, at 10am – Grant County
- b. Salamander Search – March 25, 2025, at 5:30pm – Middle Creek Park
- c. Bio Blitz – April 5, 2025, at 9am – Earl and Hazel Jones Center for Conservation
- d. Bat Night – April 11, 2025, at 7:45pm - Earl and Hazel Jones Center for Conservation
- e. Bird Walk – May 3, 2025 - Earl and Hazel Jones Center for Conservation
- f. Area 5 Training – May 7, 2025 – TBD
- g. OPEN HOUSE – May 17, 2025, at 10am - Earl and Hazel Jones Center for Conservation

**IX. COMMITTEE MEETING DATES:**

- a. Land Use Committee
- b. Education Committee
- c. HR Committee
- d. Budget Committee
- e. Executive Committee Meeting
- f. Government Affairs Committee

**X. ADJOURN:** Debra Waller made a motion to adjourn, Casey Moll seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion passed. Meeting Adjourned at 7:22pm.