

Kentucky Agricultural Council***Minutes of the June 11, 2014 Quarterly Meeting***

The Kentucky Agricultural Council meeting was held on June 11, 2014 at 1:30 PM ET at the Lexington Hyatt Regency. Will Snell called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM ET.

Members Present

Tod Griffin and Ashley Foree, AgriBusiness Association of Kentucky; David Chinn, Agribusiness Industry Network; Bruce Pratt, Eastern Kentucky University Department of Ag; Keith Rogers and Paige Hunt, KY 4-H Foundation, Inc.; Kevin Jefferies, Kentucky Association of Conservation Districts; Sam Lawson, Kentucky Chamber of Commerce; Dan Flanagan, Kentucky Council on Post Secondary; Steve Kelly, Kentucky Department of Agriculture; Kim Richardson, Kentucky Division on Conservation; Marcinda Kester, Kentucky Farm Services Agency; Brian Chism, Kentucky FFA Association; Sheldon McKinney, Kentucky FFA Foundation; Denise Martin, Kentucky Goat Producers Association; Jeff Hall, Kentucky Horticulture Council; Jamie Guffey and Dan Flanagan, Kentucky Poultry Federation; Kelley Yates, Kentucky Sheep and Goat Development Office; Kathy Meyer, Kentucky Sheep and Wood Producers; Brent Burchett, Kentucky Soybean Association; Louie Rivers and Mac Stone, Kentucky State University; David Switzer, Kentucky Thoroughbred Association; Sharon Furches, Kentucky Women In Agriculture; Jack Rentz, Kentucky Woodland Owners Association; Cary Green, Morehead State University; Debbie Reed, Murray State University Breathitt Veterinary Center; Tony Brannon, Murray State University Hutson School of Agriculture; Libby Jones, PACE Board; Nancy Cox and Will Snell, University Of Kentucky College of Agriculture; David Knopf, USDA – NASS; Reed Cripps, USDA – NRCS.

Others Present

Ginger Wills, Misty Pursiful, Doug Jones, Tabitha Graham

Welcome

Will Snell welcomed the group to the quarterly meeting and provided an overview of the agenda. Keith Rogers told the members that the KY FFA State Convention and the KY 4-H Teen Conference were both happening in Lexington this week. He also spoke regarding the expiring contracts of Dawn Riley and Steven Spaulding. Mr. Rogers then introduced the four panel members that will discuss various programs aimed towards youth and young agriculture leaders.

Updates and Panel Discussion:

Brian Chism, State FFA President: Brian welcomed everyone to the 85th Annual Convention and spoke on the importance of FFA and the various programs that it offers. FFA's challenge to students this year is to go "Beyond All Limits".

Paige Hart, State 4-H President: Paige told the members that there are a record number of students at the Teen Conference this year. She discussed various programs including an achievement program, leadership boards council, and a State Fashion Board.

Susan Tanner, Kentucky Farm Bureau Director of Special Programs-IFAL & LEAD:

Susan discussed IFAL (Institute for Future Agricultural Leaders) and the benefits for students who participate in this program. The program provides exposure to agriculture opportunities as well as career opportunities. The IFAL program has been in existence for 30 years.

The LEAD (Leadership Enhancement of Ag Development) program teaches individuals ages 25-40 essential skills to be effective leaders. The two year program includes traveling around the state in order to become familiar with all parts of Kentucky.

Will Snell, Co-Director of KALP: The Kentucky Agricultural Leadership Program helps develop leadership skills during the 18 month program. It is designed for young agricultural producers and agribusiness individuals. The focus is on improving communication, leadership and management skills. The current class will graduate in September.

Approve Minutes of the February 14, 2014 Meeting

Nancy Cox presented the minutes of the February 14, 2014 meeting. Tod Griffin (Agribusiness Association of Kentucky) moved to accept them; Keith Rogers (KY 4-H Foundation) seconded the motion. The motion passed without dissent.

Chair's Report

Chairman Nancy Cox spoke about the transition in funding and resources and how the Council will go forward. She asked Will Snell to update the members on the Strategic Planning of KAC. Mr. Snell believes that the possibility to expand membership to agri-businesses and ag related industry groups could help grow the Council. He continued to say that the Kentucky Department of Agriculture will be taking on some administrative duties for the Council. Chairman Nancy Cox thanked KDA for helping with the Council.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Treasurer Jeff Hall. Treasurer Hall reported on the current dues situation. He also addressed possible changes to the dues structure which may include a possible tier system or possible sponsorship opportunities. The IRS 990 and Annual

Report have also been filed. Chairman Nancy Cox asked for an approval of the report. Tod Griffin (Agribusiness Association of Kentucky) moved to accept the report. Dan Flanagan (KY Poultry Federation) seconded the motion and the report was approved.

Leopold Conservation Award Report

Chairman Nancy Cox introduced Steve Coleman who discussed the current status of the award. This is the second year that the Leopold Award will be given in the state of KY. The \$10,000 is awarded to individuals dedicated to ethical land stewardship. Nominations will be accepted at the Franklin County Conservation District office through July 31, 2014 and will be announced later this year. Mr. Coleman thanked KAC for their continued support.

Reed W. Cripps, Assistant State Conservationist-Regional Conservation Partnership Program

Mr. Cripps introduced a new program called RCPP (Regional Conservation Partnership Program) that uses partnerships to reach conservation goals regionally. There is 400 million available to compete for nationally. KY could potentially get eight million of that if chosen. There are three different categories for funding: Critical Conservation Areas, National and State. National project applications should address one of the following resource concerns: water quantity, water quality, soil health, at-risk species habitat, or air quality. This is a great way to bring money back to KY. The deadline is July 14th, 2014 and you can go to the website for more information (www.nrcs.usda.gov).

KAC Member Updates

Chairman Nancy Cox reminded the members that they could pay dues to Jeff Hall at any time.

Adjourn

There were no further reports and meeting was adjourned at 2:36 PM ET.