

UNAPPROVED DRAFT
2023 KCC Annual Meeting

The 2023 annual meeting of the Kansas Cooperative Council (KCC/Council) was held at 10:45 am on March 23, 2023, at the Hyatt Regency, Wichita, KS. Chairman Jerald Kemmerer called the meeting to order and welcomed members and attendees.

Mr. Kemmerer declared that a quorum of members in good standing was present and that timely, due, and proper notice announcing the annual meeting was provided to the membership.

Chairman Kemmerer thanked ProValue Insurance for hosting the reception last evening and recognized the sponsors of the hospitality suite as follows: BarnesCo, Drake, Inc., Central States Fumigation, Hammel Scale Company, McPherson Concrete, Norwood Contracting, and Rolfes at Boone.

The Chairman noted credentialing was done immediately prior to the start of the annual meeting at the district caucuses and an opportunity to obtain voting credentials for those not attending a caucus was provided.

District caucuses were held immediately prior to the annual meeting. KCC board elections were held in three of the caucuses. Each caucus meeting was called to order by caucus chairs, Doug Biswell, District 1, Bruce Williams, District 2, Mike Schlochtermeyer, District 3, and Gary Feist, District 4. Names placed in nomination were announced to the groups. Nominations were requested from the floor. Ballots were cast and collected by caucus chairs.

Cody Kalous (Lansing) was reelected to represent District 1. Jerald Kemmerer (Dodge City) was reelected to represent District 3, and Chris Stockebrand (Yates Center) was nominated and elected to represent District 4. There was no election in District 2.

Chairman Kemmerer announced that the minutes of the 2022 annual meeting was included with the official notice of meeting sent to members on March 2, 2023. He asked for any additions and/or corrections. There were none. A motion to approve the minutes as distributed was made by Jack Queen and seconded by Deb Miller. Motion carried.

The audit report was presented by Lindburg Vogel Pierce Faris, Chartered of Hutchinson, Kansas. Brady Byrnes, CPA, acknowledged the audited financial information was distributed at the meeting, the audit resulted in an unqualified opinion, and he then reviewed the information in the handout. A motion to approve the audit report was made by Jason Baker and seconded by Gary Feist. Motion carried.

Chairman Kemmerer presented his report to the membership. He noted the continued work of the Council by highlighting the legislative activities, educational programs, and promotional opportunities available to members. He also spoke briefly about the ongoing partnership with the Kansas Fairgrounds Foundation Capper Project. Mr. Kemmerer reminded the membership that if they have suggestions for programs, questions, concerns, or ideas, to reach out to any KCC board member, Brandi Miller, or Jamie Boggs.

Mr. Kemmerer invited Brandi Miller, KCC President/CEO, to present her report.

Mrs. Miller began her report by thanking the 2022 KCC sponsors. Each of the yearly 'Silver Level' sponsors provided an opportunity for attendees to register for a drawing. Six gift cards of \$100 each were awarded to randomly drawn winners.

Mrs. Miller thanked and recognized the board of directors for their leadership and direction over the past year. Committee members were also recognized and thanked for their participation and support. She gave a brief overview of the training programs delivered during 2022 and thanked members for their trust in attending these events. She also reminded the group of the ways the Council can partner with members to deliver training on site.

Mrs. Miller gave a brief overview of the wins in the 2022 legislative session, including the AHP premium tax exemption and the Kansas Supreme Court ruling in the Grey County tax case. This has allowed for continuing conversations with the Property Valuation Division on the impact of the ruling.

Lastly, Brandi Miller updated the membership on upcoming educational projects that will include the Kansas Leadership Center, Kansas State University, and the new training videos housed on the Council's website.

James Fisher, Executive Director of the Kansas Fairgrounds Foundation, was welcomed to the stage to provide an update of the construction on the Capper Project. Sponsorship opportunities are still available as the project continues towards completion.

Chairman Kemmerer called for any unfinished business. Jack Queen, General Manager, The Farmers Cooperative Elevator Company, Halstead, expressed his appreciation to Jerald Kemmerer and Pride Ag Resources for their extensive work in the Grey County tax case. Mr. Queen asked individual cooperatives to consider a contribution to Pride Ag to help cover the cost of legal fees in this case. The outcome of this case will potentially benefit each cooperative in Kansas!

Chairman Kemmerer called for any new business. At this time, the Chairman invited Jeff Boyd, Chairman of the Board for ProValue Insurance to come forward.

Mr. Boyd shared the commitment that ProValue has to the cooperative system. As a result of another strong fiscal year, the board and management of ProValue Insurance voted to support the KCC with a sizeable contribution. In discussions between the two entities, this contribution will again be used to offset a portion of members' dues in 2023. This will be for all KCC local/ag supply members, including those who are not ProValue customers. More information will be released at a later date.

Seeing no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Bob Standage, Board Secretary

Jamie Boggs, Recording Secretary

Approved: _____
KCC Board Chairman

Date