

UNAPPROVED DRAFT
2025 KCC Annual Meeting

The 2025 annual meeting of the Kansas Cooperative Council (KCC/Council) was held at 10:45 am on March 13, 2025, at the Hyatt Regency, Wichita, KS. Chairman Bruce Williams called the meeting to order and welcomed members and attendees.

Mr. Williams 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 Williams thanked ProValue Insurance for hosting the reception and dinner the previous evening and recognized the sponsors of the hospitality suite: BarnesCo, Drake, Inc., Central States Fumigation, Hammel Scale Company, Rolfes (@Boone, and McPherson Concrete.

The Chairman noted that credentialing was completed immediately before the start of the annual meeting during the district caucuses. Each caucus meeting was called to order by the respective caucus chairs: Cody Kalous, District 1, Bruce Williams, District 2, Mike Schlochtermeyer, District 3, and Gary Feist, District 4.

Three board members had expiring terms: Doug Biswell, Bruce Williams, and Gary Feist. These three positions transitioned to at-large board seats, with only Doug Biswell eligible to run for re-election.

Following the completion of the caucuses, Chairman Williams provided another opportunity for members to obtain voting credentials. He then requested nominations from the floor. There were none. Bob Standage moved to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot. Jerald Kemmerer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Shane Eck (Larned), Chris Stevens (Conway Springs), and Doug Biswell (Holton) were elected to the open at-large seats.

Chairman Williams announced that the minutes of the 2024 annual meeting had been included with the official notice of meeting sent to members on February 7, 2025. He asked for any additions or corrections. Hearing none, a motion to approve the minutes as distributed was made by Stan Remington and seconded by Mark Paul. 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.

Chairman Williams presented his report to the membership, highlighting the continued work of the Council including legislative activities, educational programs, and promotional opportunities available to members. He encouraged members to share suggestions, concerns, or program ideas with any KCC board member, Russell Plaschka, or Jamie Boggs.

Mr. Williams then invited Russell Plaschka, KCC President/CEO, to present his report.

Mr. Plaschka began by thanking the 2024 KCC sponsors. Each of the yearly 'Silver Level' sponsors provided an opportunity for attendees to register for a drawing. Seven gift cards were awarded to randomly drawn winners.

Mr. Plaschka expressed his gratitude to the board of directors for their leadership and trust in selecting him as the new President/CEO of the Council. He introduced himself to the membership and outlined his goals for the upcoming year. Additionally, he provided an overview of key legislative activities expected in 2025, including focusing on local policy that supports cooperatives, and the impact of 199a sunset at the end of 2025. He also encouraged members to participate in the NCFE Fly-In in Washington, D.C., later this summer.

Lastly, Mr. Plaschka recognized Bruce Williams and Gary Feist for their long-standing board service. Both were recognized with a token of appreciation.

Chairman Williams called for any unfinished business. There was none.

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

Cody Kalous, Board Secretary

Jamie Boggs, Recording Secretary

Approved: _____
KCC Board Chairman

Date