



Dates & Events to Remember

May 1 - May 16 - Cost-Share Sign-up!!!

May 1 - Board Meeting

May 26 - Memorial Day Holiday - Office Closed

June 5 - Board Meeting

July 3 - Board Meeting

July 4 - Independence Day - Office Closed

December 1 thru April 15:

Best time to plant cool season grasses, brome and fescue.

January 15 thru May 15:

Best time for planting native warm season grasses.

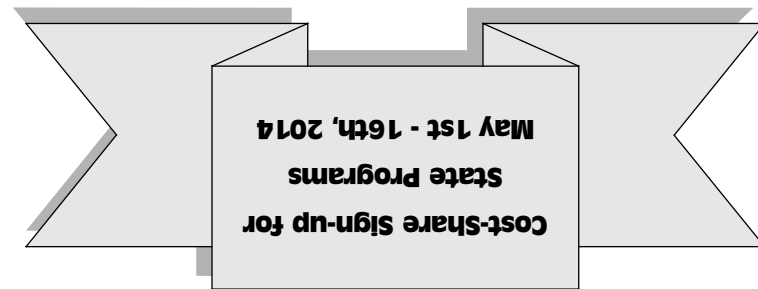
April 15 to July 15:

Kansas nesting season. No disturbance allowed on CRP fields.

The Conservation District Board meetings are held the first Thursday of every month and are open to the public. Please call for time and place.

All programs and services of the conservation district are available to anyone without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, or handicap.

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The Atchison County Conservation District is a sub-division of the State of Kansas, operated by a locally elected board of supervisors.

Our agency is housed in the same USDA Service Center as the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and the Farm Service Agency (FSA) at 605 Sixth St. Effingham, Ks 66023

Board of Supervisors

Keith Taliaferro, Chairman
Jeff Hale, Vice Chairman
Duane Lanter, Treasurer
Gary Handke, Member
Adrian Boldridge, Member

District Personnel

Kelli Baker, District Manager
Dustin Ferris, DOC Technician

NRCS Personnel

Alan Larson, Supervisory District Conservationist
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7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
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\$\$\$\$ COST-SHARE SIGN-UP \$\$\$\$ WATER RESOURCES & NON-POINT SOURCE PROGRAM

May 1st - May 16th, 2014

Atchison County Conservation District will accept applications for cost-share funds for the following practices: diversion, grassed waterway, subsurface drain, terrace, underground outlet, water & sediment control basin, septic system upgrades and plugging abandoned water wells.

Due to a lack of available funds, all applications will be prioritized according to the threat to water quality, and must meet the following eligibility requirements.

- **The land must be located in Atchison County.**
- All structures receiving cost-share assistance must be built to USDA, NRCS "Specifications and Standards."
- Abandoned water well plugging receiving cost-share assistance must follow Kansas Department of Health and Environment requirements and procedures.
- Septic system upgrades must meet the Kansas Department of Health and Environments Minimum Standards for Design and Construction of Onsite Wastewater Systems and pass all county code inspections.
- Cost-share is for "upgrading" **an existing failing system and is not available for "new construction."**

Cost-Share funds are not available for practices started before approval of the cost-share application. **FY 2014 applications that were not approved have been cancelled.**

The Department of Conservation provides funding for the Water Resources Cost-Share Program (WR) and the Non-Point Source Pollution Control Program (NPSPCP) from the Kansas Water Plan Fund.

You will need the following to sign-up for cost-share:

- 1 Legal description for the property**
- 2 Address, phone number & SSN for the landowner**

Atchison County Conservation District 70th Annual Meeting Minutes February 6, 2014

Keith Taliaferro, Vice Chairman, called the 70th Annual Meeting of the Atchison County Conservation District to order Thursday evening, February 6th, 2014, at 7:08 p.m. at the Atchison County Community High School in Effingham, with approximately 145 in attendance.

Harvey Fasse gave the Invocation.

Keith Taliaferro introduced the board of supervisors, the district personnel, NRCS personnel and the Key Banker, Brian Handke. Brian thanked the Atchison County Bankers for furnishing and serving the meal, Jack Noll for cooking the pork chops, the Atchison County Community High School cooks for preparing the rest of the meal. Keith Taliaferro thanked Kelli Baker for organizing the meeting and the contractors listed in the program who donated funds to purchase the door prizes.

Jeff Hale, member, asked the audience to review the minutes of last year's meeting and would entertain a motion to approve the minutes. Eric Nieman made a motion to accept the minutes of the February 28, 2013 Annual Meeting as printed in the program. Joe Taliaferro seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Zona Stepp drew names for door prizes. The winners were Mike Rork and Tony Brox, jackets; and Jesse Coder, a soccer ball.

Duane Lanter presented the 2013 financial report. Dan Hawk made a motion to accept the financial report. Joe Taliaferro seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Henry Falk conducted the supervisor election by explaining the qualifications for an elector and the supervisor qualifications. Henry read the names of the following nominees: Jeff Hale and Keith Taliaferro. Henry asked for nominations from the floor. Floyd Oswald made a motion to cease nominations and Harvey Fasse seconded the motion. Nominations ceased. Alan Larson and Henry collected and counted the ballots.

Zona Stepp drew names for door prizes. The winners were Gilbert Watowa and Linda Meyer, jackets; and Austin Smith, a soccer ball.

Dustin Ferris announced the names of the conservation poster winners. Mert Taliaferro, Deanna Lanter, Cheryl Boldridge and Tiffany Hale presented the awards to the winners. The first place winners received a \$2 bill and a \$1 coin, second place winners received a \$2 bill, and third place winners received a \$1 coin. All the winners received a certificate. Keegan Lott was the grand prize winner of the poster contest, receiving a bike donated from Wal-Mart and the Atchison County Conservation District.

Brian Handke, Key Banker, introduced the Bankers that helped serve the meal. Don Ball, Carl Tharman and Kyle Kruse, Bank of Atchison; Ken Young, Todd Gigstad, Derek Wohlgemuth and Dan Raplinger, Exchange National Bank and Farmers & Merchants Branch; Karin Behrnes, Phyllis Scholz and Kent Wohlgemuth, Morrill and Janes; Kelly Julo, Dani Otte, Andrea Clements and Jann McGregor, UMB Bank.

Ray Ladd, Extension Agent, and Brian Handke, Exchange National Bank, presented the 2013 Banker Awards to the winners. The Conservation Awards went to Helga and Bill Huckaby, Francis and John Sanders and GE and Patrice Rork. Norma and Pete Pederson received the windbreak award. Ray gave a power-point presentation of the farms involved.

Atchison County Conservation District 70th Annual Meeting Minutes, continued

Henry Falk announced the results of the election of supervisors. Keith Taliaferro and Jeff Hale were re-elected.

Zona Stepp drew names for door prizes. The winners were Richard Stepp and Nolan Hawk, jackets; and Trevor Sinclair, a basketball.

Rosie Falk made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dorothy Watowa seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

2013 BANKER AWARD WINNERS

Helga & Bill Huckaby, Owner **Lancaster**
Brad Scholz, Operator

Francis & John Sanders, Owner **Atchison**
Greg Smith, Operator

GE & Patricia Rork, Owner/Operator **Horton**

2013 WINDBREAK AWARD WINNERS

Norma & Pete Pederson, Owner **Muscotah**

2013 POSTER CONTEST WINNERS

Kindergarten	First Grade	Second Grade
1st - Jackson Neill	1st - McKinzee Bauerle	1st - Jesse Coder
2nd - Kaydeece Fultz	2nd - Gracie Kimmi	2nd - Zona Stepp
3rd - Tanner Wagner	3rd - Easton Schletzbaum	3rd - Renay Myers

Third Grade	Fourth Grade
1st - Emma Grandpre	1st - Keegan Lott
2nd - Rylee Jennings	2nd - Autumn Gann
3rd - Dalton Damon	3rd - Ashtyn Jolly

Grand Prize Winner - Keegan Lott



Atchison County Conservation District has the following equipment available for rent:

10 ft. Great Plains Grass Drill
Deposit \$350.00; Rent \$10.00/acre and \$12.00/day with minimum of \$50.00

8 yard Holcomb Scraper
Deposit \$350.00; Rent \$100.00 per day from the date of pickup until the date returned.