Attendance

Board Members Present: Allison Alejos, Director of the Shawnee County Health Agency; John Bartolac, Johnson County Director of Records and Tax Administration; Robert Boyd, Riley County Commissioner; Dianna Carter, McPherson County Appraiser; Max Dibble, Phillips County Commissioner; Fred Johnson, Labette County Counselor; Richard Malm, NACo Representative; Clair Schrock, Thomas County Noxious Weed Director; Rob Roberts, Miami County Commissioner; Hannah Stambaugh, Saline County Emergency Management Director; Glen Tyson, Osage County Road Director and Dan Woydziak, Butler County Commissioner.

Board Members Absent: Jim Emerson, Crawford County Counselor/Past President; Kerry McCue, Ellis County EMS Director; Lynn Peterson, Dickinson County Commissioner, and Shawn Tasset, Ford County Commissioner.

Others Present: Randall Allen, KAC Executive Director; Dennis Kriesel, Operations and Finance Director; and Melissa Wangemann, General Counsel.

Proceedings

President Dan Woydziak called the meeting of the KAC Governing Board to order at 9:00 a.m. Randall Allen took roll call and the following individuals were absent at 9:00 a.m.: Jim Emerson, Fred Johnson, Kerry McCue, Lynn Peterson, and Shawn Tasset.

President Woydziak called on the board to review the February minutes and requested a motion to approve them. Richard Malm moved and Rob Roberts seconded the motion to adopt the minutes. The motion passed.

President Woydziak called on Dennis Kriesel who presented the monthly financial report, saying that performance for the year was positive, which is unusual this early in the year. The net income is $19,188.33, mostly from Dana Wethington’s work on sponsorships for the annual conference. He noted that the 911 receipts were lower than anticipated because of a billing error, which has been corrected. Glen Tyson moved to accept the report and Robert Boyd seconded the motion. The motion passed.

President Woydziak requested travel authorization for Richard Malm to attend the NACo Western Interstate Regional Conference in Jackson Hole, Wyoming in May. KAC will be splitting
the costs with Richard Malm. Clair Schrock moved to approve the request and Glen Tyson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Melissa Wangemann began discussion on her legislative report, answering questions about the KPERS legislation and the noxious weed bill. After Larrie Ann Brown and Brad Smoot joined the discussion, the board moved to discussion on the tax lid. Brad Smoot noted that Luke Bell answered to two senators and the Kansas Chamber during negotiations. In the final analysis KAC won some concessions but not some of the significant ones we wanted, such as employment costs like health care and KPERS contributions. Both chairmen said to abandon the employment costs for this session, and bring it back next session with data showing the increases. Brad Smoot noted the amendment proposed by Senator Carolyn McGinn that exempted law enforcement, fire protection and EMS from the tax lid. The conference committee has met, and will begin drafting a conference committee report to reflect the negotiations. Brad Smoot noted that Senator Jeff Melcher pulled out the economic development section, which made the bill less attractive for a motion to concur by the House. The House Tax chairman wanted that provision. Melissa Wangemann reviewed all the items that are contained in the compromise that will be dropped into the conference committee report. Randall Allen discussed the problems with the election process proposed in the bill and noted that the election process will just have to fail to show that it does not work. Dan Woydziak asked what senators should be worked to vote for the negotiated conference committee report. The bill will be dropped into a senate bill, meaning, the House will vote on the bill first. Randall Allen thanked Brad Smoot and Larrie Ann Brown for their work on the tax lid, and how their involvement had improved the legislative program. Robert Boyd noted the coordination between the local government lobbyists at the senate hearing.

Randall Allen presented the Executive Director’s report. He reviewed the upcoming regional meetings around the state that generally occur in the spring. He also discussed the upcoming class occurring at the Kansas Leadership Center. He noted the meeting from yesterday that he and Max Dibble attended.

President Woydziak confirmed the next meeting for Thursday, May 26. Hannah Stambaugh noted that the agenda said the date is Friday May 27, which is the Friday before Memorial Day. The correct date is Thursday.

Randall Allen did a second roll call. Those absent were: Jim Emerson, Kerry McCue, Lynn Peterson, and Shawn Tasset.

The board meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.