

UNAPPROVED DRAFT
2024 KCC Annual Meeting

The 2024 annual meeting of the Kansas Cooperative Council (KCC/Council) was held at 10:45 am on March 19, 2024, 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 last evening and recognized the sponsors of the hospitality suite as follows: BarnesCo, Drake, Inc., Central States Fumigation, Hammel Scale Company, and McPherson Concrete.

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 two of the caucuses. Each caucus meeting was called to order by caucus chairs, Cody Kalous, District 1, Bruce Williams, District 2, Jerald Kemmerer, District 3, and Chris Stockebrand, 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.

Bob Standage (Colby) was reelected to represent District 2 and Mike Schlochtermeyer (Meade) was reelected to represent District 3. There were no elections in District 1 and 4.

Chairman Williams announced that the minutes of the 2023 annual meeting was included with the official notice of meeting sent to members on February 22, 2024. He asked for any additions and/or corrections. There were none. A motion to approve the minutes as distributed was made by Jerald Kemmerer and seconded by Jason Baker. Motion carried.

The next item of business was voting on the proposed by-law and amendment changes. A red-lined copy was shared with members prior to the meeting and was available during caucusing. Chairman Williams invited Eric Steinle with Martindell Swearer Shaffer Ridenour, LLP, to the stage to provide an overview and answer any questions prior to the vote. Jason Baker moved to cast a unanimous ballot to approve the proposed by-law and amendment changes. Craig Mans seconded the motion. Motion passed.

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. 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 Cooperative Park. Mr. Williams 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. Williams invited Brandi Miller, KCC President/CEO, to present her report.

Mrs. Miller began her report by thanking the 2023 KCC sponsors. Each of the yearly 'Silver Level' sponsors provided an opportunity for attendees to register for a drawing. Eight 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 2023 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 2023 legislative session, highlighting wins in the cotton industry, progress in the State Water Plan, and supporting the Rail Service Improvement Fund. Looking ahead, will be a large focus on supporting policy locally that supports cooperatives, and the impact of 199a sunseting at the end of 2025.

Lastly, Brandi Miller updated the membership on upcoming educational projects that will include the expansion of the current Board Chair School program and provided the dates of programming for the remainder of the year.

To wrap up her report, Mrs. Miller was able to announce the 2024 Hall of Fame inductee, due to him being in the audience. Mr. John McClelland is the upcoming Hall of Fame inductee and will be recognized in March 2025.

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