



# 10-Minute Supervisor Trainings

Kentucky Soil and Water Conservation Commission

June 2016

## Resolutions

Any conservation district can suggest additions/deletions/changes to the way that KACD handles things. A district who wants to suggest a change puts together a resolution and passes it in their regular meeting. The resolution then generally goes to an area meeting, where the districts from that area vote on it. When it passes at the area meeting, it goes before the Resolutions Committee, who either support or oppose it. It then goes before all of KACD at the business meeting at the annual convention. A board can skip the area meeting step in this process, if they so choose.

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There were 4 resolutions that were presented at the state convention in 2015.

### **Resolution #1:**

Fleming County recommended that the Soil and Water Conservation Commission set a central location for all area meetings within their designated area which would allow each district's travel to be more uniform each year.

The resolutions committee opposed this resolution, and the resolution failed at the KACD business meeting.

### **Resolution #2:**

Fleming County recommended that the Soil and Water Conservation Commission upgrade the KSW11 practice to include the establishment of grasses as part of the Kentucky Soil Erosion and Water Quality Cost Share Program..

The resolutions committee approved this resolution, with an NRCS amendment. The resolution passed at the KACD business meeting. The amendment defined the changes to KSW11 that NRCS would support. KSW11 would be applicable to existing pasture/hayland fields, not cropland field. The seedbed must be appropriately prepared. The establishment of grasses should follow KY NRCS Practice Code 512.

The Soil and Water Conservation Commission has not made a decision on this issue yet.



**Resolution #3:**

Knox County recommended that KACD and the Soil and Water Conservation Commission research and implement incentives to effectively encourage conservation district members to actively participate in standing committee conference calls each year or appoint an alternate to participate if a conflict occurs in scheduling. Knox County also recommended that KACD standing committee reports be sent to each conservation district for review to better educate local conservation district board members of the standing committee goals and objectives.

The resolutions committee approved the resolution, and the resolution passed in the KACD business section.

This year's 10 minute trainings have been a result of this resolution. Districts are encouraged to give copies of the standing committee report packet to all board members for their review. KACD and the Soil and Water Conservation Commission have not found incentives.

**Resolution #4:**

Elliott County recommended that KACD and the Kentucky Soil and Water Conservation Commission make every effort possible to remove Kentucky 31 fescue from any invasive species list. They further recommended that efforts be made to fund and continue research for sustainable endophyte free varieties, and until that can occur they recommended that additional educational and training opportunities be developed for livestock operators on better management to avoid endophyte infection issues within their herd.

The resolutions committee approved the resolution, and the resolution passed in the KACD business section.

KACD spoke with the president of Kentucky's Exotic Pest Plant Council (EPPC) at their September meeting. The EPPC explained why Kentucky 31 is considered an invasive species. A representative from the EPPC was invited to participate in the state technical meetings. KACD has not yet developed educational and training opportunities regarding endophytes.