Kent Soil and Water Conservation District
Draft Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes
March 19th, 2026

The regular monthly meeting of the Kent Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors was held on Thursday, March 19th, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the Kent Co. USDA Service Center conference room.

The following individuals were present at the meeting Charlie Miller, Chair, Lewis McDonald, Tim Redman, Treasurer, Frank Barnes Jr., Board Supervisor, Bill Langenfelder, Board Supervisor, Jim Miller, Associate Supervisor, Alice Mason, Associate Supervisor, Sean Jones, Associate Supervisor, Corrie Hopkins, Associate Supervisor, Dwayne Joseph, UME Ag. Ext. Agent, and Robert Baldwin, District Manager.

I. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.by Chair, Charlie Miller

II. Review and Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of February 26th, 2026, meeting.

A motion was made to approve the minutes from February 26th, 2026, meeting by Tim Redman, Bill Langenfelder seconded the motion. The motion passed

III. Plan of Work

Included in the Board Packet was the Plan of Work for March and April. Robert reviewed this in the meeting discussing some of the upcoming notable events including the Cooperators Dinner

IV. Financial Statements, Bills and Cash Management

Robert reviewed the reserves, budget sheets, bills, and reviewed the present cash management details. **A motion was made by Bill Langenfelder to accept the financial statements, and to pay the bills; Tim Redman seconded the motion. The motion passed.**

V. Erosion and Sediment Control Program

Robert discussed that there are now 13 Solar projects in the County at various phases of either planning or construction. He met with the County Commissioners to discuss raising fees and will explain in detail later in the meeting.

VI. Supervisor Activities

Charlie Miller, Frank Barnes and Tim Redman attended Queen Anne's agronomy day on February 27th.

VII. Extension Report

Dwayne stated that the proposed Bill in the MD General Assembly that would regulate Palmer Amaranth has been withdrawn, there were too many problems with the bill.
UME has hired two new Ag. Educators in the State and there are still two Ag. Educator vacancies to fill. Dwayne discussed the Cover Crop enhancement program funded by National Fish and Wildlife Foundation. Participants can enroll up to 100 acres of Cover Crop in the program. The

per acre incentive is $50 per acre and it requires the participant to attend a Cover Crop training and meet individually with a UME Ag. Educator. The deadline for application is May 15th.

VIII. Conservation Plans & Field Work

The field work report was included in the Board Packet.

IX. NRCS Report

Nancy was unable to attend the Board Meeting

X. District Managers Report

MACS/MASCD Legislation – Robert reported that MASCD's lobbyist (Mike Mason) is going to attempt to get the COVID era legislation that increased MACS Cost Sharing on certain projects to 100% extended for another 5 years. Unless extended, that piece of legislation will sunset on June 30, 2026.

New E & S Fees – Robert discussed in detail the proposal that the Board had approved and that he presented to the County Commissioners on March 3rd at the Commissioners regular meeting. The Commissioners were in support of this effort and approved the fee increase on projects that have a disturbed area 10 acres or greater, effective May 1, 2026.

Cooperators Dinner Update – Robert stated that the 2026 Cooperators Dinner is a sell out and that potential attendees and sponsors are now being turned away. He said it's a good problem to have, but still a problem. He believes the decision made a few years ago to change the format and the focus has breathed new life into the event. Robert also cautioned that we need to start thinking about what to do in years to come to keep the event relevant.

Board Meeting Date and Time – Robert asked the Board if they would like to move the time and/or the day of the Board Meetings to facilitate attendance during the busy spring and fall seasons. After much discussion, the Board decided that for April and May the Board meetings will be held on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00 a.m. This decision will be reevaluated at the May meeting.

XI. UMD Soil Judging Team Request – After several years of not requesting funds to support the Soil Judging Team, Robert said the district has received a request again. He also stated that this has been budget for and that if the Board wanted to continue to provide financial assistance, not motion is needed. It was agreed to provide financial assistance to the UMD Soil Judging Team again,

MASCD, MDA and NACD Reports – Reports from each group was included in the Board Packet.

NACD Fly-In – Robert stated that the NACD Fly-Int will be March 25th, 2026, in CD. Robert, Sam and Jenny as well as Jen Nelson and a group from Talbot SCD will attend this year.

MASCD 2026 Annual Meeting – Robert stated that the meeting will be held at the Hyatt in Cambridge, August 3-5, 2026. Please let him know if you would like to attend, and he will make the arrangements.

NACD NE Regional Meeting – Robert stated that this meeting will be held in Wilmington, DE August 24-27, please let him know if you would like to attend, and he will make the arrangements.

XII. Old Business

There was none.

XIII. Closed Session

No closed session was held.

XIV. Adjourn

A motion was made by Frank Barnes Jr. to adjourn the meeting; Tim Redman seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:45 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the Kent Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors will be on *Thursday, April 16th, 2026 @ 7:00 a.m.* Breakfast will be available at 6:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Robert Baldwin
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