Kent Soil and Water Conservation District
Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes
April 16th, 2026

The regular monthly meeting of the Kent Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors was held on Thursday, April 16th, 2026, at 7:00 a.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, Eddie Taylor, Associate Supervisor, Dwayne Joseph, UME Ag. Ext. Agent, Nancy Metcalf, District Conservationist, and Robert Baldwin, District Manager.

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

II. Review and Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of March 19th, 2026, meeting.

A motion was made to approve the minutes from March 19th, 2026, meeting by Tim Redman, Lewis McDonald seconded the motion. The motion passed

III. Plan of Work

Included in the Board Packet was the Plan of Work for April and May. Robert reviewed this in the meeting discussing some of the highlights. Said everyone has been very busy lately.

IV. Financial Statements, Bills and Cash Management

Robert reviewed the reserves, budget sheets, bills, and reviewed the proposed cash management details.

A motion was made by Bill Langenfelder to accept the financial statements, to pay the bills and to make the recommended cash management transactions; Tim Redman seconded the motion. The motion passed.

V. Erosion and Sediment Control Program

Robert discussed the current workload of the Sediment Control program. He said that the Solar projects are continuing to be a significant workload, but there has been a slight reduction in the workload of everything else.

VI. Supervisor Activities

Charlie Miller (and Robert) attended the MASCD Board of Directors meeting on March 24th. Charlie remarked that attendance was very poor and that only a few showed up in person at the meeting in Annapolis.

VII. Extension Report

Dwayne discussed the following upcoming events:

- Private pesticide training and exam
- Cover Crop Field Day @ Webb Johnson's this summer

In addition, Dwayne discussed the grain tank accident in Bridgeville, DE as well as developing a potential Ag. Learning Day for 7th and 8th graders in Kent County.

VIII. Conservation Plans & Field Work

The field work report was included in the Board Packet.

IX. NRCS Report

NRCS Roundtable Meetings – Nancy reported that NRCS is holding two producer roundtable meetings in April; one for dairy and livestock operations on April 28th at Jones Station in Galena and the other for poultry operations on April 30th at the Delmarva Chicken Association office in Georgetown DE. The Board agreed to provide lunch for the attendees at the April 28th meeting in Galena.

X. District Managers Report

Scholarship Review and Selection – Robert handed out copies of the Scholarship applications to everyone. There was discussion of the candidates, and everyone felt there was a clear standout in the ranking. There was also a discussion on increasing the value of the Andelot/KSWCD Scholarship.

A motion was made by Frank Barnes Jr. to nominate Mary Joiner as the Andelot/KSWCD Scholarship winner and award $2000 to her, and nominating John Ford as the S. Wicks Westcott Scholarship winner and awarding $1500 to him. Lewis McDonald seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Nomex Prescribed Burning Gear – Robert discussed the email included in the board packet from MD DNR telling us to "discontinue use immediately" of certain types of Kevlar Nomex pants that were treated with PFAS before 2023. Robert stated that everything, but our DragonWear jackets, were made prior to 2023 and that all of our Nomex should be replaced. He stated that we still have some grant money left from the National Wild Turkey Federation and those funds would be expended first for replacement gear.

Langford Watershed Alliance –Included in the board packet was an email chain between Dr. Chelsea Peters and staff. Robert, Sam and Jenny had been meeting with Dr. Peters to discuss the potential for KSWCD to become a partner in this initiative and that KSWCD was being presented with the opportunity to participate at the beginning stages and not just providing a letter of recommendation for a grant request from them. The Board agreed that this was worth pursuing.

A motion was made by Tim Redman. to participate in the Langford Watershed Alliance. Bill Langenfelder seconded the motion. The motion passed.

MACS/MASCD Legislation – Robert shared with the Board that MASCD and Provident Strategies (Mike Mason) tried to get the MACS 100% Cost Share legislation extended for another 5 years but was unable to do so. They will try again next session.

MDE Permitting Non-Structural Shoreline Legislation – Robert gave a very brief discussion on the recently passed legislation that gives SCD's in Maryland more presence in the permitting of non-structural shoreline work performed in their respective counties.

Smart Sheet Software for Project Tracking Request – Robert made a request to the Board to expend funds for a subscription to Smart Sheet project tracking software. He had stated that he has exhausted all possible avenues to overcome the firewalls of our three different computer networks in the office. Smart Sheet is a cloud-based software that can be remotely accessed by anyone. Robert was made aware of this software during a presentation at the NACD Annual Meeting by an SCD in Ohio who is using this software to track projects.

A motion was made by Tim Redman to purchase a subscription to Smart Sheet software. Bill Langenfelder seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Cooperators Dinner Review – Robert briefly discussed that he has scheduled at AAR (After Action Review) to for Friday, April 23rd, 2026, in the Conference Room. He invited everyone in the room to attend if they are able. He will be sending a very basic primer on what an AAR is and the questions asked. He will also send out the AAR report from the 2025 Cooperators dinner for folks to look at. He also asked for feedback regarding the event.

XI. New Business/District Activities Report

Envirothon Dues – Included in the board packet as an invoice for the 2026 annual dues to the Maryland Envirothon. There was a discussion on the special assessment that KSWCD would be receiving to support the NCF Envirothon being held in Maryland in 2027.

A motion was made by Frank Barnes Jr. to pay the Maryland Envirothon Dues at the $750 level. Tim Redman seconded the motion. The motion passed.

MASCD Monthly Report, MASCD Board Meeting Minutes and MDA Report – All of these documents were included in the board packet.

MASCD 2026 Annual Meeting – Robert stated that this meeting will be held in Cambridge, MD August 3-5, 2026, at the Hyatt. 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 24-27,2026, please let him know if you would like to attend, and he will make the arrangements.

XII. Old Business

Sean Jones mentioned that he had a conversation with Hans Schmidt at the Cooperators Dinner and that he asked Sean to participate in an upcoming Cover Crop meeting to work on details for the upcoming year's Cover Crop program details.

XIII. Adjourn

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

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:15 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the Kent Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors will be on *Thursday, May 21st, 2026 @ 7:00 a.m.* Breakfast will be available at 6:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Robert Baldwin

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