

Campbell County Conservation District

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The mission of the Campbell County Conservation District, in accordance with state statute, is to promote the best use of the land, water, and other natural resources within the district by encouraging the use of Best Management Practices. To further these efforts, the district provides assistance, information, and education throughout the county.

District Board Supervisors:

Larry Varney, Chairman;
Ron McCormick, Vice Chairman;
Alan Ahrman, Secretary/Treasurer;
Gene Dobbs; Ken McCormick;
Dennis Walter; and Sanford Record.

District Staff:

Linda Grizzell, Administrative
Secretary;
Mary Kathryn Dickerson, District
Coordinator;
Kristin Scott, Agriculture
Conservation Technician.

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service:

Ed L. Thompson Jr., District
Conservationist

Ky. Division of Conservation:

Linda Hunter, Field Representative

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Campbell County Conservation District Annual Report

July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010

Farmland protection work has priority

The District continues to build on the work started through the 2005 Farmland Study for Campbell County. Board members and staff from the Campbell County Conservation District and their partners continue to work to implement recommendations from the study. Partners include: Campbell Conservancy, Campbell County Fiscal Court, Campbell County Planning Commission, Campbell County Cooperative Extension Service, Campbell County Cattle Association, Campbell County Farm Bureau, Northern Kentucky Horse Network, Northern Kentucky University Center for Applied Ecology, and the Campbell County Economic Progress Authority. Campbell County Conservation District members on the Farmland Work Group include Dennis Walter, Ron McCormick, Alan Ahrman and former board member Helen Fehr, and staff Linda Grizzell and Mary Kathryn Dickerson.

The **Outreach Task Force**, chaired by Linda Bray-Schafer, launched its first annual Campbell County Backroads Farm Tour attracting more than five hundred guests. During the day they enjoyed the warmth and generous hospitality of sixteen Campbell County farm owners on Sat., July 18, 2009. The tour crisscrossed the county showcasing greenhouse operations, a vineyard, museum, horse farms, 4-H project farm, honey bee farm, and beef, grain, and tobacco farms. Visitors were directed along some of the county's most scenic back roads while stops along the way offered the opportunity to purchase fresh produce, honey and wine, and learn from some of our best farmers about the farming process. The task force is planning a farm tour for July 17, 2010 with more advertising in hopes of reaching even more people.

A Campbell County Proud Gift Basket is being developed as an additional marketing effort for county agricultural products, including local wines, farm produce and agri-tourism enterprises such as horse farms.

The **Green Infrastructure Task Force**, chaired by Don Girton, is continuing to identify county farms by location and enterprise. This will help establish voluntary programs to protect local farms. Don Girton and staff member Mary Kathryn Dickerson met with a number of agencies and organizations regarding the work. Agriculture Conservation Technician Kristin Scott is also working on the project. Brainstorming sessions were held with farmers across the county to collect farm activity information. Each farm tract was categorized by the major production enterprise(s) using the categories of livestock, horticulture, and other agriculture. Kristin Scott used this information to develop a map of the county, according to farm enterprise, with the help of Ben Campbell of the Property Valuation Administration. Total farm acres recorded in the 2007 Farm Census were 47,335 and our farm inventory shows 46,545 acres, which is comparable. Farm activity data is approximately 90% collected and the task force is discussing how to best utilize the information collected.

A display was set up at the **Alexandria Fair and Horse Show** in the Exhibit Hall by member Helen Fehr and staff, Linda Grizzell and Mary Kathryn Dickerson containing the Kentucky Agricultural Landowner's Guide, Farmland Work Group brochures, an advertisement for the 2010 Backroads Farm Tour, and information promoting the Campbell County farmers' markets.

Through a partnership with the Cooperative Extension Service Agriculture Agents, the formation of a Northern Kentucky Agritourism Region is being considered that may include up to four or five northern Kentucky counties.

The District's easement committee is working to draft policies and procedures relating to conservation easements. The committee consists of board members Alan Ahrman, who chairs the committee; Ron McCormick; and Sanford Record.

A youth internship program was initiated by the group through the Campbell County High School Future Farmers of America. Supervisors Ron McCormick and Alan Ahrman, Cooperative Extension Service Agent Don Sorrell, and Campbell County High School Agriculture Educator Sam Evans serve on the team. Mr. Evans chose to use a program called "Ag Exploration" where the students were required to work a certain number of hours on one or two farms with assignments to complete. The farm owners were given guidance to help make their work an educational experience. Forty students out of 46 who were enrolled completed the 2009-2010 school year assignment. Plans are to continue this program during the upcoming school year. Ag Exploration fulfills an educational component of the Farmland Work Group's five year strategic plan on education about farmland values.

Agricultural Districts - There are fourteen agricultural districts in Campbell County with a total of 12,266 acres and 244 landowners.

Kentucky Heritage Land Conservation Fund Grant – The Conservation District, in cooperation with the Campbell Conservancy and the Campbell County Fiscal Court, continues work on the Kentucky Heritage Land Conservation Fund (KHLCF) Grant that helped purchase land along the Licking River. The property will be open in the future for hiking, bird watching, nature study, and access to the Licking River for canoeing and kayaking. Work will be undertaken to restore and protect native prairie and woods, as well as to preserve a log cabin home site. A joint advisory team for Hawthorne Crossing Conservation Area is composed of members from the District, Conservancy, and Fiscal Court was formed to research and discuss issues affecting the properties to ensure that the vision for the properties and the conservation easement for the Heritage Tract are upheld. Board member Ken McCormick chairs the team. Other Board members on the team are Dennis Walter, Larry Varney, and Gene Dobbs, assisted by staff Mary Kathryn Dickerson.

During this fiscal year the biological inventory and archaeological studies were completed. Third Rock Consultants presented their biological inventory at the Southern Campbell Fire House in September. The public was invited to attend. The public was also invited to attend a meeting in January, also at the Southern Campbell Fire House, to hear the results of the archaeological study by GAI Consultants. An assessment of the buildings, including the log cabin, was completed by Christian & Son Inc. The District has completed the placement of approximately 33% of the boundary signs. Projects currently include access to the property and canoe launch, invasive species removal, and a natural resources restoration project with Northern Kentucky University's Center for Applied Ecology. The district is working with the U. S. Army 478th Engineer Battalion in Ft. Thomas to see if training opportunities can be provided for the unit while accomplishing needed work at the property.

In April supervisors Ken McCormick, Gene Dobbs, and Chairman Larry Varney attended inmate supervisory training. The District plans on using Campbell County inmates to assist with work at Hawthorne Crossing.

District Chairman Larry Varney and staff Mary Kathryn Dickerson attended the KHLCF Land Stewardship Workshop in Louisville in October.

Board member and Farmland Work Group Chairman Dennis Walter was the guest speaker at the January Kenton County Cooperative Extension Advisory Council meeting. The topic was on farmland protection. District Coordinator Mary Kathryn Dickerson made a presentation to the group in April.

Technical Assistance – Technical assistance is provided to Campbell County through Ed Thompson, District

Conservationist with the Natural Resources Conservation Service, our federal partner, and Conservation District staff Kristin Scott. In 2009-10, they provided assistance to over 192 Campbell County landowners concerning conservation planning, rotational grazing systems, wildlife habitat improvement, forestry practices, animal waste control, nutrient management, storm water runoff, drainage, erosion and sediment control, and other conservation needs.

The staff also currently provides ongoing assistance for twenty (20) Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) contracts initiated since 2002. Landowners are required to maintain the practices for up to ten years. EQIP is a program of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of the 2002 Farm Bill. To date conservation practices valued at \$346,838.83 have been implemented on 2,354 contract acres. Under the 2008 Farm Bill, seven contracts have been obligated for \$156,182 on 1,048 acres. EQIP goals include the reduction of soil erosion and non-point source pollution, as well as promotion of at-risk species wildlife habitat conservation.

Three landowners are currently involved in the Wildlife Habitat Improvement Program (WHIP), another program of the 2002 Farm Bill that will affect 36.8 acres of land and represent an investment of \$7,821.69. NRCS and District staff assists the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources with this program. Under the 2008 Farm Bill, five contracts have been obligated for \$45,231 on 100 acres.

Two landowners are currently implementing practices under the Conservation Security Program on 535 acres, representing a Farm Bill investment of \$5,422.

Conservation Progress-

- Conservation Plans Written – 761 acres
- Cropland with conservation applied to improve soil quality – 93 acres
- Land with conservation applied to improve water quality – 387 acres
- Grazing and forest land with conservation applied to protect and improve the resource base – 334 acres
- Non-federal land with conservation applied to improve fish and wildlife habitat quality – 12 acres

The District operates a **Cricket 3-ton Lime Spreader** for rent to Campbell County farmers for \$25/day for spreading lime to improve productivity by increasing the soil pH. Before using the lime spreader, farmers must attend a safety training program, offered by the Campbell County Extension Service. It was purchased as a cooperative effort of the Campbell County Farm Bureau, Campbell County Extension Service, Campbell County Cattle Association, and the Campbell County Conservation District. It was rented by seven farmers this fiscal year and brought in revenue of \$300. It is housed and managed by board member Ron McCormick.

Agriculture Water Quality Act - A total of 578 landowners currently have a self-certification form filed with the District stating that they have developed and are implementing a water quality plan for their operation.

An **Agriculture Water Quality Committee** formed by the Campbell, Kenton, and Boone County Conservation Districts meets as needed to help local producers comply with this law enacted in 1994. The committee includes representatives from over ten agencies and organizations involved in agriculture and water quality. Campbell County Conservation Board Members Sanford Record, Gene Dobbs, Alan Ahrman, and Dennis Walter, and staff Mary Kathryn Dickerson and Kristin Scott serve on the committee.

Soil Erosion and Water Quality Cost Share Fund - This year \$20,000 was approved for one county producer through the Ky. Soil Erosion and Water Quality Cost Share Fund to help install Best Management Practices on his farm to resolve resource problems. Producers may be granted up to two years to complete their practices. This fiscal year the program paid \$32,257.60 to assist four county producers. The program also paid \$ 4,416.48 in incentive funds to assist two county producers with installation of Best Management Practices under the USDA-NRCS Environmental Quality Incentives Program.

Dead Livestock Disposal Program - The District received a matching grant from the Kentucky Division of Conservation Soil Erosion and Water Quality Cost Share Fund to assist landowners with proper disposal of fallen livestock. This year 25 producers participated in the program that assisted in the disposal of 20 cows and 7 horses. The program also assists the county animal shelter with costs for proper disposal of pets.

Farm Dump Removal Grants – The Conservation District received a grant from the Kentucky Division of Conservation Soil Erosion and Water Quality Cost Share Fund to assist in cleaning up farm dumps. Four applications were approved and three producers have been awarded \$5,625 this fiscal year. The fourth applicant has been granted an extension. Board members Gene Dobbs and Ron McCormick serve on this committee.

Agriculture Development Fund - The Conservation District administers the fund to distribute funds within the county. This is a program of the County Agriculture Development Council set up to administer funds from the Phase I tobacco settlement. Funds are available for model programs such as cattle genetics, cattle handling facilities, forages, fencing, agricultural diversification, and hay/grain storage facilities programs. The new state guidelines make all programs available to County applicants. Board members Kenneth McCormick and Dennis Walter serve as the district's representatives to this board. Board chair Larry Varney, Ken McCormick, and staff Linda Grizzell attended an Agriculture Development Workshop training program in February at Henry County. Lots of changes will be incorporated into the 2010 program. Ken attended the County Ag Development Council meeting in August and Dennis attended the March meeting. At April's board meeting Alan Ahrman was selected to replace Ken McCormick for the 2010 program, due to term limitations instituted in the new guidelines. Dennis may remain as a representative for another term. The District, as administrator, will be responsible for ranking the applications for 2010, another change in the program.

Campbell County Ag Community Leaders' Meeting – The Campbell County Conservation District co-hosted a meeting for legislators in November at the Campbell County Environmental Education Center at A. J. Jolly Park. Speakers included representatives from the Northern Kentucky Vintners and Grape Growers Association, Campbell County Cooperative Extension Service, Campbell County Farm Bureau, Northern Kentucky Horse Network, Campbell County Cattle Association, and the Conservation District. The theme this year was "Conserving and Promoting Our Agricultural Resources". This annual event provides a forum for agricultural organizations and agencies to present issues of concern to state legislators. Conservation District board members who attended were Dennis Walter, Ron McCormick, Alan Ahrman, Ken McCormick, Sanford Record, Gene Dobbs, and staff Linda Grizzell and Mary Kathryn Dickerson. A breakfast meeting will be planned for November 2010.

Campbell Conservancy - Dennis Walter is a board member of the Campbell Conservancy and District Coordinator Mary Kathryn Dickerson serves as an advisor. In August 2006, the Conservancy and Conservation District board approved an agreement through which the Conservation District provides administrative and technical services to the Conservancy for a nominal fee. The Conservation District also provides a space for meetings and storage of records. Members of the Conservancy are: David Peck, chair; Dr. Yvonne Meichtry; Dennis Walter; Joe Piller; Lisa Araya; Don Girton; Melissa Williams; Penny Hoskin; and Peter Garrett. Advisory Board members are Mary Kathryn Dickerson of the Campbell County Conservation District, DJ. Scully of the Campbell County Cooperative Extension Service, Robert Horine of Campbell County Fiscal Court, and Peter Klear of Campbell County Planning and Zoning.

Projects and Partners

The District supported many individuals, organizations, agencies, and projects throughout the year, including:

- Board member Larry Varney and staff Mary Kathryn Dickerson attended the **Licking River Watershed Watch** annual meeting in February at Blue Licks State Park.
- **Kentucky Wild Game Dinner** – The District participated in this annual event intended to be a time for county conservation district officials to meet with their legislators while they are in session in Frankfort. Board member Larry Varney attended in January.
- Staff member Mary Kathryn Dickerson represents the District on Sanitation District #1's **Watershed Planning Council**.
- **Vision 2015 Regional Parks Initiative** – Staff Mary Kathryn Dickerson represented the Conservation District on this committee, which is promoting a coordinated approach to open space and recreation planning for the three Northern Kentucky counties.
- Board member Larry Varney attended the **2010 USDA-NRCS EQIP Local Work Group Meeting** in

Cynthiana in November.

Education and Outreach

Tree Planting and Urban Forestry Enhancement - The Campbell County Conservation District has been giving matching grants for Tree Planting and Community Beautification since 1993 to help cities and communities establish programs or develop projects to protect and conserve our natural resources. The project must be accomplished on lands located in Campbell County that are owned, leased, or otherwise controlled by city, county, state, or federal government and must include funding or in-kind contributions in an amount equal to the grant request. This year three grants were awarded. The **City of Bellevue** received \$1,000 for their city-wide tree planting plan, the **City of Crestview** received \$1,000 for their “Circle Redo – area destroyed and soil is eroding” project, and the **Camp Springs Initiative** received \$1,000 for their Camp Springs Information Center/Entry Signs, plants, & shrubs.

Education Grants - The Campbell County Conservation District has offered education grants since 1991 to assist schools in fostering learning about conservation and our environment. Grant applications are accepted from October through January each year. This year four grants were awarded: **Highlands High School** received \$600 for their Highlands Rain Garden; **St. Catherine of Siena** received \$950 for their “From Seeds to Service” project expanded by adding a greenhouse; **St. Thomas School** received \$607 for their Composting Competition Project; and **Ruth Moyer Elementary** received \$847.75 for their Playground Xeriscape – mulch and plants for soil erosion problem.

Conservation Scholarships -

- **Robert Cole Taylor, Alexandra Lynn Rawlings, and Maria Katherine Vogel** will receive \$1,000 scholarships for their academic year through the Campbell County Conservation District. Robert is a student at Eastern Kentucky University, pursuing a degree in wildlife management; Alexandra is a student at the University of Louisville, pursuing a degree in biology with a cellular/physiology track; and Maria is a student at Thomas More College, pursuing a degree in environmental biology/science.
- The Campbell County Conservation District supports the **Kentucky Association of Conservation Districts Auxiliary Scholarship** program through a donation of money. Items for the annual auction are donated by board members and partners.
- Each year the District sponsors a \$175 scholarship to attend the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources’ Camp Webb. This year the scholarship winner was **Katie Vickers of Bellevue**. A total of 31 Scholarships were awarded to students in northern Kentucky counties, all made possible by donations from local hunting and fishing clubs and sponsors, such as the Campbell County Conservation District.

Writing and Art Contests – “WATER!! Every Drop Counts” was the topic for this school year’s Conservation Contests. The theme focused on ways to conserve Kentucky’s water supply; how it is used in the city, on the farm, and in the home; watersheds; treating water; soil erosion; and other aspects of water. In the Art Contest there were 214 entries from seven schools. This year in the Writing Contest there were 186 entries written from six schools. County and school winners received a certificate of achievement from the District. Also from the District, the art winners received a Leapfrogging Through Wetlands book and the writing winners received a Water – An Environmental Quiz Deck. Teachers received a Pond Life – Activity Book for All Ages book from the Conservation District. The K-2 art winner received a \$25 check from the District. The winning writing student received a \$25 check from the Kentucky Farm Bureau Federation. Our art winner was also the state 3rd place winner and she received a plaque and \$50 check from the Ky Farm Bureau Federation. Students also received a Legislative Citation to honor their work from Senator Katie Stine and Representative Joe Fischer. The meal featured Ky Proud Cumberland Gap ham glazed with Kentucky honey, homemade rolls, country green beans seasoned with Bluegrass bacon, and homemade macaroni & cheese.

Laura Dennemann, St. Thomas School, was the recipient of the District’s **Teacher Incentive Award** for the Writing and Art Contests.

Board members Larry Varney and Alan Ahrman attended the **Crossroads Elementary Community Luncheon** in

August. The school wanted to show the District projects that were completed with education grant funds and to express their appreciation.

Cooperator of the Year was Rachel and Jeffrey Hulette of Grant's Lick. Jeff and Rachel were nominated for the award by the Campbell County Conservation District and Natural Resources Conservation Service for their hard work to improve the quality of their land in Campbell County. Their 175-acre farm is part of the old West family farm. They worked with the Natural Resources Conservation Service, Conservation District, and Cooperative Extension Service to develop a conservation plan to establish rotational grazing for their cattle. They also developed a forestry plan with help from the Kentucky Division of Forestry. The Hulettes want to make sure that they care for the land in a way that not only honors what has been done on the land in the past, but ensures that the resources entrusted to their care will be protected for the future.

This fiscal year the **District Volunteer Award was presented to Linda Bray-Schafer** for her service to the Farmland Work Group. Linda is chair of the work group's Outreach Task Force and led the development of the Farm to Fork Dinner in 2006 and the Backroads Farm Tour in 2009 and 2010. District Chairman Larry Varney presented the award at our Art and Writing Awards Dinner.

- The quarterly newsletter, *Landscapes*, reaches over 2,000 Campbell County farmers and other cooperators.
- **Highlands High School** of Ft. Thomas competed for the first time in the East Regional State *Envirothon* competition in April. The team finished 14 out of 35 teams, an accomplishment for the first-time team. Teacher Colleen Epperson hopes to return in 2011 with more students and a little more experience in the competition.
- Board member Larry Varney maintains a web site for the District, at <http://home.fuse.net/campbellcd>
- Board members participated in the **Alexandria Fair & Horse Show** by purchasing a fair book advertisement featuring "Buy land.; They ain't making any more of the stuff" focusing Hawthorne Crossing Conservation Area, 140 acres of land along the Licking River purchased through a grant from the Kentucky Heritage Land Conservation Fund Board and private funds. They also purchased animals at the 4-H/ FFA Livestock Sale, in partnership with several other organizations, and sponsored the 4-H Forestry Award (a \$50 savings bond) at the Alexandria Fair and Horse Show. Board member Larry Varney presented the forestry award at the fair to **Julia Steffen**.
- **Big Bone Lick State Park Discovery Days** – Board members Sanford Record, Larry Varney, and Ken McCormick worked at October's Big Bone Lick State Park Discovery Days. Staff Mary Kathryn Dickerson organized the district booth at the three-day event. With cold and rainy weather, a total of about 90 students attended on Friday; 100 visitors on Saturday; and 50 visitors on Sunday.
- **Reforest Northern Kentucky** - The District co-sponsored Reforest NKY 2010 at Ryle High School in Boone County in March. Board member Larry Varney attended and staff Kristin Scott assisted with the event.
- **Northern Kentucky University Earth Day** – The District participated in the event featuring a drawing for three invasive species booklets in cooperation with NRCS District Conservationist Ed Thompson.
- **Ft. Thomas Go Green Earth Day** – In April board member Larry Varney participated in the event featuring farmland protection and Farmland Work Group activities. A Campbell County Proud Gift Basket was given away from a drawing at the end of the day.
- The district supports the **NKU Environmental Education Alliance** and the **Environmental Education in No. Ky. Resource Guide** is available through the district office.
- Board member Larry Varney attended the on-farm composting demonstration in Horse Cave, Kentucky in April.

- Board member Larry Varney attended the annual Campbell County Future Farmers of America Banquet in May.
- **Earth Day Award** – The Campbell County Conservation District was honored to receive an award from the Environmental Quality Commission in recognition of their land conservation efforts. The District formed a committee, the Farmland Work Group, with partner agencies and organizations, and has worked to set a foundation for building the agricultural industry in the county. They also partnered with the Campbell Conservancy and the county to secure Hawthorne Crossing. Board member Larry Varney and staff members Mary Kathryn Dickerson and Linda Grizzell attended the Earth Day Award Ceremony at Berry Hill Mansion in Frankfort to receive the award.
- Board member Ken McCormick attended the Alexandria **Farmers National Bank Open House** in October.
- Board member Larry Varney attended a **Soil Quality Workshop** at Bruce Ferguson’s farm in March. It was hosted by NRCS and the Boone County Conservation District. Staff Mary Kathryn Dickerson and Kristin Scott also attended.

District Operations and Involvement

Kentucky Association of Conservation Districts (KACD) –The state convention was held in Louisville in July. Board members Dennis Walter, Ken McCormick, Sanford Record, Gene Dobbs, Larry Varney, and staff member Linda Grizzell attended the meeting. The District won the Area 5 Conservation District Award. The Board participated in conference calls throughout the year to discuss conservation issues. The District also participates in the 10-minute trainings provided by Division of Conservation Field Representative Linda Hunter.

Ron McCormick, Ken McCormick, Gene Dobbs, Larry Varney, Sanford Record, Alan Ahrman, Dennis Walter, Mary Kathryn Dickerson, and Linda Grizzell attended the KACD Area 5 meeting in Carroll County. Board member Ron McCormick presented the District’s large animal disposal and training resolution and it was approved to be presented at the KACD Meeting at the Convention. Board member Larry Varney was nominated for another term on the Kentucky Soil and Water Conservation Commission.

Board members serve on statewide KACD committees, which meet annually: Public Information, Sanford Record; Research and Natural Resources, Larry Varney; and Education, Ken McCormick.

National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) – Board members Alan Ahrman and Ken McCormick and staff Linda Grizzell attended the NACD convention in Orlando.

Legislative Action - Dennis Walter serves as the district’s legislative liaison.

Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Conservation Council (OKI-RCC) The annual meeting was held at the OKI Regional office in March. “Environmental Protection & Restoration: How do we measure up?” was the featured topic. Board members Sanford Record, Ron McCormick, Larry Varney, and staff Linda Grizzell attended. Larry Varney participated on the planning committee for the meeting. Larry Varney was appointed treasurer and the District was appointed to hold the OKI funds. A conservation tour is hosted each year by a member of the **OKI-RCC**. Those attending the tour in Warren County in October were board members Larry Varney and Sanford Record. Next year’s tour is being planned in Boone County.

The **Executive Committee** of the Campbell County Conservation District meets as needed with those of the Boone and Kenton County Conservation Districts. The boards work together on conservation programs and employee policy, making changes as needed.

Standing Committees of the District are:

Land Use Committee – Gene Dobbs, Chairman; Ken McCormick; Larry Varney, and, Sanford Record. Advisory Committee: DJ. Scully, Don Sorrell, and Dave Koester, Campbell County Cooperative Extension Service; Ed Thompson, NRCS District Conservationist; and, Kristin Scott, Campbell County Conservation District staff. Gene Dobbs is the Agriculture Water Quality Act contact in the event a landowner is cited for violations under the Bad

Actor clause of the Kentucky Agriculture Water Quality Act (AWQA).

Conservation Education and Public Information Committee – Alan Ahrman, Chairman; Dennis Walter, and Ron McCormick, Larry Varney. Advisory Committee: DJ. Scully and Owen Prim of the Campbell County Cooperative Extension Service and Helen Fehr, former district board member.

Soil & Water Conservation Commission – Chairman Larry Varney was appointed to serve on the Ky Soil & Water Conservation Commission until July 2010, fulfilling the position held by Larry Jeffries, of Henry County, who passed away earlier this year. As commissioner, Larry was invited to the Carroll County Annual Cooperators Meeting in October. Larry also attended all the SWCC meetings throughout the year.

District Funding - District revenue is provided through a county tax on real property and funding from the Kentucky Division of Conservation. A complete financial report is available at the district office.

Kentucky Association of Conservation District Employees Educational Roundtable Workshop – Staff Sally Aaron attended this roundtable to exchange ideas on educational programs with the other 120 counties in Kentucky.

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The Boone, Campbell and Kenton County Conservation Districts hosted a **Joint Agency meeting** to discuss ways our agencies can better serve clients in our three counties. Representatives from Natural Resources Conservation Service, Farm Service Agency, and the Kentucky Division of Forestry attended. The Division of Fish and Wildlife was unable to attend. Board members Larry Varney and Ron McCormick, and staff Linda Grizzell, Mary Kathryn Dickerson and Kristin Scott attended.