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# Newsletter

KACDE

## Kentucky Association of Conservation District Employees

*Welcome to our newsletter! We are excited to share with you the latest happenings and upcoming events.*

### A Note From the President

PENNY WARWICK

Dear KACDE Members,

There's something energizing about this time of year –longer days, warmer weather, and busier schedules! As things pick up, take a moment to visit [kacde.org](http://kacde.org) for helpful resources, announcements, and important forms to support your work. New this year: KACDE membership comes with great perks—you'll find that in this issue! The updated membership form for FY 2025–26 is now available on our website.

Looking ahead, mark your calendars for the joint KACD and SENACD meeting in Louisville, August 3–5, and the KACDE Conference in Frankfort, September 9–10. Both offer excellent opportunities to connect, learn, and grow. Scholarships are available—details on our site!

Finally, I recently attended the SECDEA mid-year meeting in Mississippi, where we began planning the SECDEA Conference at Music Road Resort in Pigeon Forge, November 4–5. Expect two days of valuable training, share fairs, Envirothon discussions, and NACD grant insights. Stay tuned for registration and scholarship information soon!

*Penny Warwick*

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## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE!

Don't forget, KACDE offers scholarship opportunities for members! This year for KACD, the award has been increased to \$600.

Recipients must attend all three days of the KACD Convention, including these events: August 3rd – KY Night at the Derby Museum; August 4th – Evening Reception; August 5th – KACDE Luncheon & KACD Banquet.

Two scholarships are available for KACD and will apply toward regular registration (including the Evening Reception & KACD Banquet) and a double room shared with another scholarship recipient. Keep an eye out in the next newsletter for scholarship opportunities attending KACDE and SECDEA!



## KACDE MEMBERSHIP UPDATE: ONE PRICE, FULL ACCESS

The KACDE Board is updating membership dues to better support and benefit employees across the organization. The new \$50 membership will now include all staff within a conservation district under one unified price starting July 1. You can find the form on our website.

**\$50**

Includes membership for all staff and the conservation district.

**\$15**

Supervisors and associates are encouraged to join under a separate membership category.

Don't forget—your membership dues and sponsorships make it possible for KACDE to offer valuable trainings and resources to you and your team. Your continued support helps us grow stronger together and better serve conservation districts across the state.

If your board or organization is interested in sponsoring KACDE, please feel free to reach out to a KACDE board member for more information.

## Value for Members

KACDE members will receive exclusive access to conference scholarships, plus a 10% discount on KACDE conference registration, art and writing tabloids, shirts, and other purchases.



# CURRENT KACDE MEMBERS

FY 24/25

## Area 1

Becky Kaczur  
Carolyn Fralick  
Tammy McCallon  
Johnette Taylor  
Sherry Walker  
Bob Guess  
Cynthia Jenkins  
Bradley Arnett  
Vickie Boatright

Carslie County CD  
Lyon County CD  
Ballard County CD  
Graves County CD  
Marshall County CD

## Area 2

Michelle Estes  
Monica Nolan  
Hannah Bratcher  
Amy Wingfield  
Debbie Eubank  
Monica Wood  
Kendall Dame  
Cindy Potts  
Debbie Boyd  
Wesley Wright  
Danny Brooks  
Lisa Mullins

Hopkins County CD  
Simpson County CD  
Daviess County CD  
Ohio County CD  
Mulenberg County CD  
Webster County CD  
Union County CD  
Butler County CD

## Area 3

Penny Warwick  
Morgan Mairs  
Paula Wood  
Darby Aubin  
Barbara Johnson  
Marti Janes  
Kayla Ward  
Coni Meador  
Jalie McQueen  
Melody Davenport  
Marsha Butterworth  
Lasasha Grissom  
Brandy Jones  
Cynthia Akin  
Curtis "Kirby" Rosser

Hardin County CD  
Allen County CD  
Warren County CD  
Meade County CD  
Breckinridge County CD  
LaRue County CD  
Hart County CD  
Metcalfe County CD

## Area 4

Natalie Browning  
Vickie Porter  
Debra Truax

Marion County CD  
Shelby County CD  
Jefferson County CD  
Spencer County CD

## Area 5

Meghanne McClanahan  
Shayna Gibson  
Kayleigh Evans  
Clint Gaunce  
Linda Grizzell  
Susan Ramey  
Matt Wooten  
Cheryl Perry  
Tammy Nixon  
Pavla Link  
Susan Brown  
Mark Jacobs  
Jasper Stevenson  
Kelly Burford  
Patti Dischar  
Jessica Schenk  
Elizabeth Mefford  
Patrick Underwood

Campbell County CD  
Henry County CD  
Harrison County CD  
Trimble County CD  
Kenton County CD  
Bracken County CD  
Boone County CD  
Gallatin County CD  
Owen County CD  
Grant County CD  
Carroll County CD

## Area 6

Crystal Harrod  
Steve Coleman  
Chandler Caudill  
Anita Gray  
Jimmy Marcum  
Darcy Smith  
Beverly McElwain  
Vivian Richmond  
Michelle Beard

## Area 6

Franklin County CD  
Garrard County CD  
Scott County CD  
Woodford County CD

## Area 7

Wanda J. Gilbert  
Avo Huddleston  
Dylan Gilbert  
Karrie Struthers  
Sarah Curry  
Samantha Hail  
John Burnett  
Rodney Dick  
Lyndon Woods  
Don Minton  
Marty Wilson  
Will Bingham  
Tim Tarter  
Barbara Fulcher  
Joni Miller  
Apryl Kirby  
Tiffany Grant  
Wade Beard  
Jennifer Kennedy  
Diane Cushman  
Jeff Edwards

Cumberland County CD  
Pulaski County CD  
Casey County CD  
Taylor County CD  
McCreary County CD  
Rockcastle County CD  
Wayne County CD

## CURRENT KACDE MEMBERS CONT.

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### Area 8

Donna Leach  
Erica Taylor-Reynolds  
Sherri McCarty  
Missy Ginter  
Nancy Montgomery  
Lesia Birchfield  
Courtney Bond  
Shelby Oakley  
Tracy Pollitt  
Sharon Hunt  
Chad Howard  
Jeremy Thornsberry  
Earl Cook

### Area 8

Morgan County CD  
Carter County CD  
Johnson County CD  
Pike County CD  
Montgomery County CD  
Fleming County CD  
Floyd County CD

### Area 9

Katrina Conley  
Adrian Bishop  
  
Owsley County CD  
Lee County CD  
Leslie County CD  
Knott County CD

### Other Members

Crystal Renfro

## Jot it down!

Deadlines, events, updates,  
and FYIs

### KACD Convention

August 3-5 at the Crowne Plaza  
Louisville Airport Hotel in Louisville

### KACDE Conference

September 9-10 at the Capitol Plaza in  
Frankfort

### SECDEA Conference

November 4-5 at the Music Rd Resort  
in Pigeon Forge

## County Spotlight: Share Your District's Story!

KACDE is launching a new County Spotlight series in our newsletter to highlight the great work happening across Kentucky! We want to feature your district's new programs, initiatives, policies, events, or anything you're proud of. It's quick and easy –just fill out our short Google Form to tell us more, find it on our website!

Let's celebrate the creativity, impact, and dedication happening in every corner of our state!



Applications, forms, and  
other information can be  
found at [kacde.org](http://kacde.org)!