

Minutes
Kentucky Agricultural Council, Inc.
Members Meeting
September 8, 2020
ZOOM Video Call

A Kentucky Ag Council Members Meeting was called to order by chairman Mark Barker at 2:00 p.m. ET via Zoom call.

Dr. Ryan Quarles introduced Ambassador Gregg Doud, Chief Agricultural Negotiator for the Office of the United States Trade Representative to provide an update on current trade relations and take questions from the membership.

Jennifer Elwell presented the minutes from the June 10, 2020 meeting via email. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as presented. Motion passed.

Jennifer also presented the financial report through the end of August 2020 and reported that 2020 dues notices had been sent via email. A motion was made and seconded to accept the report as presented. Motion passed.

Mark Barker asked Brian Lacefield with the Farm Service Agency to give a report. He said more than 24,000 Kentucky farmers had signed up for the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program and \$173.8 Million had been paid out.

Mark Barker introduced Kentucky Agricultural Commissioner Dr. Ryan Quarles for an update on the Kentucky Department of Agriculture. He recapped the Kentucky State Fair and said they are trying to get approval for the North American International Livestock Expo. Dr. Quarles made sure to thank Warren Beeler for his service to agriculture, as well as thanked Kentucky State Veterinarian Dr. Robert Stout who will stay on until a replacement has been named. He also said rural broadband continues to be a significant focus for KDA, and lastly, announced his presidency with the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture.

Mark Haney gave the Kentucky Farm Bureau report, mentioning county annual meetings, the Measure the Candidate Forum with Senator Mitch McConnell, and the AgriTech initiative.

GOAP Executive Director Dorsey Ridley provided greetings.

Several members provided updates on their agencies and programs:

- Jennifer Elwell with the Kentucky Agriculture and Environment in the Classroom
- Dr. Will Snell for the University of Kentucky
- Elisabeth Jensen with Kentucky Equine Education Project
- Dr. Kirk Pomper with Kentucky State University
- Hoppy Henton for The Council for Burley Tobacco
- Steve Coleman provide a thank you to KAC for sponsoring the Leopold Conservation Award.

Mark Barker then called on Dr. Tony Brannon to present the following resolution:

Resolution honoring Mr. Agriculture Warren Beeler

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Whereas the Kentucky Agriculture Council serves as an umbrella group representing all sectors of Kentucky Agriculture;

Whereas its 70+ member organizations include non-profit organizations, trade associations, commodity groups, state and federal agencies, and institutions of higher education — all interested in the advancement and development of Kentucky agriculture;

Whereas the strength of the KAC and indeed of the Agriculture industry is only as strong as it's people;

Whereas Kentucky Agriculture has been blessed with many Great Leaders both past and present;

Whereas, among all these Agriculture leaders only one leader among Kentucky Agriculture has been labeled and known as Mr. Agriculture;

Whereas, Mr. Warren Beeler has devoted his entire lifetime to involvement in and service to Agriculture;

Whereas, Mr. Beeler served the Kentucky Department of Agriculture for 16+ years and the Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy for over 4 years;

Whereas, Mr. Beeler acknowledges that he “wooed her with his ways” and outpented his coverage when he convinced Ms. Dee Dee to come down that long gravel road to the farm in Caneyville and also acknowledges his family at every turn;

Whereas, Mr. Beeler is the recipient of many awards including Ky Pork Producers Hall of Fame, WKU Ag Alumnus of the Year, UK Animal and Food Science Hall of Fame, Harold Workman Leadership Award, Thomas Poe Cooper award and the RECC Distinguished Rural Kentuckian Award and many more;

Whereas he spread the positive message of agriculture across this Commonwealth giving over 230 speeches in one year, most of these to non-agriculture audiences;

Whereas it never gets old to hear these quotes in his speeches...”I’ve learned more about Agriculture in the last four years than throughout my entire life”, “We are not raising livestock on the farm we are raising kids”, “I eat, sleep and all I think about is Agriculture”, “it’s not ok to not learn something new every day”, “Positive people have can do attitudes” and “It’s what you do when you don’t have to do anything that matters”;

Therefore, be it

1. Resolved that it is difficult to measure the man Warren Beeler but the following verse by Gray Poulard does that best.

A Measure of A Man

The measure of a man is not determined
By his show of outward strength
Or the volume of his voice
Or the thunder of his actions
Or of his intellect or academic abilities
It is seen rather in terms of the love that he has
For his family and for everyone
The strength of his commitments
The genuineness of his friendships

The sincerity of his purpose
The quiet courage of his convictions
The fun, laughter, joy and happiness he gives to his family and to others
His love of life
His patience and his honesty
And his contentment with what he has.

2. Be it further Resolved that his service to Billy Ray, Jamie, Ryan, Matt and Andy could be described in many ways but let's just say it's all been Dandy!;

3. Be it further Resolved that the KAC will at a future occasion and in person recognize the valuable service of Mr. Beeler with appropriate gifts but with this resolution we acknowledge decades of service to our organizations;

4. Be it further Resolved that like the little girl showing the overweight sheep story, Mr. Beeler has shared the story of agriculture at every occasion and as we search for words to describe his service why don't we just paraphrase his words to the little girl to a rousing round of applause... "Didn't he do a good job representing agriculture"?

5. And finally, be it resolved that realizing his loss in his previous roles in the Kentucky Department of Agriculture and as Governor's Office of Agriculture Policy Executive Director will be a tremendous loss, we again use Mr. Beeler's own words..." There is a win in every loss, you just have to find it!" Mr. Beeler, Kentucky Agriculture and the Kentucky Agricultural Council WILL FIND THAT WIN!

Mr. Chairman, I move that this resolution be adopted and a copy shared with Mr. Beeler at a future event and that he be commended with a rousing round of applause.

Written and Presented by former KAC Chairman Dr. Tony Brannon

Adopted by unanimous consent KAC, September 8th, 2020.

With no further business to be conducted, the meeting was adjourned at 3:17 p.m. ET by acclamation.