

February Report

February 2 – Monthly Board meeting was held at the Extension Office at 6:30pm. All Board members were present along with a representative from the USDA-NRCS Office, Field Rep from the Division of Conservation, Representative from Bluegrass Recycling Services and Reporter from The Carlisle-Courier. These meetings are open to the public.

An application was submitted to the Governor's Office of Ag Policy to implement a Deceased Animal Removal Program. This is a cost share program between the Conservation District and local Producers, with the producers' paying the \$20 co-pay and the District paying the remainder.

There were 48 State Cost Share Applications submitted to the Local Conservation office requesting more than \$600,000.00 for support with conservation projects.

The Office offered technical assistance to 8 landowners with the completion of their Kentucky Ag Water Quality Plan.

What is the Kentucky Agriculture Water Quality Plan?

The Kentucky Agriculture Water Quality Plan is basically a compilation of BMPs from six different areas: silviculture, pesticides and fertilizers, farmstead, crops, livestock and streams and other waters. Each BMP includes definitions and descriptions, regulatory requirements, Agriculture Water Quality Authority requirements, design information, practice maintenance, technical assistance, cost-share assistance, recommendations and references. The statewide plan serves as the guide to individual landowners/land users as they develop water quality plans for their individual operations.

The newly introduced Deceased Animal Removal Program picked up 5 animals (1 horse and 4 cattle).