

## **Time Involved in Serving as a Conservation District Supervisor**

A supervisor for the conservation district can put in as little or as much time doing the job as they desire. The question, then, is this: Are you fulfilling your fiduciary responsibility as a supervisor?

The conservation district supervisor is an uncompensated position. Supervisors are eligible for reimbursement of expenses incurred while performing their duties.

Supervisors can realistically expect to put in about one day a month toward serving on a conservation district board. Often it is less.

**Monthly Board Meeting**—Most conservation districts hold their regular monthly board meetings in the evening. Time spent at these meetings depends on the preparedness of meeting participants and the amount of business conducted at these meetings. Two to three hours is a reasonable time frame for the lengths of these meetings. Some may be only an hour and some may turn into marathons. Most lengthy meetings are due to being unprepared or participants not staying on the agenda. Occasionally, marathon meetings will deal with the rare times when an important issue or piece of business that the district has not had much experience with pops up and must be addressed.

**State Conservation Commission Spring Workshop**—The SCC Spring Workshop is usually held in March. The workshop provides training on issues and programs that affect the district.

**Kansas Association of Conservation Districts Fall Meetings**—KACD Fall Area Meetings, held in early August, address current issues and provide training to supervisors.

**KACD Annual Convention**—The KACD annual convention in November starts on the Sunday before Thanksgiving and ends on Tuesday. The program includes issues, education, training and policy for the association. All supervisors of a member Kansas conservation district are eligible to participate and vote.

Other events that may require a time commitment by the supervisor are representing the district at local meetings the district may participate in, contacting funding sources, and attending activities and events sponsored by the district.