



ASCOG PRESIDENT
SHORTY FOSTER

ASCOG BOARD OF TRUSTEES RECONSTITUTED

ASCOG Officers for 2016-17 are:

- President Shorty Foster**
McClain County Commissioner
- 1st Vice President Royse Reagan**
Jefferson County Conservation Director
- 2nd Vice President Dick Herrin**
Comanche County Mayoral Representative
- Secretary Edward Eschiti**
Cotton County Commissioner
- Treasurer Max Galloway**
Stephens County Conservation Director

Additional trustees serving on the executive committee are:

- Robert Crews**, Caddo County Citizen-At Large
- Mike Lennier**, Grady County Commissioner
- Terry Wyatt**, Tillman County Conservation Director
- Jesse Cross**, Comanche County Minority Representative

ASCOG CLOSED FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY

The ASCOG office will be closed Monday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day. The office will be open for business Tuesday, July 5.

REAP APPLICATION PREPARATIONS

Reminder: You cannot use REAP funds to pay a grant writer to prepare the REAP application. If you do not want to prepare the application, ASCOG CED staff can write an application for you for a fee of \$150. If the application is not funded, there is no charge for writing subsequent grants the following year for the same project. This fee must be paid for by the applicant and not out of REAP funds. \$150 is a good investment for a grant that averages over \$40,000. Having ASCOG CED staff write your grants does not guarantee approval, but does ensure that your grant is well-written where the scorers can fully understand the importance of the project to your community/county. 2017 REAP grants will have the same time requirements. Projects must begin within 6 months and be completed by June 30, 2018. Between now and August 22, 2016, applicants should: (1) select an eligible project that can be fully funded including leveraged dollars, (2) obtain cost estimates from an eligible source and (3) take formal board action including approving making the application for the project, approving a 5-year Capital Improvement Plan, and approving any cash or in-kind leverage from the applicant agency. Keep in mind that these matches are not required, but do figure into the scoring system.

The only significant change in the 2017 REAP will be eligibility requirements. Applicants that are current on all payments, including ASCOG membership dues or services rendered will be given an additional 20 points on scoring. **PLEASE call CED staff if you have any questions.**

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NEW RESOURCE
MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR
BOB DENARD



Bob joined ASCOG after working as an accountant for over 34 years. His years of experience has enabled him to get a good grasp of the division. Under his direction, new policies and procedures are being developed to streamline operations and professionalize the division. Bob holds a BA in Accounting from the University of Arkansas and an MBA from Cameron University. Welcome Aboard!!

CENA APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

Applications for the SFY17 Community Expansion for Nutrition Assistance applications are now available at <http://www.ascog.org/supportive-services/cena-forms/>. This year ASCOG will fund up to four, \$20,000 grant applications to Title III Nutrition Sites who voluntarily go independent effective October 1. Applications are due July 15. All remaining funds will be used to fund independent senior centers who serve meals at least three times per week. For more information, contact **Ken Jones** at 580.736.7972.

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Public Safety

All departments have been certified with the Department of Agriculture. Many departments in the ASCOG area are having ANNUAL fund raisers. Please support in any way possible. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Frederick fire department and community in remembering retired Fire Chief Joe Bradley who passed on June 21, 2016.

Questions or Concerns?

Call Ronnie Ward (580) 736-7970 or Nancy English (580) 736-7019. We'd love to hear from you.