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Form 990-EZ

Short Form

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

2015

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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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A For the 2015 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2015, and ending 12-31-2015

B Check if applicable

Address change
 Name change
 Initial return
 Final return/terminated
 Amended return
 Application pending

C Name of organization KANSAS TURFGRASS FOUNDATION	D Employer identification number 48-0721495
Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address) 2021 THROCKMORTON HALL KSU	Room/suite
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code MANHATTAN, KS 665065507	E Telephone number (785) 532-6173
F Group Exemption Number ►	

G Accounting Method Cash Accrual Other (specify) ►**H** Check ► if the organization is **not** required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)**I** Website: ► N/A**J** Tax-exempt status (check only one) 501(c)(3) 501(c)(5) (insert no) 4947(a)(1) or 527**K** Form of organization Corporation Trust Association Other**L** Add lines 5b, 6c, and 7b to line 9 to determine gross receipts. If gross receipts are \$200,000 or more, or if total assets (Part II, column (B) below) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ ► \$ 138,328**Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances** (see the instructions for Part I)Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part I

Revenue 1 Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received 2 Program service revenue including government fees and contracts 3 Membership dues and assessments 4 Investment income 5a Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory b Less cost or other basis and sales expenses c Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a) 6 Gaming and fundraising events a Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000) b Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions from fundraising events reported on line 1) (attach Schedule G if the sum of such gross income and contributions exceeds \$15,000) c Less direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events d Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c) 7a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances b Less cost of goods sold c Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a) 8 Other revenue (describe in Schedule O) 9 Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8 ►	1 32,500 2 95,941 3 8,903 4 15 5a 5b 5c 6a 6b 6c 6d 7a 7b 7c 8 969 9 138,328
Expenses 10 Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O) 11 Benefits paid to or for members 12 Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits 13 Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors 14 Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance 15 Printing, publications, postage, and shipping 16 Other expenses (describe in Schedule O) 17 Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16 ►	10 77,500 11 12 13 8,420 14 15 1,951 16 51,297 17 139,168
Net Assets 18 Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9) 19 Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return) 20 Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O) 21 Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20 ►	18 -840 19 126,501 20 21 125,661

Part II Balance Sheets (see the instructions for Part II)Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part II

	(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year	
22 Cash, savings, and investments	126,501	22	125,661
23 Land and buildings		23	
24 Other assets (describe in Schedule O)		24	
25 Total assets	126,501	25	125,661
26 Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O)		26	
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	126,501	27	125,661

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (see the instructions for Part III)Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part III

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose?

RESEARCH TO IMPROVE TURF QUALITY ON KANSAS GOLF COURSES AND ATHLETIC FIELDS

Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, and other relevant information for each program title

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EVALUATES NEW TURFGRASS VARIETIES, IDENTIFICATION OF LOW-WATER USING, DROUGHT RESISTANT GRASSES, IDENTIFICATION AND CONTROL OF TURFGRASS DISEASE, INSECT AND WEED PESTS AND OTHER RESEARCH AIMED AT IMPROVING TURF QUALITY ON KANSAS GOLF COURSES AND ATHLETIC FIELDS

(Grants \$)

If this amount includes foreign grants, check here

28a

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(Grants \$)

If this amount includes foreign grants, check here

29a

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(Grants \$)

If this amount includes foreign grants, check here

30a

31 Other program services (describe in Schedule O)

(Grants \$)

If this amount includes foreign grants, check here

31a

32 Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a)

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Part IV List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees (list each one even if not compensated — see the instructions for Part IV)Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part IV

(a) Name and title	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC) (if not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
JEFF ELDRIDGE PRESIDENT	1 00	0		
RICH PRENDERGAST VICE PRESIDE	1 00	0		
JACK FRY SEC-TREASURE	1 00	0		
TONY GOLDSBY DIRECTOR	1 00	0		
ANDREW HUFFMAN DIRECTOR	1 00	0		
KEVIN KAMPHAUS DIRECTOR	1 00	0		
WES KLEFFNER DIRECTOR	1 00	0		
MATT MILLER DIRECTOR	1 00	0		
RON REESE DIRECTOR	1 00	0		
WADE WILBUR DIRECTOR	1 00	0		

Part V Other Information (Note the Schedule A and personal benefit contract statement requirements in the instructions for Part V) Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part V

	Yes	No
33 Did the organization engage in any significant activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," provide a detailed description of each activity in Schedule O	33	No
34 Were any significant changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the amended documents if they reflect a change to the organization's name. Otherwise, explain the change on Schedule O (see instructions)	34	No
35a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year from business activities (such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a, among others)?	35a	No
b If "Yes," to line 35a, has the organization filed a Form 990-T for the year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	35b	
c Was the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III	35c	No
36 Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Schedule N	36	No
37a Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions ►	37a	
b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?	37b	No
38a Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the tax year covered by this return?	38a	No
b If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved	38b	
39 Section 501(c)(7) organizations Enter	39	
a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9	39a	
b Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities	39b	
40a Section 501(c)(3) organizations Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under section 4911 ► _____, section 4912 ► _____, section 4955 ► _____		
b Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year, or did it engage in an excess benefit transaction in a prior year that has not been reported on any of its prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I	40b	
c Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 ► _____		
d Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization ► _____		
e All organizations At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T	40e	No
41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed ► _____		
42a The organization's books are in care of ► <u>CHRISTY DIPMAN</u> Telephone no ► <u>(785) 532-6173</u> Located at ► <u>2021 THROCKMORTON HALL KSU MANHATTAN, KS</u> ZIP + 4 ► <u>66506</u>		
b At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country ► _____	42b	No
See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR)		
c At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside the U.S.? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country ► _____	42c	No
43 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041 - Check here ► <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year ► <u>43</u>		
44a Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	44a	No
b Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	44b	No
c Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year?	44c	No
d If "Yes," to line 44c, has the organization filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	44d	
45a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	45a	No
45b Did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," Form 990 and Schedule R may need to be completed instead of Form 990-EZ (see instructions)	45b	No

46 Did the organization engage, directly or indirectly, in political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I

	Yes	No
46		No

Part VI Section 501(c)(3) organizations only

All section 501(c)(3) organizations must answer questions 47-49b and 52, and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part VI

	Yes	No
47		
48		
49a		
49b		

47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II

48 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E

49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?

b If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization?

50 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None"

(a) Name and title of each employee	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation

f Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000

51 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None"

(a) Name and business address of each independent contractor	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation

d Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000.

52 Did the organization complete Schedule A? **NOTE.** All Section 501(c)(3) organizations must attach a completed Schedule A

Yes No

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here	***** Signature of officer JACK FRY SEC-TREASURER Type or print name and title	2016-05-09 Date
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Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name DUSTIN E LOBAUGH CPA	Preparer's signature	Date 2016-05-09	Check <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN P00457052
	Firm's name ► SINK GORDON & ASSOCIATES LLP	Firm's EIN ► 48-0787299			
	Firm's address ► COMMERCE BANK TOWER 6TH FLOOR MANHATTAN, KS 66502	Phone no (785) 537-0190			

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ**Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.

► Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

► Information about Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at
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Inspection**Name of the organization
KANSAS TURFGRASS FOUNDATION**Employer identification number**

48-0721495

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 8	MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS 969 TOTAL 969
FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 10	K-STATE UNIVERSITY-HORTICULTURE RESEARCH SUPPORT THROCKMORTON HALL MANHATTAN, KS 66506 77,500 0 0
FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 16	EXPENSES CONFERENCE EXPENSE 49,911 ANNUAL REPORT FEE 40 OFFICE EXPENSE 742 SUPPLIES 339 MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE 265 TOTAL 51,297
FORM 990-EZ, PART III	RESEARCH TO IMPROVE TURF QUALITY ON KANSAS GOLF COURSES AND ATHLETIC FIELDS
FORM 990-EZ, PART III, LINE 28	EVALUATES NEW TURFGRASS VARIETIES, IDENTIFICATION OF LOW-WATER USING, DROUGHT RESISTANT GR ASSES, IDENTIFICATION AND CONTROL OF TURFGRASS DISEASE, INSECT AND WEED PESTS AND OTHER RE SEARCH AIMED AT IMPROVING TURF QUALITY ON KANSAS GOLF COURSES AND ATHLETIC FIELDS