**MEETING MINUTES**

**Agriculture Water Quality Authority**

**February 2, 2023, 9:30 AM**

**Frankfort, KY**

**Inattendance**: Mr. Larry Thomas, Chair, Kentucky Farm Bureau; Mr. Joseph Sisk, Vice Chair, Member-at-Large; Ms. Paulette Akers, Division of Conservation; Dr. Amanda Gumbert, UK College of Agriculture; Mr. Randy McCallon, Kentucky Association of Conservation Districts; Ms. Megan Komar, Member-at-Large; Mr. Chris Howard, Environmental Group; Mr. Josiah Frey, Division of Water; Mr. Carey Johnson, Division of Water; Mr. Charles Taylor, Kentucky Geological Survey; Ms. Angela Billings, CHFS; and Ms. Beth Williams, Division of Forestry.

**Also in attendance:** Ms. Johnna McHugh, Division of Conservation; Mr. Brian Lacefield, Kentucky Office of Agriculture Policy; Ms. Joanna Ashford, Division of Water; Mr. Steve Beam, Natural Resources Conservation Service; Mr. John Lyons, Energy and Environment Cabinet; Ms. Sarah Gaddis, Division of Water; Mr. Zach Luttrell, The Nature Conservancy; Ms. Kathleen Saunier, Energy and Environment Cabinet; Mr. Josiah Frey, Division of Water; Mr. Casey Olechnowicz, University of Purdue; Ms. Bridget Abernathy, Division of Forestry; Ms. Carole Catalfo, Division of Water; Dr. Brad Lee, University of Kentucky; Mr. David Chinn, Monty’s Plant Food Company; and Mr. Jeff Gravitt, Division of Conservation.

**Meeting Called to Order** – 9:33 am by Mr. Larry Thomas.

**Roll call of Authority members** – Quorum was met.

**Approval of previous meeting minutes from December 8, 2022** – A motion to approve the meeting minutes with updates was made by Dr. Amanda Gumbert and was seconded by Ms. Beth Williams. **Motion carried**.

**Old Business** – Nothing to report

**New Business-**

* Lower Green Survey – Mr. Zach Luttrell and Mr. Casey Olechonowicz gave a PowerPoint presentation on agriculture in the Lower Green River Watershed. Mr. Zach Luttrell and Mr. Casey Olechonowicz answered questions from the attendees.

Ms. Paulette Akers asked the Authority to supply a head count for the upcoming May 4th, 2023, AWQA meeting to be held at the Morgan County tree nursery. This will help with how many individuals will be attending lunch. Ms. Paulette Akers will email out a poll to help with the count.

* Subcommittee Reports –
	+ Nominating Committee – Ms. Paulette Akers stated that this was added to the agenda in error. The current nominating committee has completed its service.
* KASMC – No report given.
* Farmstead – No report given.
* Pesticides, Fertilizers, and other Agriculture Chemicals – No report given.
* Livestock and Poultry – No report given.
* Crops – No report given.
* Silviculture – Ms. Beth Williams stated there were no updates.
* Streams and Other Waters – Ms. Sarah Gaddis stated the committee will meet before the next Authority meeting.
* Education and Outreach – Dr. Amanda Gumbert stated the committee will meet before the next Authority meeting. Dr. Amanda Gumbert offered Mr. Chris Howard a seat on the Education and Outreach Committee. Mr. Chris Howard accepted the seat. Dr. Amanda Gumbert gave an update on the outreach efforts since the last meeting, including conferences, workshops and giveaways and Ms. Paulette Akers gave the update on the outreach since the last meeting

**Quarterly update of AWQA related violations** - Ms. Paulette Akers informed the Authority that

every year in January, the Division of Water submits a report of all the data of the Ag Water Quality violations that occurred in the previous year. Ms. Paulette Akers stated that she normally reports in that quarter how many have been received since the last meeting, there was only one violation that was issued in December (Dairy). When the data pull of 2022 was rectified with the list provided to the Authority, there were a total of 71. Only 36 violations had previously been reported. A total of 35 had occurred and was not previously reported.

**Updates from members** – No updates from members were discussed.

**Next Meeting** – May 4th, 2023, at 9:30 am, Morgan County Tree Nursery.

**Adjourn** – 10:30 am