**MEETING MINUTES**

**Agriculture Water Quality Authority**

**May 05, 2022, 9:30 am**

**Joseph Sisk Farm**

**6493 Sisk Road, Hopkinsville, KY**

**Inattendance**: Mr. Larry Thomas, Chair, Kentucky Farm Bureau; Mr. Joseph Sisk, Vice Chair, Member-at-Large; Ms. Paulette Akers, Division of Conservation; Mr. Ron Brunty, Environmental Groups; Dr. Amanda Gumbert, UK College of Agriculture; Mr. Greg Stone, Natural Resources Conservation Service; Mr. Carey Johnson, Division of Water; Mr. Randy McCallon, Kentucky Association of Conservation Districts; Mr. Fred L. Sipes, Member-at-Large, and Ms. Beth Williams, Division of Forestry.

**Also in attendance:** Ms. Johnna McHugh, Division of Conservation; Mr. Glynn Beck, Kentucky Geological Survey; Mr. Ben Koostra, Quest; Mr. Brian Lacefield, Kentucky Office of Agriculture Policy; Ms. Laura Knoth, Kentucky Corn Growers; Dr. Brad Lee, University of Kentucky CAFÉ; Mr. Dean Schamore, USDA Farm Service Agency; Ms. Renee Carrico, Kentucky Farm Bureau; Dr. Chad Lee, University of Kentucky; and Mr. Jeff Gravitt, Division of Conservation.

**Meeting Called to Order** – 12:14 pm by Mr. Larry Thomas.

Mr. Larry Thomas turned the meeting over to Dr. Chad Lee. Dr. Chad Lee discussed the upcoming May 10th wheat field day and how important winter wheat is in the long-term sustainability of robust farmers.

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

**Oath of office for new members** - Ms. Johnna McHugh began the swearing in process of Mr. Carey Johnson and Mr. Fred Sipes. Ms. Johnna McHugh spoke the oath of office and both Mr. Carey Johnson and Mr. Fred Sipes accepted.

**Approval of previous meeting minutes from February 10, 2022** – A motion to approve the meeting minutes was made by Mr. Ron Brunty and was seconded by Mr. Randy McCallon. **Motion carried**.

**Old Business** – Dr. Amanda Gumbert discussed the one good idea project and the partnership it has with several major institutions to promote farmer adoption of conservation practices. Dr. Amanda Gumbert handed out bookmarks to everyone that includes a QR code for more information.

**New Business** – No new business.

* **Subcommittee Reports**
* KASMC – Ms. Paulette Akers stated that the KASMC subcommittee has meet and discussed some new tools that are in development.
* Farmstead – Dr. Steve Higgins - not attended.
* Pesticides Fertilizers and other Agriculture Chemicals – Mr. John Pitcock - not attended.
* Livestock and Poultry – Mr. Keith Rogers - not attended.
* Crops – Mr. Adam Andrews - not attended.
* Silviculture – Mr. Jeffrey Stringer – not attended.
* Streams and Other Waters – Ms. Sarah Gaddis – not attended.
* Education and Outreach – Ms. Paulette Akers discussed the ag water quality plan campaign goals, message strategies, media vehicles, and the updated AWQP logo compiled by Red7e. Ms. Paulette Akers discussed the different campaign themes, print ad concepts, postcard, digital display concepts, videos, radio spots and media strategy that will be used to advertise the ag water quality plan.

The total cost to implement all the media plan options is $48,506.00. The current budget allowance is $20,000.00. The authority will have to choose which plans to implement to fit the current budget and find other avenues to get the word out.

**Quarterly update of AWQA related violations** - Ms. Paulette Akers informed the Authority of 8 violations of the Ag Water Quality Act since the last meeting. Four of the violations were from dairy operations, two from hog operation, one from beef-dairy operation and one from beef-former dairy operation. After an annual audit was performed, it was found that there were 13 violations that was issued by the Division of Water that was not in the overall count from last year. Ms. Paulette Akers stated that there have been a few more frequent violations with the same individuals over the past year.

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

**Next Meeting** – August 25th 1:00pm at State Fair

**Adjourn** – 12:44 pm