**MEETING MINUTES**

**Agriculture Water Quality Authority**

**Thursday, November 8, 2018**

**Holiday Inn, Hurstbourne Lane**

**Louisville, KY**

In attendance: Mr. Larry Thomas, Chair and Kentucky Farm Bureau; Mr. Joseph Sisk, Vice Chair; Ms. Paulette Akers, Director of Division of Conservation; Mr. Allan Bryant, Kentucky Association of Conservation Districts; Dr. Amanda Gumbert, University of Kentucky College of Agriculture; Ms. Brunilda Velez, Natural Resources Conservation Service; Mr. Todd Clark, Member-at-large; Mr. Chuck Taylor, Kentucky Geological Survey; Mr. Peter Goodmann, Director of Division of Water; and Mr. Keith Rogers, Kentucky Department of Agriculture.

Also in attendance: Ms. Johnna McHugh, Assistant Director, Division of Conservation; Mr. Jim Roe, Division of Conservation; Mr. Allen Kyle; Mr. Steve Coleman, Kentucky Association of Conservation Districts; Mr. Joe Cain, Kentucky Farm Bureau; Mr. Pete Cinotto, United States Geological Survey; Ms. Beth Harrod; Mr. Steve Kull, Division of Forestry; Mr. Jon Cambron, Organic Valley; Ms. Ellyn Anthony, Kentucky State University; Mr. Brian Lacefield, USDA; Mr. Wayne Hunt; Mr. Mike West, Energy and Environment Cabinet/Office of General Counsel.

Quorum was met.

**Meeting Called to Order** – at 1:35 PM by Mr. Larry Thomas.

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

**Introduction of guests** – Introductions were made.

**Swearing in of members** - Mr. Larry Thomas turned the floor over to Ms. Johnna McHugh for the swearing in process of Mr. Joseph Sisk. Ms. Johnna McHugh spoke the oath of office and Mr. Joseph Sisk accepted.

**Approval of previous meeting minutes –** Approval for August 23, 2018 minutes was brought before the board. Mr. Allen Bryant made a motion to approve the minutes and Mr. Pete Goodmann seconded motion. **Motion carried.**

**Old Business** –

* Streams and Other Water BMPs – Mr. James Roe discussed the follow with the board:
* Streams and other waters – approved by the KAWQA on August 17th.
* Possible future of a BMP #5 on ponds.

A motion to approve changes was made by Mr. Pete Goodmann and was seconded by Dr. Amanda Gumbert. **Motion carried**.

* Presentation at Soil and Water Conservation Commission- Mr. Larry Thomas discussed how things went at the September SWCC meeting and a possibility of a joint meeting.

**New Business** –

* Subcommittee Reports
* KASMC – Mr. Pete Cinotto discussed the Kentucky Supergage, Mesonet and Inversion monitoring in Pulaski, Shelby and Ballard Counties.
* Farmstead – Ms. Paulette Akers discussed the following AWQP with the board;
  + 1 – 5 were emailed out and an update of originals as well.
  + Removal of redundancy and added hyperlinks.
  + Added recommendations for water harvesting and minimum requirements.

A motion to approve changes was made by Mr. Pete Goodmann and was seconded by Mr. Todd Clark. **Motion carried**.

* Pesticides, Fertilizer and other Agriculture Chemicals – Mr. Joe Pitcock stated nothing to report.
* Livestock and Poultry – Mr. Keith Rogers stated currently no updates to present to the board. Mr. Keith Rogers will try to meet with committee this upcoming January 2019.
* Crops – Mr. Adam Andrews stated no update yet but will be meeting with committee this upcoming January or February of the upcoming year.
* Silviculture – Mr. Steve Kull discussed the following with the board;
  + Current BMPs are being implemented
  + Silviculture committee has put together a field guide and will be release with the help of University of Kentucky.
* Education and Outreach – Mr. Brent Burchett stated that the Education and Outreach committee has yet to meet. Mr. Brent Burchett discussed the Department of Agriculture with others approved to do food safety grants.

**Quarterly update of AWQA related violations** – Ms. Paulette Akers informed the board of a total of 5 violations:

* Nelson County has a total of 5 beef violations and Marion County had one hog and one dairy violation.

**Updates from members** –

* Mr. Pete Goodmann stated the need to reconvene the Water Resources Board and discuss the state drought plan and make sure agriculture is represented in the discussion.
* Ms. Brunilda Velez discussed the following with the board:
* The new State Conservationist will be Mr. Greg Stone.
* 18.5 million in EQIP last year
* 1.2 million in RCPP
* NRCS KY is looking into process improvement and trying to get contracts processed quickly.
* Dr. Amanda Gumbert talked to KSU about doing a tour with them this upcoming year in June.
* Mr. Keith Rogers discussed the KDA intern program is now ready and application will be ready on the website next week.

**Next Meeting** – February 14th, 2019 at the Farm and Machinery Show.

**Adjourn** – Mr. Pete Goodman made a motion to adjourn, and was seconded by Mr. Keith Rogers. **Meeting Adjourned**.