**MEETING MINUTES**

**Agriculture Water Quality Authority**

**December 8, 2022, 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; Mr. Dean Schamore, USDA Farm Service Agency; Ms. Megan Komar, Member-at-Large; Mr. Chris Howard, Environmental Group; Mr. Josiah Frey, Division of Water; and Ms. Beth Williams, Division of Forestry.

**Also in attendance:** Ms. Johnna McHugh, Division of Conservation; Mr. Abe Nielsen, Division of Forestry; Mr. Brandon Howard, Division of Forestry; Mr. Pete Cinotto, United States Geological Survey; Mr. Michael Froelich, Division of Forestry; Mr. Brian Lacefield, Kentucky Office of Agriculture Policy; Ms. Joanna Ashford, Division of Water; Mr. Jarrod Jones, Division of Water; Ms. Renee Carrico, Kentucky Farm Bureau; and Mr. Jeff Gravitt, Division of Conservation.

**Meeting Called to Order** – 9:36 am by Mr. Larry Thomas.

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

**Oath of office for new members** - Ms. Johnna McHugh began the swearing in process of Mr. Chris Howard, Ms. Megan Komar and Mr. Joseph Sisk. Ms. Johnna McHugh spoke the oath of office and all the above accepted.

**Approval of previous meeting minutes from August 25, 2022** – A motion to approve the meeting minutes with updates was made by Mr. Joseph Sisk and was seconded by Dr. Amanda Gumbert. **Motion carried**.

**Old Business** –

* AWQA Biennial Report submitted to Governor/LRC on Sept. 13, 2022 – Ms. Paulette Akers discussed the submission of the AWQA Biennial Report with the Authority.
* Nominating Committee report –
  + Ms. Paulette Akers suggested the following to serve as committee Chair’s. All the following have agreed to serve (the term for the chairs is 2 years and will expire October 2024).
    - Ms. Janelle Gardner Cox – Farmstead
    - Mr. Fred Sipes – Livestock
    - Mr. Adam Andrews – Crops
    - Dr. Amanda Gumbert – Education and Outreach
    - Mr. Adam Andrews – Pesticides and Fertilizer

A motion to approve the above nominations was made by Mr. Joseph Sisk and was seconded by Mr. Dean Schamore. **Motion carried**.

**New Business-**

* Nutrient Reduction Strategy Update – Mr. Josiah Frey gave a PowerPoint presentation on Kentucky Nutrient Reduction Strategy and discussed current updates.
* Tap Your Potential – Dr. Amanda Gumbert gave a PowerPoint presentation on Tap Your Potential and One Good Idea.
* 2023 Meeting dates – Dates are as follows.
  + 1st quarter – February 2nd 300 Sower Blvd.
  + 2nd quarter (field visit) – May 4th, 2023 – Morgan County (Forestry nursery).
  + 3rd quarter – August 24th, 2023 at 1:00pm – Kentucky State Fair.
  + 4th quarter – November 9th 300 Sower Blvd.
* Subcommittee Reports –
* KASMC – Mr. Pete Cinotto discussed the following with the Authority-
* New state Climatologist – Mr. Ken Thompson.
* Super gages.
* PFAS update.
* Farmstead - Not attended.
* Pesticides Fertilizers and other Agriculture Chemicals – Not attended.
* Livestock and Poultry – Not attended.
* Crops – Not attended.
* Silviculture – Ms. Beth Williams discussed the following with the Authority –
  + No new business.
  + Silviculture did meet on Oct. 25th in Montgomery County (Camp McKee).
* Streams and Other Waters – Not attended.
* Education and Outreach – Dr. Amanda Gumbert discussed the following with the Authority –
  + Upcoming January meeting.
  + Distribution of advertisements (Rack cards).

**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. Three of the violations were from dairy operations, three from beef operation, one from chicken operation and one from a silviculture operation.

**Updates from members** –

* Dr. Amanda Gumbert discussed the following with the Authority –
  + Lower Green survey
    - TNC partnership with Purdue University to do a focus survey on Arbor.
      * Preliminary meeting held (Ag Water Quality Plans discussed) no results as of today.
* Mr. Dean Schamore discussed the following with the Authority –
  + Climate Smart Initiative.
    - Funds available for projects.
* Mr. Randy McCallon discussed the following with the Authority –
  + National Association of Conservation Districts annual meeting is on February 11th – 15th.
* Ms. Paulette Akers discussed the following with the Authority –
  + Red7e final report discussed.
    - 1.4 million people reached.
    - Online plan signup figures.
    - Ms. Johnna McHugh gave a presentation at the National Association of State Conservation Agencies annual meeting.
* Ms. Beth Williams discussed the Forestry BMP field guide with the Authority.

**Next Meeting** – February 2nd, 2023 at 9:30 am.

**Adjourn** – 11:30 am