

## MEETING MINUTES

### Kentucky Soil and Water Conservation Commission

Tuesday, February 13, 2024

3:30 PM

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**In Attendance for SWCC:** Mr. Danny Shipley, SWCC Chair; Ms. Denise Hoffman; Mr. Aaron Lewis; Mr. Keith Tingle; Mr. Bill Harned; Mr. Jason Kilmer; Mr. Don Overbey; and Mr. Lenville Martin.

**Others Present:** Ms. Johnna McHugh, Division of Conservation; Mr. Jay Nelson, Division of Conservation; Ms. Kathleen Saunier, Energy and Environment Cabinet; Dr. Steve Higgins, University of Kentucky; Ms. Rebecca Goodman, Energy and Environment Cabinet; Mr. Herb Woike, Courier Journal; Ms. Sarah Bryant, Kentucky Department of Agriculture; Ms. Sarah Noble, Energy and Environment Cabinet; Mr. Eric Allness, Natural Resource Conservation Service; Ms. Crystal Renfro, Kentucky Association of Conservation Districts; Mr. Steve Coleman, Kentucky Association of Conservation Districts; Mr. John Lyons, Energy and Environment Cabinet; Mr. Ted Jessup, Kentucky Association of Conservation Districts; Mr. Joe Newburg, Energy and Environment Cabinet; and Mr. Jeff Gravitt, Division of Conservation.

Quorum was met.

**Meeting Called to Order** – 3:33 pm by SWCC Chair Mr. Danny Shipley.

Mr. Danny Shipley presented the Commission with Kentucky Department of Agriculture's three representatives for consideration for Ag. Water Quality Authority membership. The Kentucky Department of Agriculture submitted Mr. Warren Beeler, Mr. Brandon Reed, and Mr. John Chism. A motion to nominate these candidates was made by Mr. Keith Tingle and seconded by Mr. Bill Harned. **Motion carried.**

Mr. Danny Shipley informed the Commission that it would now go into closed session for the selection/approval of the Division of Conservation Director. A motion to move into closed session (3:41 pm) and to invite Mr. Jay Nelson, Ms. Rebecca Goodman, Mr. John Lyons, Ms. Sarah Noble, Mr. Joe Newburg, and Ms. Kathleen Saunier to participate in the closed session. by Mr. Lenville Martin and was seconded by Mr. Keith Tingle. **Motion carried.**

Upon return from closed session (4:01 pm) to approve Mr. Jay Nelson as Director of the Division of Conservation, a motion to approve was made by Mr. Lenville Martin and was seconded by Mr. Bill Harned. **Motion carried.**

Mr. Danny Shipley thanked Ms. Johnna McHugh for the work she had done as acting Director of the Division of Conservation.

**Adjourn** – A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Keith Tingle and was seconded by Mr. Bill Harned. **Motion carried.**

**Next Board Meeting** – Next SWCC meeting is April 15<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am.