

MEETING MINUTES

KENTUCKY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Virtual Meeting (Zoom)
February 19, 2026 | 9:00 AM

SWCC Members

Danny Shipley, Area 3 (Chair)
Denise Hoffman, Area 9
Keith Tingle, Area 6
Lenville Martin, Area 8
Eddie Monroe, Area 5
Anne Bays, Area 7

Other Attendees

Johnna McHugh, Division of Conservation
Steven Olt, Division of Conservation
Melinda Murphy, Division of Conservation
Crystal Renfro, Kentucky Association of Conservation Districts
Heather Silvanik, Fayette County Conservation District
Meghanne McClanahan, Bracken County Conservation District
Eric Allness, Natural Resources Conservation Service
Steve Beam, Natural Resources Conservation Service

1. Call to order

Chairman Danny Shipley (SWCC) and President Ted Jessup (KACD) called the meeting to order. Attendees introduced themselves and their organization affiliations. The meeting was conducted in a hybrid format, with some members attending in person and others joining via Zoom.

2. Conservation District Supervisor Vacancy Petitions

Vacancies presented:

- Jefferson County – Katrina McFadden to fill the unexpired term of Leta Weedman (2 petitions received)
- Rowan County – Doug Bradley to fill the unexpired term of Mark Kurywczak (1 petition received)
- South Logan County – Myra Johnson to fill the unexpired term of Jordan Walker (3 petitions received)

All applications were noted as complete and properly submitted. A motion to approve was made by Keith Tingle and seconded by Eddie Monroe. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Conservation District Supervisor Incentive Per Diem Requests

Request presented:

Woodford County

- Donald Mitchell – Area 6 meeting, at least 8 ten-minute trainings
- Peggy Carter-Seal – Area 6 meeting, at least 8 ten-minute trainings
- Robert Richardson – Area 6 meeting, at least 8 ten-minute trainings
- Brad Carmickle – Area 6 meeting, at least 8 ten-minute trainings
- Curtis Congleton – Area 6 meeting, at least 8 ten-minute trainings
- Michael Duckworth – Area 6 meeting, at least 8 ten-minute trainings

A motion to approve was made by Anne Bays and seconded by Don Overbey. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Agriculture District Program

One agricultural district recertification petition was presented.

- Green County petition 044-04 for 297.47 acres

A motion to approve was made by Denise Hoffman and seconded by Eddie Monroe. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

5. State Cost Share Program

Johnna McHugh presented the state cost share allocation options, with thanks to Steven Olt and Melinda Murphy for their preparation work on short notice. Three options were presented for funding. Don Overbey moved, seconded by Eddie Monroe, to approve the option that included applications with scores of 66 or higher. This would obligate \$3,741,771 to 305 applicants. Motion carried unanimously.

Johnna McHugh recommended the Commission establish a cut-off date for the next round of funding. A motion to set the date on November 15 was made by Anne Bays and seconded by Keith Tingle. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Eric Allness asked how many prior fiscal years contributed to the funding that's currently available. Johnna McHugh explained how modifications and cancellations from previous years result in unallocated funds.

6. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Don Overbey and seconded by Eddie Monroe. No discussion. Motion carried.

Next SWCC meeting is May 18th at 9:00 am.