

Kentucky Soil and Water Conservation Commission

Wednesday, July 31, 2024 – 9:00 AM

Zoom Conference ID: 845 5362 3580 Password: SWCC

In attendance for SWCC: Mr. Danny Shipley, Chair; Ms. Denise Hoffman; Mr. Don Overbey; Mr. Bill Harned; Mr. Jeff Rice; Mr. Aaron Lewis; and Mr. Keith Tingle.

Others Present: Mr. Jay Nelson, Division of Conservation; Ms. Johnna McHugh, Division of Conservation; Mr. Lenville Martin, Floyd County Conservation District; Mr. Allan Bryant, Kentucky Association of Conservation Districts; Ms. Crystal Renfro, Kentucky Association of Conservation Districts; Mr. Steve Coleman, Kentucky Association of Conservation Districts; Ms. Kathleen Saunier, Energy and Environment Cabinet; Mr. Warren Beeler, Kentucky Department of Agriculture; Mr. Steve Beam, Natural Resources Conservation Service; Melinda Murphy, Division of Conservation; Ms. Lizzy Rice, Division of Conservation; Mr. Byron Gary, Kentucky Resources; and Mr. Jeff Gravitt, Division of Conservation.

Quorum was met.

Call to Order and Introduction – by Mr. Danny Shipley.

SWCC Minutes from the April 15, 2024, Meeting – A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes was made by Mr. Jeff Rice. Mr. Bill Harned seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**

SWCC Minutes from the June 28, 2024, Meeting – A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes was made by Mr. Keith Tingle. Mr. Don Overbey seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**

Agency Reports –

- Department for Natural Resources – Mr. Steve Beam discussed the following –
 - EQIP allocation is in good shape.
 - \$40 million dollars in combined (IRA and Farm Bill).
 - \$39.9 million of the \$40 million allocated.
 - CSP just finished up signups.
 - Signups were extended for a couple of weeks to allow more people to sign up.
 - NRCS home buyout program through EQIP.
 - Activity shown in Letcher, Knott, Perry, Breathitt, and Knox Counties.
 - ❖ Estimated cost of \$130 to \$135 million to purchase 598 homes.
 - Discussed the Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP).
 - Total of 7 Kentucky applications.

- Division of Conservation – Mr. Jay Nelson discussed the following -

- Approval of \$50,000 dollars in extra funding for the Environmental Grant Program.
- Upcoming meeting (July, 2024) with Madison County conservation district discussing a new watershed conservancy district statute.
- Division of Forestry – Ms. Johnna McHugh discussed the following –
 - Mr. Brandon Howard will be attending and speaking at the Governor’s Local Issues Conference this week. He will discuss infrastructure opportunity for local communities.
 - 12 KDA employees are participation in out of state assignments (California, Idaho, Texas, and Oregon).
 - August meeting with USDA Forest Service staff to focus on programmatic and infrastructure work.
 - KDR and UK are hosting the field portion of the woodland owner’s short course at Round Stone Native Seed on August 10th.
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- Farm Service Agency – Not attended.
- Kentucky Department of Agriculture – Mr. Warren Beeler discussed the following –
 - Kentucky Department of Agriculture and Keeneland working together on a digest that will burn down horse manure to make soil supplements.
 - Manure is burnt down to a biochar for soil supplants.
 - Kentucky State Fair.
- University of Kentucky, CAFE – Not attended.
- KACD – Ms. Crystal Renfro discussed the following –
 - Thanked everyone for attending the KACD Convention.
 - KACD Southeast Region Conference (August 2nd – August 5th, 2025.).
 - Expecting between 500 to 600 people to attend.
 - Mr. Allan Bryant thanked everyone for attending the KACD convention.
- KACDE – Not attended.

SWCC Correspondence – Mr. Jay Nelson discussed the following –

- Jefferson County requests to change their environment grant funds to redistribute the remaining funds from the Urban High Tunnel Initiative project to the Soil Nutrient Testing project. A motion to approve was made by Ms. Denise Hoffman and was seconded by Mr. Jeff Rice. **Motion carried.**
- Martin County requests an advance in funding (\$5,000.00) from Direct Aid. This is due to a shortage in operating funds. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Keith Tingle and was seconded by Mr. Bill Harned. **Motion carried.**
- Discussion of the letter the Division of Conservation sent to Kentucky Department of Agriculture regarding Environmental Grants.

Equipment Report – Ms. Johnna McHugh presented the report with copies distributed.

- **Equipment Loan Statement of Operations** – Ms. Johnna McHugh provided an overview of the Equipment Loan State of Operations with copies of report distributed to all board members. Mr. Bill Harned made a motion to approve the report as stated. Ms. Denise Hoffman seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**

- **Approval of Equipment Loan Requests** –
 - Lyon County requested a loan of \$19,823.00 to purchase a 2024 Haybuster 107C. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Keith Tingle and seconded by Mr. Don Overbey. **Motion carried.**
 - Bath County requested a loan of \$6,800.00 to purchase 24-foot New Dekta Chain Harrow. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Bill Harned and seconded by Ms. Denise Hoffman. **Motion carried.**
 - Russell County requested a loan of \$63,516.67 to purchase a Gehl VT315 Track Loader, Auger Drive, Auger Bit. Russell County had previously requested an equipment loan but did not submit bids. The district submitted the bids along with a request ot no choose the lowest bid. With the district’s justification. A motion to approve was made by Ms. Denise Hoffman and seconded by Mr. Jeff Rice. **Motion carried.**

Conservation District Supervisors – Ms. Johnna McHugh presented the requests with copies distributed.

- Approval of vacancy petitions – Ms. Johnna McHugh presented the following requests.
 - Barren County -Drew Shockley to fill the unexpired term of Joshua Hardin (2026)
 - Carter County - Tracy Prichard to fill the unexpired term of Lois Barber (2026)
 - Jackson County - Chris Boggs to fill the unexpired term of Ricky Boggs (2024)
 - Leslie County - Tommy Roberts to fill the unexpired term of Shirley Ramey (2026)
 - Monroe County - Jason Thompson to fill the unexpired term of Bobbie Wilson (2024)
 - Perry County - Peggy Conway to fill the unexpired term of Chad Allen (2026)
 - Woodford County - Joseph Greathouse to fill the unexpired term of David Dotson (2024)

A motion to approve the above vacancy petitions was made by Mr. Bill Harned and was seconded by Mr. Don Overbey. **Motion carried.**

- **Incentive Pay for Supervisors** – Ms. Johnna McHugh presented the following requests –
 - ALLEN COUNTY
 - Randy Harston
 - Joe Young
 - Danny Shipley
 - Tommy Long

- Michael Vick
- Danny Stinson
- Marcus Landers
- ANDERSON COUNTY
 - Roy Toney
 - James R. Smith
 - Marna Bollinger
 - Don Sayre
 - Mike Wilson
 - Alayna Jacobs
- BATH COUNTY
 - Barbara Boyd
 - Vernon Stamper
 - Chris Hardin
 - Michael Staton
 - Aaron Watson
- BOONE COUNTY
 - Mike Wilson
 - Kathy King
 - Debra Waller
 - John Stork
- BRECKINRIDGE COUNTY
 - Pat Henderson
 - Steven Hinton
 - James Lee Burks
 - Eddie Dyer
 - Kenny Hinton
- BULLITT COUNTY
 - Bill Harned
 - Leon Dawson
 - Don Samuels
 - Norman Philpot
 - Hyte Rouse IV
 - Lewis Skidmore
 - Melissa Huggett
- CALLOWAY COUNTY
 - Randy McCallon
 - Marty Carraway
 - Don Overbey
 - Bobby Hill
 - Eddie Workman
 - Mark Wilson
 - Steve Carraway
- CAMPBELL COUNTY
 - Richard Simon
 - Susan Ortlieb-Turner
 - Richard Carr
 - Kevin McCormick

- Lawrence Schadler
 - Kirsten Hill
- CARLISE COUNTY
 - Bobby Toon
 - Brent Martin
 - Ben Beasley
 - Keith Elliott
- CARROLL COUNTY
 - David Rowlett
 - Billie Hotfil
 - Mike Kelley
 - Joe Raisor
 - Bobby Gibson
- CARTER COUNTY
 - Barry Shaffer
 - Will Davis
 - Mike Sexton
 - Herbie Suttles
 - John Buck
- CASEY COUNTY
 - Brent Ware
 - Mary Sue Shoopman
 - Curtis Todd II
 - Roger Weddle
 - Valorie Floyd
 - David Grider
 - LJ Watson
- CLINTON COUNTY
 - Greg Abston
 - Kathy Conner
 - Michial Conner
 - Roger Beard
 - Steve Young
- FLOYD COUNTY
 - Lenville Martin
 - Daniel Branson
 - Jeff Hall
 - Clyde Doug DeRossett
 - James Taylor
 - Bert Layne
 - Ernie Tackett

- FRANKLIN COUNTY
 - Michael Todd Akers
 - Steve Coleman
 - Eddie Harrod
 - Mike Johnson
 - Susan Wise
 - John Mucci
 - Charlotte Quarles
- GALLATIN COUNTY
 - Joe Smith
 - Randy Cozine
 - Vic Satchwell
 - Peggy Tinch
 - Emily Epifanio
 - Bradley Noel
- GRANT COUNTY
 - Timothy Epperson
 - Travis Woodyard
 - Tisha Woodyard
 - Jerry Martin
 - Timothy Henry
 - Ronnie Gabbert
- GRAVES COUNTY
 - Adam Bell
 - Phil Holloway
 - Susie Fenwick
 - Greg Smith
- HARDIN COUNTY
 - Vincent Thompson
 - Mason Goodin
- HARLAN COUNTY
 - Will Clem
 - David Howard
 - Susie Mavinidis
 - Lonnie Saylor
 - Robert Jones
- HARRISON COUNTY
 - Paul Tucker
 - Nick Farmer
 - Jennifer Burgan
 - Russell Gray
 - Leslie Bebensee
 - Jennifer Yazell

- JACKSON COUNTY
 - Howard Williams
 - Tim Wilson
 - Tony Boggs
 - Jimmy Wells
 - Eddie Madden
 - Brenda Truett
- JEFFERSON COUNTY
 - Austin Clark
 - Sarah Beth Sammons
 - David Kaelin
- JOHNSON COUNTY
 - Robert Blanton
 - Tyler Ferguson
 - Kevin Pelphrey
 - Tom Keeth
 - Keith Patrick
 - Delmer Jack Holbrook
 - Vessie Workman
- KNOX COUNTY
 - Jim Stewart
 - Kyle Hubbs
 - Tommy Bargo
 - Cloyce Hinkle
 - Shirley Merida
 - John Bays
 - Josh Ramsey
- LAUREL COUNTY
 - Ronnie Patton
 - Clemons Bundy
 - Charles Massey
- LAWRENCE COUNTY
 - Stuart Blevins
 - Leland Sexton
 - Bruce Short
 - Mike Compton
 - David McGuire
 - Norma Caudill
 - Benjamin Browning
- LEE COUNTY
 - George Marshall
 - Charles Lynn Cooper
 - David Jennings
 - Orville Bennett
 - Eddie Cundiff
 - Jonathan Shuler
 - Sandy Gay

- LESLIE COUNTY
 - Frank Baker
 - Mary Kilburn
 - Ronnie Gay
 - Doris Jackie Howard
 - Logan Sizemore
- MARION COUNTY
 - Steve Downs
 - Joe Paul Mattingly
 - Roger Hardin
 - Donnie Veatch
 - Joe Bernard Luckett
 - Larry Jones
 - Thomas Glasscock
- MASON COUNTY
 - Anthony Wenz, Jr.
 - Janice Barnett-Gifford
 - Curtis Rosser
 - Eric Cooper
- MCCREARY COUNTY
 - Earl Kidd
 - David Jones
 - Vernon Gilreath
- MEADE COUNTY
 - Travis Scott
 - Larry Schmidt
 - Andrew Ford
 - Tom Hollis
- MONTGOMERY COUNTY
 - Danny Montgomery
 - Robert Amburgey
 - Linda Webb
 - Shannon White
 - Mike Gabbard
 - John Gabbard
 - Barry McCoy
- MORGAN COUNTY
 - Chris Lacy
- MUHLENBERG COUNTY
 - Wallace Slinker
 - Ted Jessup
 - Denise Brown
 - Terry Benton

- NELSON COUNTY
 - Katie Houghlin
 - Greg Catlett
 - Kathy Settles
 - William Lutz
- OHIO COUNTY
 - Darren Luttrell
 - Cletus Greer
 - Jason Anderson
 - Garry Igleheart
 - Michael Newman
- OWEN COUNTY
 - John Russell New
 - Randy Bishop
 - Kyle Jacobs
 - Richard Duvall
 - Danny Humphries
- OWSLEY COUNTY
 - Holly Wilder
 - Gary McIntosh
 - Dustin Gumm
 - Jason Minte
 - Denise Hoffman
 - Eugene Reed, Jr.
 - James Cornett
- PENDLETON COUNTY
 - Mark Gosney
 - Martha Gosney
 - Maxie Kordes
 - Mary Lehner
 - Larry Miller
 - Edwin Monroe III
- PULASKI COUNTY
 - Rodney Dick
 - Lyndon Woods
 - Will Bingham
 - Tim Tarter
 - Don Minton
 - Marty Wilson
- ROBERTSON COUNTY
 - Danny Case
 - Grant Paynter
 - Dwaine Miller
 - Benny Renner
 - Harley Flack
 - Gerry Becker
 - James A. Brumagen

- ROCKCASTLE COUNTY
 - Mark Dyehouse
 - James Ballinger
 - Jerry Hasty
 - Barry Hurst
 - Tim Mink
 - Alvin Pigg
- ROWAN COUNTY
 - Sam Hughes
 - Clyde Mays, Jr.
 - Angela Clatos
 - Gary Ferguson
 - Steve Kelsey
- SIMPSON COUNTY
 - Larry Gomer
 - Bruce Akin
 - Joe Cushenberry
 - Chad Konow
 - Anthony Denning
 - Bart Roberts
 - Chris Thurman
- WARREN COUNTY
 - Emily Perkins Sharp
 - Garnett Owens
 - Mark Chapman
 - Rhodes Hester
 - Troy Ellis
- WHITLEY COUNTY
 - Anne Bays
 - Harold Prewitt
 - Lee Ed Sears
 - Jack Smith
- WOODFORD COUNTY
 - Michael Duckworth
 - Peggy Carter Seal
 - Curtis Congleton, Jr.
 - Donald Mitchell
 - Robert Richardson II
 - Robert Carmickle

A motion to deny Whitley County's request for a small training event to qualify as a qualifying event by Mr. Bill Harned and was seconded by Mr. Keith Tingle. **Motion Carried.**

A motion to approve the above Incentive Per Diem Requests was made by Ms. Denise Hoffman and was seconded by Mr. Bill Harned. **Motion carried.**

Agriculture District Program - Ms. Johnna McHugh presented the report with copies distributed. Seven (7) new petitions were presented to the Commission for consideration for a total of 2,097.92 acres.

1. Campbell County (Petition No. 019-07 (A7)) – 115.86 acres. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Bill Harned and was seconded by Mr. Jeff Rice. **Motion carried.**
2. Campbell County (Petition No. 19-14 (A9)) – 13.20 acres. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Bill Harned and was seconded by Mr. Keith Tingle. **Motion carried.**
3. Campbell County (Petition No. 019-15 (A4)) – 91.67 acres. Motion to approve was made by Ms. Denise Hoffman and was seconded by Mr. Don Overbey. **Motion carried.**
4. LaRue County (Petition No. 062-14) – 377.03 acres. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Bill Harned and was seconded by Mr. Jeff Rice. **Motion carried.**
5. Mason County (Petition No. 081-09) – 476.96 acres. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Don Overbey and was seconded by Ms. Denise Hoffman. **Motion carried.**
6. Taylor County (Petition No. 109-22) – 667.24 acres. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Bill Harned and was seconded by Mr. Jeff Rice. **Motion carried.**
7. Taylor County (Petition No. 109-23) – 355.96 acres. Motion to approve was made by Ms. Denise Hoffman and was seconded by Mr. Keith Tingle. **Motion carried.**

Fourteen Agricultural districts have been submitted to the commission for five-year recertification for a total of 13,331.56 acres.

COUNTY	PETITION NO.	ACRES
Breckinridge	014-10	1775.89
Bullitt	15-14	290.08
Fleming	035-08	333.93
Fleming	035-21	1,903.33
Fleming	035-26	477.06
Fleming	035-29	721.02
Fleming	035-30	1,327.30
Fleming	035-31	703.86
Franklin	037-11	1,629.25
Kenton	059-08	645.52
Kenton	106-05	Removed
Shelby	106-06	808.75
Shelby	110-05	349.54
Todd	035-30	1,327.30

A motion to approve the above 14 recertifications was made by Mr. Don Overbey and was seconded by Mr. Jeff Rice. **Motion carried.**

Old Business –

- No old business.

New Business –

- Districts in Good Standing Update - Ms. Johnna McHugh discussed the submission of District in Good Standing report cards and presented copies of district scores and submissions to date. Appeals will be accepted until September 1. Mr. Jeff Rice made a motion to accept, and Ms. Denise Hoffman seconded. **Motion carried.**

Adjourn -

A motion to adjourn the SWCC meeting was made by Mr. Jeff Rice and was seconded by Mr. Don Overbey. **Motion carried.**

Next SWCC meeting is September 16th at 9:00 AM.