

### **Soil and Water Conservation District Director Appointments and Resignations**

#### **§ 10.1-529. District directors constitute governing body; qualifications.**

The governing body of the district shall consist of five or more district directors, elected and appointed as provided in this article.

The two district directors appointed by the Board shall be persons who are by training and experience qualified to perform the specialized skilled services which will be required of them in the performance of their duties. One of the appointed district directors shall be the extension agent of the county or city, or one of the counties or cities constituting the district, or a part thereof. Other appointed and elected district directors shall reside within the boundaries of the district.

#### **§ 10.1-530. Designation of chairman; terms of office; filling vacancies**

A. The district directors shall designate a chairman from the elected members, or from the Board-appointed members, of the district board and may change such designation.

B. The term of office of each district director shall be four years. A district director shall hold office until his successor has been elected or appointed and has qualified. The selection of successors to fill a full term shall be made in accordance with the provisions of this article. Beginning in the year 2003, the election of district directors shall be held at the November 2003 general election and each fourth year thereafter. The terms of office of elected district directors shall begin on January 1 following the November general election. The term of office of any district director elected in November 1999 shall be extended to the January 1 following the November 2003 general election. The term of office of any district director elected in November 2000 shall expire on the January 1 following the November 2003 general election. The term of office of any district director elected in November 2001 or 2002 shall be extended to expire on the January 1 following the November general election in 2007. Appointments made by the Board to the at-large position held by an extension agent shall be made to commence January 1, 2005, and each fourth year thereafter. Appointments made by the Board to the other at-large position shall be made to commence January 1, 2007, and each fourth year thereafter. Any appointment made by the Board prior to January 1, 2005, to an at-large position held by an extension agent shall be made to expire January 1, 2005; and any appointment made by the Board prior to January 1, 2007, to the other at-large position shall be made to expire January 1, 2007.

C. A vacancy shall exist in the event of the death, resignation or removal of residence from the district of any director or the elimination or detachment from the district of the territory in which a director resides, or by the removal of a director from office by the Board. Any vacancy in an elected or appointed director's position shall be filled by an appointment made by the Board for the unexpired term. In the event of the creation of a new district, the transfer of territory from an existing district to an existing district, or the addition of territory not previously within an existing district to an existing district, the Board may appoint directors to fill the vacancies of elected directors prescribed by § 10.1-515 in the newly created district or in the territory added to an existing district. Such appointed directors shall serve in office until the elected directors prescribed by § 10.1-515 take office after the next general election at which directors for the entire district are selected.

Recommended Motion:

The Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Board approves the appointments of the individuals being recommended.

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### **James River**

Appointment of Mr. Gregory Powers, of Chesterfield County, effective 1/1/2023, to fill the vacant at-large appointed director position (term of office expires 12/31/2026)

### **Mountain**

Appointment of Ms. Kari Sponaugle, of Bath County, effective 12/7/2022, to fill the un-expired Extension Agent appointed director position of Mr. Berkeley Clark (term of office expires 12/31/2024).

### **Mountain Castles**

~~Appointment of Mr. Zachary Wright, of Craig County, effective 12/7/2022, to fill the un-expired Extension Agent appointed director position of Ms. Kate Lawrence (term of office expires 12/31/2024).~~

### **Natural Bridge**

Appointment of Mr. Robert Beard, of Rockbridge County, effective 1/1/2023, to fill the unexpired at-large appointed director position of Ms. Becky Szarzynski (term of office expires 12/31/2026).

### **Peaks of Otter**

Appointment of Mr. Stacy Simmons, of Bedford County, effective 1/1/2023, to fill the vacant at-large appointed director position (term of office expires 12/31/2026).

### **Prince William**

Appointment of Mr. John B. Price, of Prince William County, effective 1/1/2023, to fill the vacant at-large appointed director position (term of office expires 12/31/2026).

### **Thomas Jefferson**

Resignation of Mr. Lonnie Murray, of Albemarle County, effective 6/29/2022, elected director (term of office expires 12/31/2023).

Appointment of Ms. Rosalyn Koontz, of Albemarle County, effective 12/7/2022, to fill the un-expired elected director position of Mr. Lonnie Murray (term of office expires 12/31/2023).

### **Peaks of Otter**

#### ***Stacy Simmons***

Mr. Simmons has been an Associate Director at Peaks of Otter for three years, during which time he has served on the Finance Committee, the Operations Committee, and the Technical Review Committee. He is a farmer and has installed an SL-6 on his farm.

**Prince William**

***John B. Price***

Mr. Price was previously an elected director serving the district from 2016-2019; during his tenure he served as Chair and Vice Chair. Outside of the district he is also a member of the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club and the District Manager of the Manassas National Battlefield Park.

**James River**

***Gregory Powers***

[Mr. Powers recently became a Chesterfield County Master Gardener, but has always had an interest in plants and soil. In 1997-2002 he co-founded a line of wild crafted organic skincare products and was named an honorary member of the Colorado herbalist guild. He has locally helped with a waterfowl habitat restoration project on Harrison Island \(Potomac River\) and has helped with hugelkultur raised bed garden research in Goochland. In addition to gardening, Mr. Powers is also very interested in trash reduction, renewable resources, and seed preservation.](#)

**Natural Bridge**

***Robert Beard***

[Mr. Beard is a life time farmer. He raises beef cows, meat goats, and sells hay, which he plants with a no-till system. He has developed natural springs on two farms and uses a rotational grazing system on his pastures. Outside of farming, he is an active member of his church where he serves as an Elder and on several committees.](#)

**Thomas Jefferson**

***Rosalyn Koontz***

Ms. Koontz and her farm were the 2021 James River Grand Basin Clean Water Farm Award winner. She worked to update her farm to be a successful grass-fed beef operation with rotational grazing and stream exclusion, and converted crop fields to pasture and hay. She has a BS from Virginia Tech in Dairy Science and MBA from VCU. In addition to her role at the district, she is also active as a Piedmont Master Gardener, Friends of Hatton Ferry, Buckingham Cattlemen Association, and the South Poll Cattle Association.