

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 appointment of the individuals being recommended.

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Evergreen

Resignation of Mr. Justin McClellan, of Smyth County, effective 3/23/2022, elected director (term of office expires 12/31/2023).

Appointment of Mr. David Spence, of Smyth County, effective 3/23/2022, to fill the un-expired elected director position of Mr. Justin McClellan (term of office expires 12/31/2023).

Appointment of Ms. Dianne Beck, of Smyth County, effective 3/23/2022, to fill the un-expired elected director position of Mr. Billy Bear (term of office expires 12/31/2023).

Natural Bridge

Resignation of Mr. John Knox, of the City of Lexington, effective 3/23/2022, elected director (term of office expires 12/31/2023).

Appointment of Mr. Charles Winder, of City of Lexington, effective 3/23/2022, to fill the un-expired elected director position of Mr. John Knox (term of office expires 12/31/2023).

Patrick

Resignation of Mr. Travis Bunn, effective 2/9/2022, Extension Agent appointed director (term of office expires 12/31/2024)

Appointment of Mr. Christian Taylor, effective 3/23/3033, to fill the un-expired Extension Agent appointed director position of Mr. Travis Bunn (term of office expires 12/31/2024).

Piedmont

Resignation of Ms. Haley Norton, effective 3/23/2022, Extension Agent appointed director (term of office expires 12/31/2024)

Appointment of Ms. Erin Small, effective 3/23/3033, to fill the un-expired Extension Agent appointed director position of Ms. Haley Norton (term of office expires 12/31/2024).

Pittsylvania

Resignation of Mr. Tim Alderson, of Pittsylvania County, effective 10/5/2021, elected director (term of office expires 12/31/2023).

Appointment of Mr. James Rigney, of Pittsylvania County, effective 3/23/2022, to fill the un-expired elected director position of Mr. Tim Alderson (term of office expires 12/31/2023).

Skyline

Resignation of Mr. Jeff Reeves, of Pulaski County, effective 1/13/2022, elected director (term of office expires 12/31/2023).

Appointment of Mr. Andy Pratt, of Pulaski County, effective 3/23/2022, to fill the un-expired elected director position of Mr. Jeff Reeves (term of office expires 12/31/2023).

Thomas Jefferson

Resignation of Ms. Carrie Swanson, effective 3/23/2022, Extension Agent appointed director (term of office expires 12/31/2024)

Appointment of Mr. Enrique Hernandez, effective 3/23/2022, to fill the un-expired Extension Agent appointed director position of Ms. Carrie Swanson (term of office expires 12/31/2024).

Tri-County/City

Resignation of Mr. Tim Makee, of Stafford County, effective 2/18/2022, elected director (term of office expires 12/31/2023).

Appointment of Mr. John Howe, of Stafford County, effective 3/23/2022, to fill the un-expired elected director position of Mr. Tim Makee (term of office expires 12/31/2023).

DISTRICT DIRECTOR NOMINEE QUALIFICATIONS

Evergreen

David Spence

Mr. Spence is a retired farmer.

Dianne Beck

Ms. Beck is a member and current County Chair of the Farm Bureau Women's Committee. She believes in protecting soil and water on her own farm and works to protect regulations for soil and water. Ms. Beck also enjoys reading, crafts, and gardening.

Natural Bridge

Charles Winder

Mr. Winder holds a Master of Science degree in Botany from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. As a teacher at Washington and Lee University, he has put thousands of students to work serving the community, studying the biology of local streams and forests, and helping to conserve natural resources.

Pittsylvania

James "Jimmy" Rigney

Mr. Rigney is a Farm Loan Officer for USDA/FSA. He has been farming for 50 years and grows tobacco, hay, corn, vegetables, and also has cows and horses. He direct markets his vegetables. Mr. Rigney holds a BS in Animal Science from Virginia Tech.

Skyline

Andy Pratt

Mr. Pratt is a farmer and has participated in cost share programs. He has Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from Roanoke College.

Tri-County/City

John Howe

Mr. Howe is a former livestock Extension Agent for Spotsylvania County and served as the appointed Extension Agent Director on the TCCSWCD board from 2002-2010. Since leaving Extension, he has continued to serve TCCSWCD as an Associate Director. Mr. Howe is also the appointed representative for the Falmouth District on Stafford Co. Advisory Committee on Ag and Purchase of Development Rights.