

### **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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**Big Sandy**

Resignation of Mr. Tim Looney, of Buchanan County, effective 12/21/2022, elected director (term of office expires 12/31/2023).

Appointment of Mr. Jerry Ward, of Buchanan County, effective 3/23/23, to fill the un-expired elected director position of Mr. Tim Looney (term of office expires 12/31/23).

**Colonial**

Appointment of Mr. Tim Beale, of York County, effective 3/23/2023, to fill the vacant at-large appointed director position (term of office expires 12/31/2026)

**Peanut**

Appointment of Mr. Daniel Judkins, of Surry County, effective 3/23/2023, to fill the un-expired elected director position of Mr. Keith Seward (term of office expires 12/31/2023).

**Shenandoah Valley**

Resignation of Mr. William Latham, of the City of Harrisonburg, effective 2/15/2023, elected director (term of office expires 12/31/2023).

Appointment of Ms. Kristen Ulmer, of Rockingham County, effective 3/23/2023, to fill the un-expired elected director position of Mr. Stephen Lohr (term of office expires 12/31/2023).

**Southside**

Resignation of Mr. Eugene Wells, Jr., of Charlotte County, effective 1/11/2023, elected director (term of office expires 12/31/2023).

Appointment of Mr. William Nichols, of Charlotte County, effective 3/23/2023, to fill the un-expired elected director position of Mr. Eugene Wells (term of office expires 12/31/2023).

**Three Rivers**

Appointment of Ms. Sara Henley, of King and Queen County, effective 3/23/2023, to fill the un-expired elected director position of Mr. Robert Bland (term of office expires 12/31/2023).

**Big Sandy**

***Jerry Ward***

Mr. Ward is the Litter Control Office for Buchanan County and has worked with Big Sandy on various projects. He is very active in his community as a minister and has coordinated multiple drug rehab and youth ministry programs. In his spare time he enjoys fishing and restoring cars.

**Colonial**

***Timothy Beale***

Mr. Beale currently serves as an Associate Director for Colonial SWCD and is an active member of the Urban Programs committee.

**Peanut**

***Daniel Judkins***

Mr. Judkins owns and operates Pecan Knoll Farm in Surry. As a 6<sup>th</sup> generation cattle operation, he is passionate about protecting the land for future generations. He is the winner of the 2019 Clean Water Farm Award. Mr. Judkins also teaches agriculture at the local high school, and is Vice President of the Surry County Board for Virginia Farm Bureau.

**Shenandoah Valley**

***Kristen Ulmer***

Ms. Ulmer has conducted in research integrating crop and livestock practices that enable conservation of resources. They have implemented practices on the home farm to conserve soil and water for better livestock, forage, and crop management.

**Southside**

***William Nichols***

Mr. Nichols is a lifelong farmer. He has served on the FSA county committee for 20 years and the Charlotte County Planning committee for 7 years. When he is not farming, he enjoys spending time with his grandchildren.

**Three Rivers**

***Sara Henley***

Ms. Henley and her husband farm in King and Queen County and she works in the ag office and daily operations. She sits on the Farm Bureau Women's Committee and has a special interest in beekeeping.