

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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Chowan Basin

Appointment of Ms. Elizabeth Cooper, of Surry County, effective 12/6/2023, to fill the vacant Extension Agent appointed director (term of office expires 12/31/2024).

Hanover-Caroline

Resignation of Mr. Leigh Pemberton, of Hanover County, effective 12/31/2023, at-large appointed director (term of office expires 12/31/2026).

Appointment of Mr. Grayson Kirby, of Hanover County, effective 1/1/2024, to fill the at-large appointed director position of Mr. Leigh Pemberton (term of office expires 12/31/2026).

Peanut

Appointment of Ms. Afton “Livvy” Preisser, of Isle of Wight County, effective 12/6/2023, to fill the vacant Extension Agent appointed director (term of office expires 12/31/2024).

Piedmont

Resignation of Ms. Erin Small, of Prince Edward County, effective 9/27/2023, Extension Agent appointed director (term of office expires 12/31/2024).

Appointment of Ms. Mackenzie Gunn, of Amelia County, effective 12/6/2023, to fill the vacant Extension Agent appointed director (term of office expires 12/31/2024).

Hanover-Caroline:

Mr. Grayson Kirby

Mr. Kirby operates Creamfield Farms, which spans about 2,800 acres of grain and hay across eight counties. He has been an associate director of the Hanover-Caroline District and is very active in his local church.