

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

Appointment of Mr. Seth Harden, of Smyth County, effective 9/23/2021, to fill the un-expired at-large appointed director position of Mr. Seth Umbarger (term of office expires 1/1/2023).

James River

Appointment of Mr. Stuart Jones, of Chesterfield County, effective 9/23/2021, to fill the unexpired at-large appointed director position of Mr. Jerry Ford (term of office expires 1/1/2023).

Peanut

Appointment of Mr. Richard Gwaltney, of Suffolk, effective 9/23/2021, to fill the unexpired elected director term of Mr. Travis Williams (term of office expires 1/1/2024).

Skyline

Appointment of Mr. Jeff Reeves, of Pulaski County, effective 9/23/2021, to fill the unexpired elected director term of Mr. Blair Sanders (term of office expires 1/1/2024).

Virginia Dare

Appointment of Mr. Francis J Drumm, Jr. (Frank), of Virginia Beach, effective 9/23/2021, to fill the un-expired at-large appointed director position of Mr. Mario Albritton (term of office expires 1/1/2023).

SWCD DIRECTOR NOMINEE QUALIFICATIONS

Evergreen

Seth Harden

Mr. Harden a pharmacist in Smyth County. He holds a BS in Chemistry from Emory and Henry College and received his pharmacy degree from East Tennessee State University. When he is not working in the pharmacy or on the farm, he enjoys hunting and fishing.

James River

Stuart Jones

Mr. Jones is a past elected director of the James Rivers SWCD. He is also currently a member of the Chesterfield County Farm Bureau, where he has previously served as President, Vice President, and Secretary. Mr. Jones is a former Christmas tree farmer and member of the Va. Christmas Tree Growers Association. As a farmer, he was awarded the VDOF Stewardship Award for land planning.

Peanut

Richard Gwaltney

Mr. Gwaltney has been farming for the past 45 years and implements many conservation practices on his farm. In addition to the Peanut SWCD board, he is a member of the local Farm Bureau (past Director and President), and the City of Suffolk Agriculture Committee. When he is not farming, he enjoys spending time with his family, golfing, and fishing.

Skyline

Jeff Reeves

Ms. Reeves holds a BS in Animal Science/Agriculture Economics and a Masters in Agriculture Economics. He currently farms in Pulaski County and has participated in cost share with Skyline SWCD. He has also participated in the district's process for developing their strategic long range plan.

Virginia Dare

Francis J Drumm, Jr.

Mr. Drumm currently serves as an Associate Director on the Virginia Dare SWCD board and is active on both the agriculture and urban committees. He also served on the CT Open Space and Conservation Commission for 8 years (Chair for 2 years), and is a member of the Care of Creation Committee at his church.