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**Recommendations for Supervisor Appointment  
Soil and Water Conservation Commission  
March 27, 2024**

District	Name of Nominee	Replacing Name	Term	Willing to attend Basic Training	Willing to attend other meetings	Number of Guiding Principles met (out of 11)	Reason for Vacancy	Notes
Fishing Creek	James W. Short II	J. Wayne Short	Elected (22-26)	Yes	Yes	10	Health reasons. Resignation received.	Employed by the NC Forest Service; political connections and public outreach. Halifax County native.
Gaston	Lee W. McConnell	Danon Lawson	Appointed (22-26)	Yes	Yes (local and area)	7	Time constraints. Resignation received.	Strong community ties; forestland and pastureland; church leadership.
Henderson	Brent P. Coston	Jerrerd Nix	Elected (22-26)	Yes	Yes	11	Extensive business commitments. Resignation received.	4th generation apple grower native to Henderson County.
Jackson	Chet Stephens	Boyce Deitz	Appointed (22-26)	Yes	Yes	6	Deceased	Actively engaged member of the community with extensive knowledge of county and its residents.
McDowell	Robert Yutzy	Beverly Lonon Foster	Elected (20-24)	Yes	Yes	8	Health reasons. Resignation received.	Former debate teacher and small farm operator.
Stokes	Joseph Bennett	Dowell Lester	Elected (22-26)	Yes	Yes	2	Health reasons. Resignation received.	Management experience and service on local elementary school board; church leadership.
Vance	Rodney Dickerson	Talmadge Burgess	Appointed (22-26)	Yes	Yes (local and area)	11	Deceased	Served on numerous ag related boards. Strong community relationships.

Revised 3/15/2024

**Fischer, Kristina**

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According to the district directory, Mr. Short was serving in an elected position not appointed so I updated the form again after Tiffany resent it with Mr. Short's signation on his resignation letter.

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<b>District:</b>	Fishing Creek
<b>Unexpired/Expired Term of Supervisor:</b>	J Wayne Short
<b>Elected/Appointed</b>	Elected
<b>Term of Office</b>	December 2022 to December 2026
<b>Name of Nominee:</b>	James W Short II
<b>Nominee Mailing Address:</b>	5039 Wright Rd
<b>City:</b>	Littleton
<b>State:</b>	NC
<b>Zipcode:</b>	27850
<b>Nominee Email Address:</b>	jims1911@yahoo.com

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<b>Nominee Mobile or Home Phone:</b>	252-678-3030
<b>Nominee Business Phone:</b>	252-257-5960
<b>Age</b>	46
<b>Occupation:</b>	Warren County Ranger, NCFS
<b>Education:</b>	High School Diploma, 3 Years NCSU (No Degree)
<b>Positions of leadership NOW held by nominee:</b>	BOD Rheasville VFD
<b>Former Occupations or Positions of Leadership Contributing to Nominee's qualifications:</b>	1994-1999: Employed by Pendleton Crop Services 1999-2023: Halifax County Ranger, NCFS
<b>If appointed, I am willing to attend Basic Training for Soil &amp; Water Conservation District Supervisors within the first year after appointment?</b>	Yes
<b>The program and purpose of the soil and water conservation district been explained to me?</b>	Yes
<b>I am willing to attend and participate in (check all that apply)?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Local District Meetings</li><li>• Area Meetings</li><li>• State Meetings</li></ul>
<b>Typed/printed name:</b>	James W. Short II
<b>Date:</b>	2/26/2024
<b>Printed certification signature page for nominee. Only necessary if signature box is not signed above.</b>	<a href="#">Printed Certification Signature Page for Board Approval_hs8Z.pdf (43 KB)</a>
<b>Typed/printed name:</b>	Frederick Dunn Jr.

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**Date:** 3/11/2024

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**Resignation letter (only needed if vacancy is due to resignation).**

[J Wayne Short Letter of Resignation.docx T2tK.pdf \(23 KB\)](#)

**Is the nominee actively engaged in, or recently retired from, an agricultural operation?**

Yes

**Please explain the nominee's connection to agriculture:**

He is currently employed by the NC Forest Service and manages his own timber.

**Number of current District Supervisors actively engaged in, or recently retired from, an agricultural operation.**

All

**Will the appointment provide an opportunity to engage a segment of agriculture not currently being served?**

Yes

**Please describe how the nominee improves the ag diversity of the board:**

All current board members represent row crop of fruit and vegetable production and Jim represents forestry.

**Will the appointment bring new leadership skills to the board?**

Yes

**Please describe the new leadership skills the nominee brings to the board:**

He is a active member of a volunteer fire department and he is very familiar with county policies from his time here with the NC Forest Service.

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<b>Will the appointment strengthen the political connection/influence of the district, especially at the county level?</b>	Yes
<b>Please describe the new advocacy skills the nominee brings to the board:</b>	Jim is very familiar with our county's political process and those involved from his time here with the forest service.
<b>Will the appointment provide representation from a portion of the county not currently represented?</b>	Yes
<b>Describe how the appointment improves the geographic representation for the board:</b>	All current members are from the lower 2/3 of Halifax County and Jim represents the upper 1/3 of Halifax County.
<b>Will the appointment improve opportunities to work with non-traditional partners?</b>	Yes
<b>Please describe how the appointment improves partnership opportunities for the district:</b>	Just by being present at the last two meetings he has made suggestions that broadened the scope of who we work with.
<b>Will the appointment improve the make-up of the board from an agricultural/nonagricultural perspective?</b>	Yes
<b>Describe how the appointment improves the non-ag representation for the board:</b>	While Jim is not "non agricultural" he does represent a part of Ag (forestry) that is more public facing and deals with the general public more than majority of our board.
<b>Will the appointment improve the diversity of the board?</b>	No

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<b>Has the nominee shown past involvement in an organization beyond the local level?</b>	Yes
<b>Describe how the nominee has been involved in an organization beyond the local level:</b>	Forest Service
<b>Will the appointment strengthen the District's opportunity to raise funds?</b>	Yes
<b>Please describe how the appointment strengthens the District's opportunity to raise funds?</b>	Jim has a completely different set of connections with the upper 1/3 of the county. This will lead us to conversations with more people who could provide funding.
<b>Will the appointment strengthen the District's education, marketing, and outreach efforts?</b>	Yes
<b>How will the appointment strengthen the District's education, marketing, and outreach efforts?</b>	Given his role in an industry that is currently unrepresented on our board, yes.
<b>Does the District wish to provide other justification in support of the nomination? If so, enter here:</b>	Jim has a vast knowledge of the forestry industry. This helps our board as this is a weak spot in our past boards. Beyond this, Jim has a lifetime's worth of local knowledge in Halifax County.
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12/18/2023

Dear Fellow District Supervisors and Office Staff,

Regretfully, due to health issues, I am submitting my resignation from the Fishing Creek Soil and Water Conservation District Board effective today, December 18, 2023.

It has been a wonderful and pleasurable experience working with each of you. You all are true conservation stewards of the land which the Lord has blessed this board and Halifax County. May the Lord bless each and everyone of you, your future efforts, and keep you in the palm of His hand.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "J. Wayne Short". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

J. Wayne Short

**Fischer, Kristina**

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<b>Appointment or Reappointment</b>	New Appointment
<b>District:</b>	Gaston
<b>Unexpired/Expired Term of Supervisor:</b>	Danon Lawson
<b>Elected/Appointed</b>	Appointed
<b>Term of Office</b>	December 2022 to December 2026
<b>Name of Nominee:</b>	Lee W. McConnell
<b>Nominee Mailing Address:</b>	606 Kiser Dairy Rd.
<b>City:</b>	Dallas
<b>State:</b>	NC
<b>Zipcode:</b>	28034-9454
<b>Nominee Email Address:</b>	lee.mcconnell.63@gmail.com
<b>Nominee Mobile or Home Phone:</b>	7049225327
<b>Nominee Business Phone:</b>	9805227182



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<b>Age</b>	60
<b>Occupation:</b>	Land lord/Property Mgmt.
<b>Education:</b>	Bachelor of Science and Masters Degree in Geography/Retail Location
<b>Positions of leadership NOW held by nominee:</b>	Pres. of K&M Properties, Inc. a residential community of single-family homes. I am also an Elder at City Church in Gastonia and Bessemer City
<b>Former Occupations or Positions of Leadership Contributing to Nominee's qualifications:</b>	I served a board member at SMRVD for 17 years. I served as president and dept. treasurer most of that time.
<b>Other pertinent information:</b>	I have had 24 acres of timber land. We also have roughly 60 acres of pasture land that we lease out to neighbors for hay and cattle production.
<b>If appointed, I am willing to attend Basic Training for Soil &amp; Water Conservation District Supervisors within the first year after appointment?</b>	Yes
<b>The program and purpose of the soil and water conservation district been explained to me?</b>	Yes
<b>I am willing to attend and participate in (check all that apply)?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Local District Meetings</li><li>• Area Meetings</li></ul>
<b>Nominee Signature:</b>	
<b>Typed/printed name:</b>	Lee McConnell
<b>Date:</b>	3/11/24
<b>District Board Chair Signature (or Vice Chair if Chair is being nominated):</b>	
<b>Resignation letter (only needed if vacancy is due to resignation).</b>	<a href="#">Gaston_SWCD - Lawson Resignation.pdf (21 KB)</a>

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<b>Is the nominee actively engaged in, or recently retired from, an agricultural operation?</b>	No
<b>Number of current District Supervisors actively engaged in, or recently retired from, an agricultural operation.</b>	2
<b>Will the appointment provide an opportunity to engage a segment of agriculture not currently being served?</b>	No
<b>Will the appointment bring new leadership skills to the board?</b>	Yes
<b>Please describe the new leadership skills the nominee brings to the board:</b>	board member at SMRVFD 17 yrs. candidate served as pres/treasurer most of that time. serves as Elder at City Church in Gastonia and Bessemer City.
<b>Will the appointment strengthen the political connection/influence of the district, especially at the county level?</b>	Yes
<b>Please describe the new advocacy skills the nominee brings to the board:</b>	The candidate is involved with the local VFD's which hold significant political connections n Gaston county.
<b>Will the appointment provide representation from a portion of the county not currently represented?</b>	No
<b>Will the appointment improve opportunities to work with non-traditional partners?</b>	Yes
<b>Please describe how the appointment improves partnership opportunities for the district:</b>	The candidate has ties to other forest landowners, and the NC Forest Service as a forest landowner himself.
<b>Will the appointment improve the make-up of the board from an agricultural/nonagricultural perspective?</b>	Yes

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<b>Describe how the appointment improves the non-ag representation for the board:</b>	The local Fire Depts. in Gaston county use the local SWCD to assess and certify water points to use for safety, infrastructure, and insurance purposes.
<b>Will the appointment improve the diversity of the board?</b>	No
<b>Has the nominee shown past involvement in an organization beyond the local level?</b>	Yes
<b>Describe how the nominee has been involved in an organization beyond the local level:</b>	Being involved in leadership positions with a VFD and his church, the candidate has previously represented these organizations beyond the local level.
<b>Will the appointment strengthen the District's opportunity to raise funds?</b>	Yes
<b>Please describe how the appointment strengthens the District's opportunity to raise funds?</b>	The candidate's strong community ties within his church will strengthen the District's opportunity to raise funds.
<b>Will the appointment strengthen the District's education, marketing, and outreach efforts?</b>	Yes
<b>How will the appointment strengthen the District's education, marketing, and outreach efforts?</b>	The candidate's involvement in civic groups and personal knowledge of agriculture will strengthen the District's education and outreach efforts.
<b>Does the District wish to provide other justification in support of the nomination? If so, enter here:</b>	Candidate has both forest land and pasture, along with strong ties within the community. The board unanimously recommends Lee McConnell for this appointment.
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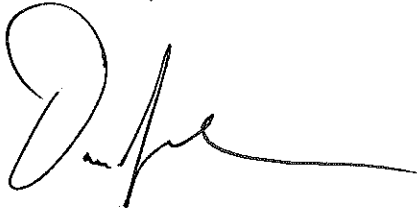
01/16/2024

Dear Gaston Soil and Water Conservation District Board,

It is with a heavy heart that I write this letter as an exit from the Gaston Soil and Water Conservation District Board. After 15 years as a staff member and nearly 4 years as a board member I have spent nearly 2 decades dedicating my time to ensuring that our local resources in Gaston County are protected and managed to the best of our ability. Unfortunately, I am at a point in my personal and professional life where I need to dedicate as much time as I can to my endeavors with my family and also the City of Gastonia's Stormwater Program. I therefore must resign my seat with the Gaston Soil and Water Board and focus on these two areas.

I have learned much from each of you in various capacities and I hope that my contributions have made a positive impact on our local community. I wish to thank you all for the time and guidance you have provided me during my time on the board. It is my hope to continue partnering with this organization as a citizen and representative of the City of Gastonia.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Danon Lawson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.


Danon Lawson

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<b>Appointment or Reappointment</b>	New Appointment
<b>District:</b>	Henderson
<b>Unexpired/Expired Term of Supervisor:</b>	Jerred Nix
<b>Elected/Appointed</b>	Elected
<b>Term of Office</b>	December 2022 to December 2026
<b>Name of Nominee:</b>	Brent P. Coston
<b>Nominee Mailing Address:</b>	3325 Old Clear Creek Rd
<b>City:</b>	Hendersonville
<b>State:</b>	NC
<b>Zipcode:</b>	28792
<b>Nominee Email Address:</b>	brent@bearwallowvalleyfarms.com
<b>Nominee Mobile or Home Phone:</b>	18285138662
<b>Age</b>	41
<b>Occupation:</b>	Farming, Apple Grower

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<b>Education:</b>	BS Industrial Management, Clemson University, 2004
<b>Positions of leadership NOW held by nominee:</b>	Small business owner; Board Member of North Carolina Apple Growers Association
<b>Former Occupations or Positions of Leadership Contributing to Nominee's qualifications:</b>	Plant Manager, Elkamet, Inc. 2014-2019 (East Flat Rock, NC) Quality Manager, Elkamet, Inc 2009-2014 (East Flat Rock, NC)
<b>Other pertinent information:</b>	4th Generation apple grower native to Henderson County
<b>If appointed, I am willing to attend Basic Training for Soil &amp; Water Conservation District Supervisors within the first year after appointment?</b>	Yes
<b>The program and purpose of the soil and water conservation district been explained to me?</b>	Yes
<b>I am willing to attend and participate in (check all that apply)?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Local District Meetings</li><li>• Area Meetings</li><li>• State Meetings</li></ul>
<b>Nominee Signature:</b>	
<b>Typed/printed name:</b>	Brent Coston
<b>Date:</b>	3/1/2024
<b>Printed certification signature page for board approval. Only necessary if signature box is not signed above.</b>	<a href="#">Brent_Coston_Nomination_Letter_Signed.pdf (277 KB)</a>
<b>Resignation letter (only needed if vacancy is due to resignation).</b>	<a href="#">Resignation_Letter_Jerred_Nix.pdf (183 KB)</a>
<b>Is the nominee actively engaged in, or recently</b>	Yes

**retired from, an agricultural operation?**

<b>Please explain the nominee's connection to agriculture:</b>	Brent owns a farm that grows various fruits and vegetables, and sells eggs.
<b>Number of current District Supervisors actively engaged in, or recently retired from, an agricultural operation.</b>	3
<b>Will the appointment provide an opportunity to engage a segment of agriculture not currently being served?</b>	Yes
<b>Please describe how the nominee improves the ag diversity of the board:</b>	Brent is a diversified farmer, providing ag items not represented by our current board. He is the only one who participates in a CSA program, and he would also be the only member to represent egg farmers.
<b>Will the appointment bring new leadership skills to the board?</b>	Yes
<b>Please describe the new leadership skills the nominee brings to the board:</b>	In the past, Brent has served many years as a manager for Elkamet, Inc., showing great leadership as he worked his way up from entry level manager/engineer to Plant Manager.
<b>Will the appointment strengthen the political connection/influence of the district, especially at the county level?</b>	Yes
<b>Please describe the new advocacy skills the nominee brings to the board:</b>	Brent's connections with the North Carolina Apple Growers Association would be of great benefit to our county and board.
<b>Will the appointment provide representation from a portion of the county not currently represented?</b>	Yes
<b>Describe how the</b>	Brent represents small family-farm owners in the

<b>appointment improves the geographic representation for the board:</b>	eastern portion of Henderson County.
<b>Will the appointment improve opportunities to work with non-traditional partners?</b>	Yes
<b>Please describe how the appointment improves partnership opportunities for the district:</b>	Brent earned his Bachelors degree from Clemson University. His alumni status brings with it vast networking opportunities.
<b>Will the appointment improve the make-up of the board from an agricultural/nonagricultural perspective?</b>	Yes
<b>Describe how the appointment improves the non-ag representation for the board:</b>	Brent's role as the father of young children is a great strength from a non-ag perspective. He will be able to help guide decisions for the county based on current issues affecting it, as well as future concerns and what we will pass on as a community to today's youth.
<b>Will the appointment improve the diversity of the board?</b>	Yes
<b>Please describe how the appointment improves the diversity of the board:</b>	Brent is a relatively young farmer with a young family, which is a unique niche he would be able to fill on our board.
<b>Has the nominee shown past involvement in an organization beyond the local level?</b>	Yes
<b>Describe how the nominee has been involved in an organization beyond the local level:</b>	Brent is a Board Member of North Carolina Apple Growers Association, which is a statewide organization "giv[ing] growers a voice in the protection and advancement of the apple industry, providing education, information, support, advice and fellowship."
<b>Will the appointment strengthen the District's opportunity to raise funds?</b>	Yes



<b>Please describe how the appointment strengthens the District's opportunity to raise funds?</b>	Brent has young school-aged children. Elementary schools are often at the forefront of fund-raising techniques, and Brent will be able to offer such insights to the District.
<b>Will the appointment strengthen the District's education, marketing, and outreach efforts?</b>	Yes
<b>How will the appointment strengthen the District's education, marketing, and outreach efforts?</b>	Brent has built his farm business from a multi-farm CSA program to a local and national wholesale operation along with a roadside popup stand. This exemplifies his ability to engage with the public and grow relationships within the community.
<b>Does the District wish to provide other justification in support of the nomination? If so, enter here:</b>	Brent is responsible, responsive, and eager to assist our District. He has received unanimous support from our board.
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March 1, 2024

Soil and Water Conservation Commission  
Chairman John Langdon  
1614 Mail Service Center  
Raleigh, NC 27699-1614

Dear Chairman Langdon:

I hereby certify that the board of supervisors considered the Guiding Principles for Supervisor Nomination for Appointment when selecting Brent P. Coston as candidate for nomination. I also certify that this nomination has been considered and approved at an official meeting of the board of supervisors and entered in the official minutes of the board.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Andrew C. Brannon".

Andrew C. Brannon, Chairman  
Henderson County Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors



February 27, 2024

Mr. Andrew C. Brannon  
Henderson County Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors  
61 Triple Springs Rd  
Hendersonville, NC 28792

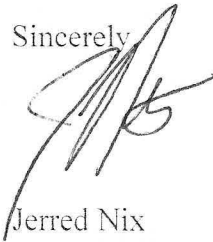
Dear Andrew,

Please accept this letter as the formal resignation of my position on the Henderson County Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors, effective immediately.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve and provide my input. However, my business commitments have been extensive, providing me with too little time to fulfill my responsibilities as a board member.

I wish you and the board all the best.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Nix", written over the word "Sincerely".

Jerred Nix

**Wiklund, Helen**

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**From:** noreply@fs3.formsite.com on behalf of Formsite <noreply@fs3.formsite.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 6, 2024 2:11 PM  
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<b>Login Email</b>	janefitzgerald@jacksonnc.org
<b>Appointment or Reappointment</b>	New Appointment
<b>District:</b>	Jackson
<b>Unexpired/Expired Term of Supervisor:</b>	Boyce Deitz
<b>Elected/Appointed</b>	Appointed
<b>Term of Office</b>	December 2022 to December 2026
<b>Name of Nominee:</b>	Chet Stephens
<b>Nominee Mailing Address:</b>	241 Tobacco Road

<b>City:</b>	Cullowhee
<b>State:</b>	NC
<b>Zipcode:</b>	28723
<b>Nominee Email Address:</b>	chetstephens1@hotmail.com
<b>Nominee Mobile or Home Phone:</b>	8285075248
<b>Age</b>	63
<b>Occupation:</b>	retired 911 dispatcher/ current cattle farmer
<b>Education:</b>	12 grade
<b>Positions of leadership NOW held by nominee:</b>	Asst Chief of Cullowhee FD, on Board of Directors Cullowhee FD, Jackson County VP of Farm Bureau Board, VP of Jackson County Ag Advisory Board
<b>Former Occupations or Positions of Leadership Contributing to Nominee's qualifications:</b>	38 years on the Cullowhee VFD, an officer for the majority of those years. Lifelong resident of Jackson County, who was raised on the farm.
<b>Other pertinent information:</b>	Chet is an actively engaged member of the community and has an extensive knowledge of the county and its residents.
<b>If appointed, I am willing to attend Basic Training for Soil &amp; Water Conservation District Supervisors within the first year after appointment?</b>	Yes

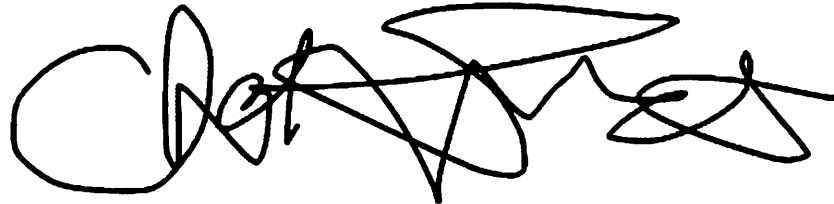
The program and purpose of the soil and water conservation district been explained to me?

Yes

I am willing to attend and participate in (check all that apply)?

- Local District Meetings
- Area Meetings
- State Meetings

Nominee Signature:



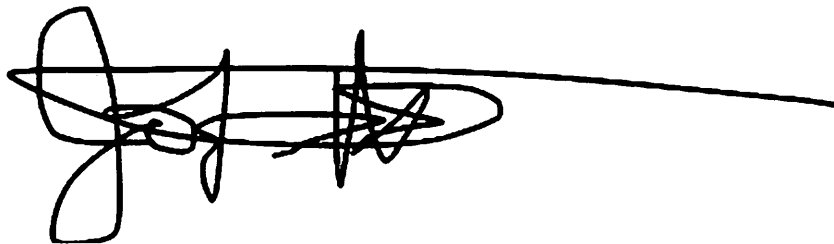
Typed/printed name:

Chet Stephens

Date:

2/6/2024

District Board Chair Signature (or Vice Chair if Chair is being nominated):



Typed/printed name:

John Wittekind

Date:

2/6/2024

<b>Is the nominee actively engaged in, or recently retired from, an agricultural operation?</b>	Yes
<b>Please explain the nominee's connection to agriculture:</b>	Chet was born on a farm and continues to raise cattle on the farm her grew up on.
<b>Number of current District Supervisors actively engaged in, or recently retired from, an agricultural operation.</b>	4
<b>Will the appointment provide an opportunity to engage a segment of agriculture not currently being served?</b>	No
<b>Will the appointment bring new leadership skills to the board?</b>	Yes
<b>Please describe the new leadership skills the nominee brings to the board:</b>	Chet is currently involved with several other boards and frequently travels to attend those local, state and national meetings. He currently serves as Vice Chair on two boards, is the Assistant Fire Chief of the Cullowhee Fire Department. He would bring very strong leadership to the Soil and Water Board.
<b>Will the appointment strengthen the political connection/influence of the district, especially at the county level?</b>	Yes
<b>Please describe the new advocacy skills the nominee brings to the board:</b>	Chet knows several of Jackson County's Elected Officials and would be a great connection to implement Soil and Water Programs.

<p><b>Will the appointment provide representation from a portion of the county not currently represented?</b></p>	<p>No</p>
<p><b>Will the appointment improve opportunities to work with non-traditional partners?</b></p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p><b>Please describe how the appointment improves partnership opportunities for the district:</b></p>	<p>Chet knows a lot of people involved in the Forestry Industry.</p>
<p><b>Will the appointment improve the make-up of the board from an agricultural/nonagricultural perspective?</b></p>	<p>No</p>
<p><b>Will the appointment improve the diversity of the board?</b></p>	<p>No</p>
<p><b>Has the nominee shown past involvement in an organization beyond the local level?</b></p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p><b>Describe how the nominee has been involved in an organization beyond the local level:</b></p>	<p>Chet just went to the American Farm Bureau Conference in Utah as a representative of North Carolina.</p>
<p><b>Will the appointment strengthen the District's opportunity to raise funds?</b></p>	<p>Yes</p>



## ATTACHMENT 9A

**Please describe how the appointment strengthens the District's opportunity to raise funds?**

Chet is currently on the Jackson County Farm Bureau Board and has helped get funding from them for other Boards he is currently on.

**Will the appointment strengthen the District's education, marketing, and outreach efforts?**

Yes

**How will the appointment strengthen the District's education, marketing, and outreach efforts?**

Chet has been involved with outreach of the other Boards he currently serves on. Chet also has been raised in Jackson County and knows many community members, he would easily be able to help promote the District's programs.

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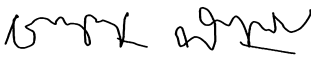

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<b>Appointment or Reappointment</b>	New Appointment
<b>District:</b>	McDowell
<b>Unexpired/Expired Term of Supervisor:</b>	Beverly Lonon Foster
<b>Elected/Appointed</b>	Elected
<b>Term of Office</b>	December 2020 to December 2024
<b>Name of Nominee:</b>	Robert Yutzy
<b>Nominee Mailing Address:</b>	2689 Landis Lane
<b>City:</b>	Nebo
<b>State:</b>	NC
<b>Zipcode:</b>	28761
<b>Nominee Email Address:</b>	yutzyr@yahoo.com
<b>Nominee Mobile or Home Phone:</b>	828-652-7056
<b>Age</b>	71
<b>Occupation:</b>	Retired
<b>Education:</b>	Bachelors in Education

## ATTACHMENT 9A

<b>Positions of leadership NOW held by nominee:</b>	Watershed Board Member.
<b>Former Occupations or Positions of Leadership Contributing to Nominee's qualifications:</b>	Teacher.
<b>If appointed, I am willing to attend Basic Training for Soil &amp; Water Conservation District Supervisors within the first year after appointment?</b>	Yes
<b>The program and purpose of the soil and water conservation district been explained to me?</b>	Yes
<b>I am willing to attend and participate in (check all that apply)?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Local District Meetings</li><li>• Area Meetings</li><li>• State Meetings</li></ul>
<b>Nominee Signature:</b>	
<b>Typed/printed name:</b>	Robert Yutzy
<b>Date:</b>	2-13-2024
<b>District Board Chair Signature (or Vice Chair if Chair is being nominated):</b>	
<b>Typed/printed name:</b>	Neil Brackett
<b>Date:</b>	02/13/2024
<b>Resignation letter (only needed if vacancy is due to resignation).</b>	<a href="#">Beverly_Foster_Resignation_Letter.jpg (177 KB)</a>
<b>Is the nominee actively engaged in, or recently retired from, an agricultural operation?</b>	No
<b>Number of current District Supervisors actively engaged in, or recently retired from, an agricultural operation.</b>	3

## ATTACHMENT 9A

<b>Will the appointment provide an opportunity to engage a segment of agriculture not currently being served?</b>	No
<b>Will the appointment bring new leadership skills to the board?</b>	Yes
<b>Please describe the new leadership skills the nominee brings to the board:</b>	Former debate teacher.
<b>Will the appointment strengthen the political connection/influence of the district, especially at the county level?</b>	Yes
<b>Please describe the new advocacy skills the nominee brings to the board:</b>	Would be beneficial to advocate for budget policies.
<b>Will the appointment provide representation from a portion of the county not currently represented?</b>	Yes
<b>Describe how the appointment improves the geographic representation for the board:</b>	Represents Dysartsville Community, which is heavily farmed.
<b>Will the appointment improve opportunities to work with non-traditional partners?</b>	No
<b>Will the appointment improve the make-up of the board from an agricultural/nonagricultural perspective?</b>	Yes
<b>Describe how the appointment improves the non-ag representation for the board:</b>	As a former teacher and small farm operator, the appointment will be of great help in this area.
<b>Will the appointment improve the diversity of the board?</b>	Yes
<b>Please describe how the appointment improves the diversity of the board:</b>	Influential in the outreach programs.

<b>Has the nominee shown past involvement in an organization beyond the local level?</b>	Yes
<b>Describe how the nominee has been involved in an organization beyond the local level:</b>	Previous State Chairman of Speech and Debate (Tarheel Forensics League)
<b>Will the appointment strengthen the District's opportunity to raise funds?</b>	Yes
<b>Please describe how the appointment strengthens the District's opportunity to raise funds?</b>	Appointment is a respected member of the community.
<b>Will the appointment strengthen the District's education, marketing, and outreach efforts?</b>	Yes
<b>How will the appointment strengthen the District's education, marketing, and outreach efforts?</b>	Former Debate teacher.
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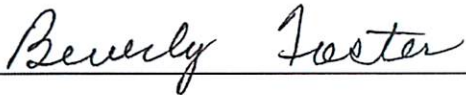
December 13, 2023

To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this letter as formal notification that I am resigning from my elected position as a District Board Member for McDowell County Soil and Water Conservation District. I am no longer physically able to carry out my duties. My last day will be effective immediately.

I wish the McDowell County Soil and Water Conservation District continued success, and I hope to stay on as an Associate Supervisor.

Sincerely,

  
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Beverly Foster

**Wiklund, Helen**

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<b>Appointment or Reappointment</b>	New Appointment
<b>District:</b>	Stokes
<b>Unexpired/Expired Term of Supervisor:</b>	Dowell Lester
<b>Elected/Appointed</b>	Elected
<b>Term of Office</b>	December 2022 to December 2026
<b>Name of Nominee:</b>	Joseph Bennett
<b>Nominee Mailing Address:</b>	1090 Victory Ln.

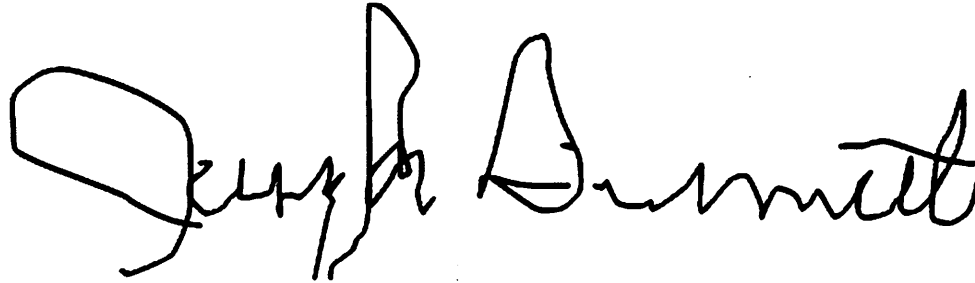
<b>City:</b>	Westfield
<b>State:</b>	NC
<b>Zipcode:</b>	27053
<b>Nominee Email Address:</b>	jbenn52@gmail.com
<b>Nominee Mobile or Home Phone:</b>	336-408-7441
<b>Age</b>	71
<b>Occupation:</b>	Retired - RJ Reynolds Tobacco Co.
<b>Education:</b>	Bachelor of Science in Psychology - Gardner Webb University
<b>Positions of leadership NOW held by nominee:</b>	Willing Vessel Christian Center - Senior Elder (Deacon), Lay Speaker
<b>Former Occupations or Positions of Leadership Contributing to Nominee's qualifications:</b>	Manufacturing Manager at RJR Tobacco Co., Former Nancy Reynolds Elementary School Bd. Member, Former Sauratown Fire Dept. Bd. Member, Eagle Scout
<b>If appointed, I am willing to attend Basic Training for Soil &amp; Water Conservation District Supervisors within the first year after appointment?</b>	Yes
<b>The program and purpose of the soil and water conservation district been explained to me?</b>	Yes



I am willing to attend and participate in (check all that apply)?

- Local District Meetings
- Area Meetings
- State Meetings

Nominee Signature:



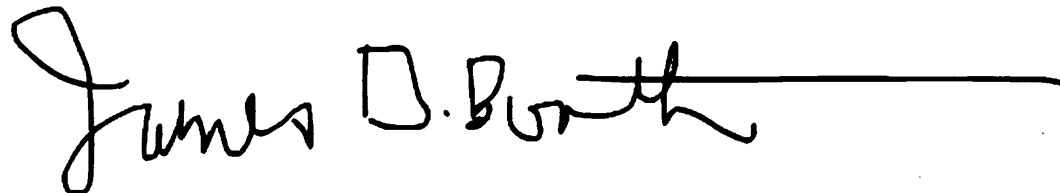
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Date:

2/22/24

District Board Chair Signature (or Vice Chair if Chair is being nominated):



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James Booth

Date:

2/22/24

Resignation letter (only needed if vacancy is due to resignation).

[Resignation\\_Letter\\_-\\_Dowell\\_Lester.pdf \(173 KB\)](#)

Is the nominee actively engaged in, or recently retired from, an agricultural operation?

No

<p><b>Number of current District Supervisors actively engaged in, or recently retired from, an agricultural operation.</b></p>	<p>2</p>
<p><b>Will the appointment provide an opportunity to engage a segment of agriculture not currently being served?</b></p>	<p>No</p>
<p><b>Will the appointment bring new leadership skills to the board?</b></p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p><b>Please describe the new leadership skills the nominee brings to the board:</b></p>	<p>With Mr. Bennett's experience in management as well as his service on a local elementary school board, and his leadership in the Church will enhance the level of leadership now on the board.</p>
<p><b>Will the appointment strengthen the political connection/influence of the district, especially at the county level?</b></p>	<p>No</p>
<p><b>Will the appointment provide representation from a portion of the county not currently represented?</b></p>	<p>No</p>
<p><b>Will the appointment improve opportunities to work with non-traditional partners?</b></p>	<p>No</p>
<p><b>Will the appointment improve the make-up of the board from an</b></p>	<p>No</p>

**agricultural/nonagricultural perspective?**

**Will the appointment improve the diversity of the board?**

No

**Has the nominee shown past involvement in an organization beyond the local level?**

No

**Will the appointment strengthen the District's opportunity to raise funds?**

No

**Will the appointment strengthen the District's education, marketing, and outreach efforts?**

Yes

**How will the appointment strengthen the District's education, marketing, and outreach efforts?**

Mr. Bennett's past experience as a local elementary school board member will strengthen the district's educational efforts by providing an understanding of the educational system not currently represented.

**Does the District wish to provide other justification in support of the nomination? If so, enter here:**

Mr. Bennett would be a strong asset to the Stokes Soil & Water Board due to his ability and eagerness to learn and contribute to the needs of the district. He was born and raised on his family's farm where he currently resides. As referenced above Mr. Bennett has held positions of leadership locally that have contributed to the community that he feels led to serve.

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January 17, 2024

James Booth, Chairman  
Stokes Soil & Water Conservation District  
PO Box 98  
Danbury, NC 27016

**RE: Board Resignation**

This letter is my notice of resignation as a member of the Stokes Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors to become effective March 15, 2024.

I've made this decision due to major health issues I'm experiencing.

It has been with great pleasure to serve alongside the individuals at this organization and I will always appreciate the experience and knowledge I gained during my time here.

Sincerely,



Dowell Lester

**Wiklund, Helen**

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<b>District:</b>	Vance
<b>Unexpired/Expired Term of Supervisor:</b>	Talmadge Burgess
<b>Elected/Appointed</b>	Appointed
<b>Term of Office</b>	December 2022 to December 2026
<b>Name of Nominee:</b>	Rodney Dickerson
<b>Nominee Mailing Address:</b>	5404 Hicksboro Road

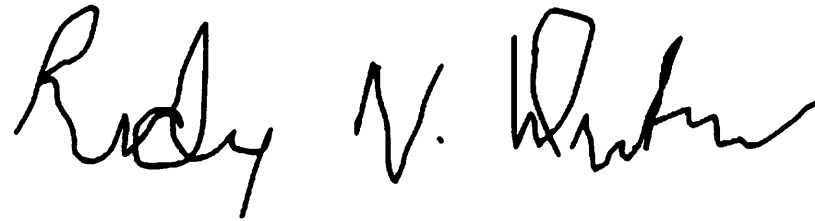
<b>City:</b>	Oxford
<b>State:</b>	NC
<b>Zipcode:</b>	27565
<b>Nominee Email Address:</b>	rdickerson@gmail.com
<b>Nominee Mobile or Home Phone:</b>	252-432-0963
<b>Nominee Business Phone:</b>	252-432-0963
<b>Age</b>	49
<b>Occupation:</b>	Farmer
<b>Education:</b>	Northern Vance High School
<b>Positions of leadership NOW held by nominee:</b>	Farm Bureau Board, currently
<b>Former Occupations or Positions of Leadership Contributing to Nominee's qualifications:</b>	Family farm and worked at the Tobacco Research Station in Oxford, NC
<b>Other pertinent information:</b>	FSA Board, Farm Bureau Board, Church Deacon, Volunteer Fire Department, Ducks Unlimited, FFA, RCW when in high school
<b>If appointed, I am willing to attend Basic Training for Soil &amp; Water Conservation District Supervisors within the first year after appointment?</b>	Yes

The program and purpose of the soil and water conservation district been explained to me? Yes

I am willing to attend and participate in (check all that apply)?

- Local District Meetings
- Area Meetings

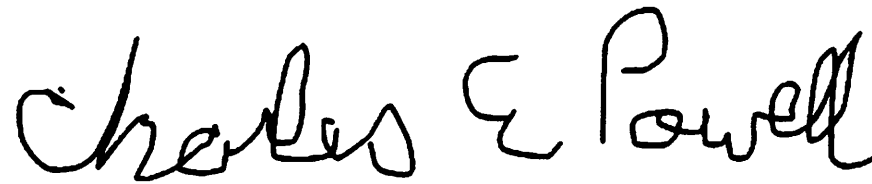
Nominee Signature:



Typed/printed name: Rodney N. Dickerson

Date: 12-12-2023

District Board Chair Signature (or Vice Chair if Chair is being nominated):



Typed/printed name: Charles Powell

Date: 02-06-2024

Is the nominee actively engaged in, or recently retired from, an agricultural operation? Yes

<p><b>Please explain the nominee's connection to agriculture:</b></p>	<p>Rodney Dickerson is actively farming tobacco, soybeans and wheat.</p>
<p><b>Number of current District Supervisors actively engaged in, or recently retired from, an agricultural operation.</b></p>	<p>4</p>
<p><b>Will the appointment provide an opportunity to engage a segment of agriculture not currently being served?</b></p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p><b>Will the appointment bring new leadership skills to the board?</b></p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p><b>Please describe the new leadership skills the nominee brings to the board:</b></p>	<p>Rodney Dickerson is very diverse in his leadership skills having been on numerous Ag. related boards.</p>
<p><b>Will the appointment strengthen the political connection/influence of the district, especially at the county level?</b></p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p><b>Please describe the new advocacy skills the nominee brings to the board:</b></p>	<p>Rodney is very diverse and knowledgeable in the Ag industry. he has leadership skills and farming background.</p>
<p><b>Will the appointment provide representation from a portion of the county not currently represented?</b></p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p><b>Describe how the appointment improves the geographic representation for the board:</b></p>	<p>Rodney is an active farmer in the county.</p>



**Will the appointment improve opportunities to work with non-traditional partners?**

Yes

**Please describe how the appointment improves partnership opportunities for the district:**

Rodney is active in Fire Department, FSA and Farm Bureau Board.

**Will the appointment improve the make-up of the board from an agricultural/nonagricultural perspective?**

Yes

**Describe how the appointment improves the non-ag representation for the board:**

Rodney is a Church Deacon and has leadership role in Church.

**Will the appointment improve the diversity of the board?**

Yes

**Please describe how the appointment improves the diversity of the board:**

Rodney is younger and has new fresh outlooks of leadership responsibilities to add to the Board.

**Has the nominee shown past involvement in an organization beyond the local level?**

Yes

**Describe how the nominee has been involved in an organization beyond the local level:**

Rodney worked at the Tobacco Research Station and Ducks Unlimited.

**Will the appointment strengthen the District's opportunity to raise funds?**

Yes

**Please describe how the appointment strengthens the District's opportunity to raise funds?**

Rodney has been involved with numerous fundraisers for Fire Department and Church.

**Will the appointment strengthen the District's education, marketing, and outreach efforts?**

Yes

**How will the appointment strengthen the District's education, marketing, and outreach efforts?**

Rodney is a very strong, engaged farmer and has been living in the county all of his life and knows a lot of farmers and ranchers.

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