

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

AN INVESTIGATION OF A POSSIBLE VACANCY	)	CASE NO.
ON THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF KNOTT	)	2019-00132
COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT	)	

ORDER

This proceeding was initiated to determine whether a vacancy exists on the Board of Commissioners of Knott County Water and Sewer District (Knott District). On October 15, 2019, the Commission determined that a vacancy did exist following the expiration of Dale Hamilton's term on April 16, 2014, that the vacancy had not been filled, and that the Commission is authorized to fill the vacancy pursuant to KRS 74.020(4). Darrell Handshoe, Phillip Slone, and Dale Hamilton made written applications to the Commission to be considered for the position pursuant to the October 15, 2019 Order. Having interviewed the applicants and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission, by this Order, appoints Phillip Slone to fill the vacant seat.

In making our selection, the Commission must consider the totality of the circumstances, including the education, business and management experience, and personal history of the proposed candidates, and the existing financial and operating condition of the water district.<sup>1</sup> Based upon our review of the evidence of record, and Mr. Slone's experience, we find that Mr. Slone is the best suited candidate and that

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<sup>1</sup> See, e.g., Case No. 2012-00052, *Request to Fill Vacancies on Western Pulaski County Water District Board of Commissioners* (Ky. PSC Jan. 16, 2013).

there is no information to suggest that he is unqualified to serve in the designated positions. We further find that Mr. Slone resides in Knott District's territory; is of legal age; possesses adequate education, business skills, and experience to perform the duties of water district commissioner; and does not have any legal disability that would disqualify him from serving in the position.<sup>2</sup> Accordingly, the Commission finds that Mr. Slone should be appointed to fill the vacancy on Knott District's Board of Commissioners identified in the October 15, 2019 Order.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Phillip Slone is hereby appointed to fill the vacant seat identified in the October 15, 2019 Order.
2. The term that Phillip Slone is being appointed to fill shall expire on April 16, 2022.
3. The Executive Director shall serve a copy of this Order upon the Knott County Judge/Executive; the members of the Knott County Fiscal Court; the Knott District's Board; Dale Hamilton; Phillip Slone; and Darrell Handshoe.
4. This proceeding is closed and removed from the Commission's docket.

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<sup>2</sup> See, e.g., KRS 74.020(1)(a) ("Members of the board shall be residents of the district, or of any incorporated or unincorporated area served by the district in the county in which the district was originally established.").

By the Commission

ENTERED  
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SERVICE COMMISSION

ATTEST:



Executive Director

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