

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-04  
of the  
ARKANSAS NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

A RESOLUTION IN RESPECTFUL MEMORY OF MR. FRED FOWLKES IN  
RECOGNITION OF HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE STATE OF ARKANSAS  
THROUGH HIS SERVICE ON THE ARKANSAS NATURAL RESOURCES  
COMMISSION AND OTHER LIFELONG ACTIVITIES

WHEREAS, Mr. Fred Fowlkes was born on January 13, 1946, in San Diego, California and died on August 25, 2020, in Vilonia, Arkansas, at the age of seventy-four (74) years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fowlkes served in the 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division in the Viet Nam War and was awarded the Bronze Star for Meritorious Service; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fowlkes received a degree in engineering from the University of Arkansas-Fayetteville; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fowlkes began his professional career at the United States Department of Agriculture Soil Conservation Service (now Natural Resources Conservation Service) as Watershed Planning Engineer for the state of Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fowlkes continued working professionally in Arkansas attaining employment with Arkansas Power & Light Company (now Entergy Arkansas, Inc) with whom he had a 25-year expansive career; and

WHEREAS, after his retirement from Entergy Arkansas, Inc., Mr. Fowlkes began Fowlkes Engineering and continued to serve the state as city engineer for the city of Vilonia; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fowlkes had numerous accomplishments in civic and community affairs; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fowlkes was appointed the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission on March 5, 2012, by Governor Beebe and was reappointed on February 1, 2019, by Governor Hutchinson; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fowlkes served as Chairman of the Commission in the year 2018 and vice-chairman in 2017; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fowlkes's calm demeanor, professionalism and engineering expertise was of great benefit to the Commission and the state of Arkansas during his service on the Commission.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ARKANSAS NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING ON THIS SIXTEETH (16<sup>th</sup>) DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2020:

THAT the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission recognizes Mr. Fowlkes's commitment, hard work, dedication, and service to the State of Arkansas and especially, his dedicated service on the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission and commends him for his efforts to improve the quality of life for the citizens of Arkansas.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the individual members of the Commission hereby express sincere condolences to the family of Mr. Fowlkes and upon adoption of this resolution, an appropriate copy shall be provided to his family by the Commission Director.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED: September 16, 2020

ARKANSAS NATURAL RESOURCES  
COMMISSION

By:   
Bill Poynter, Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Bruce Holland, Director