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## Arkansas Natural Resources Commission Makes Conservation District Director Appointments

**LITTLE ROCK, AR** –The Arkansas Department of Agriculture’s Natural Resources Commission approved two new conservation district director appointments and five reappointments at its meeting on September 28.

The Arkansas Department of Agriculture’s Natural Resources Division provides leadership and support for Arkansas’s 75 conservation districts. Conservation districts are political subdivisions of the State of Arkansas created by the Arkansas General Assembly in 1937 for the purpose of providing locally led conservation of the state’s land and water resources. Each district is governed by a board of five directors, including three elected by resident landowners and two appointed by the Natural Resources Commission.

“Many state and federal conservation programs are made available through conservation districts,” said Chris Colclasure, Director of the Natural Resources Division. “They provide technical assistance and resources to landowners in their counties, and the local board members play an especially important role in managing district business and staff,” said Colclasure.

Two districts appointed new directors:

- **Lafayette County** – Stephen Allen
- **Prairie County** – Sam Prislovsky

Four districts reappointed directors:

- **Johnson County** – Robert Kimbrough and Jason James
- **Lafayette County** – Billy Grimmett
- **Ouachita County** – Allen Russell
- **Pike County** – Billy Maroon

More information about the Natural Resource Division’s conservation programs can be found at [agriculture.arkansas.gov/natural-resources/divisions/conservation/](https://agriculture.arkansas.gov/natural-resources/divisions/conservation/) or by contacting Megan Perkins at [megan.m.perkins@agriculture.arkansas.gov](mailto:megan.m.perkins@agriculture.arkansas.gov) or 501 682-3968. Learn more about the Arkansas Department of Agriculture at [agriculture.arkansas.gov/](https://agriculture.arkansas.gov/).

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