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Good morning,

Please see the press release below from Governor Kehoe announcing appointments to the Soil and Water District Commission.

Ms. Collins and Mr. Sherrell will be on the commission filling seats south of the Missouri River and Mr. Lambert will be filling a seat for north of the Missouri River. The appointments are filling the vacant positions due to the resignation of Commissioner Tim Martin and Commissioner Kenny Lovelace. The other appointment is replacing Commissioner Keith Stevens who was on a expired term.

The appointed commissioners will not official be seated as a commissioner until they are approved through the Senate confirmation process. Therefore, Commissioner Stevens will be able to perform his duties as a commissioner during the commission meeting on Wednesday, April 1st.

Thanks.

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From the Communications Office of Governor Mike Kehoe

Mike Kehoe Missouri Governor

Governor Kehoe Announces Ten Gubernatorial Appointments

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

March 27, 2026

JEFFERSON CITY, MO – Today, Governor Mike Kehoe announced eight gubernatorial appointments to various boards and commissions and filled two county vacancies.

Laura Collins, of Sikeston, was appointed to the **State Soil and Water Districts Commission**.

Ms. Collins is an experienced agricultural leader who currently serves as a partner at Willow & Co., as well as the president and manager of Hunter Gin, Inc. She currently serves as a board member for Farm Credit of Southeast Missouri, the Southeast Missouri Regional Water District, SEMO Health Network, and the University of Missouri Fisher Delta Research, Extension, and Education Center. Collins holds a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Business from Mississippi State University.

Christopher Dumm, of Gravois Mills, was appointed to the **Missouri Southern State University Board of Governors**.

Mr. Dumm is the owner of the Law Firm of Christopher W. Dumm. He has served on the Missouri Southern Foundation Board, the Missouri Southern Lionbackers Booster Club Steering Committee, and the Mercy Health Foundation Southwest Missouri/Kansas Board. Dumm earned his Juris Doctor from Regent University School of Law and a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration in Finance and Banking/Economics from the University of Missouri.

Amber Henry, of De Soto, was appointed to the **State Board of Chiropractic Examiners**.

Dr. Henry currently serves as the Executive Director of Professional Learning and Workforce Development at Logan University. Henry previously served as associate vice president for extended learning at Missouri Baptist University. Henry has served as a board member for Experience Jefferson County and the De Soto Community

Foundation, and as vice chair of the Jefferson County Health Department. She holds a Doctor of Education in Teacher Leadership and Instructional Technology from Walden University, an Education Specialist Degree in Information Systems and Learning Technologies from the University of Missouri, a Master of Education in Educational Administration from Southwest Baptist University, and a Bachelor of Science in Education in Elementary/Early Childhood Education from Missouri Baptist University.

Nick Kasik, of Lee's Summit, was appointed the **Missouri Workforce Development Board**.

Mr. Kasik currently serves as president of Federal Solutions Company in Blue Springs. He previously served as vice president of Kirlin Builders. Kasik has served as chairman of the National Association of Construction Professionals and as a trades advocate through his nonprofit, Working Class. He holds several trade-related certifications, as well as an associate degree from Northeast Community College.

Suzanne Kmet, of Gravois Mills, was appointed to the **Missouri Workforce Development Board**.

Ms. Kmet is the founder and president of Kmet HR Consulting. Prior to this role, she served as the director of firm administration for the Peddicord Wharton Law Firm. Kmet has served as state chair of the Society for Human Resource Management and as a member of the Lake of the Ozarks West Chamber of Commerce. She earned a Master of Science in Management and a Bachelor of Science in Aeronautics from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

Doug Miller, of California, was appointed as **Moniteau County Associate Commissioner, District 1**.

Mr. Miller is a lifelong resident of Moniteau County, having served 27 years as a middle school physical education and health teacher before retiring in 2021. In his tenure with the Moniteau County R-1 School District, Miller coached middle school and high school football and basketball, as well as high school boys and girls golf. He has remained active in the community by serving as an office manager for Rackers Manufacturing in California, as well as providing bus driving services for the school district as needed. Miller earned a Bachelor of Science in Education from Lincoln University.

Matt Lambert, of Laclede, was appointed to the **State Soil and Water Districts Commission**.

Mr. Lambert is a longtime farm operator and former president of the Missouri Corn Growers Association. He also served on the Missouri Corn Merchandising Council Board of Directors for over a decade. Lambert currently serves on the Linn County Soil and Water Conservation District Board and is a member of the Missouri Cattlemen's Association. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Animal Science and Agronomy from Northwest Missouri State University.

Bobby Sandage, of Creve Coeur, was appointed to the **Drug Utilization Review Board**.

Dr. Sandage currently serves as CEO of Euclises Pharmaceuticals Inc. He also works as managing director for Lightchain Capital, LLC, and as a general partner at Cultivation Capital Life Sciences Fund II. He remains actively involved in professional leadership roles and previously served for over a decade as chairman of the Immunophotonics, Inc. Board of Directors. Sandage earned his Doctor of Philosophy in Clinical Pharmacy from Purdue University and his Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy from the University of Arkansas.

Jim Sherrell, of Macks Creek, was appointed to the **State Soil and Water Districts Commission**.

Mr. Sherrell is a farmer and owner of Industrial Maintenance & Mechanical Services, LLC. He also serves as president of Camden County Farm Bureau and chairman of the Missouri Farm Bureau Beef Committee. Sherrell has a strong record of leadership, including service on the Camden County Agricultural Youth Enrichment Council, the MU Extension Council, and as president of the Macks Creek Community Park Board. He also serves as past master of the Sullivan Masonic Lodge #69. Sherrell is a graduate of Sullivan High School.

Rodney Southard, of Rolla, was appointed as **Maries County Eastern District Commissioner**.

Mr. Southard is a fifth-generation Missouri farmer. Prior to retirement, he served as a support specialist for New Solutions, a program supporting the USDA and as a surface water specialist for the U.S. Geological Survey. Southard currently serves as chairman of the MU Extension Maries County and former vice chairman of Maries Soil and Water. He has also been involved with the Missouri Farm Bureau and the St. James R-1 School Board. Southard holds a Master of Science in Hydrology and Hydraulics and a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering, both from Missouri University of Science and Technology.

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Governor Mike Kehoe



About Governor Mike Kehoe

Mike Kehoe was sworn in as Missouri's 58th Governor on January 13, 2025. Guided by a dedication to public service and a commitment to Missouri families, Governor Kehoe has made public safety, education, economic development, and agriculture the cornerstones of his administration.

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