

# ATTACHMENT 7A

**Recommendations for Supervisor Appointment  
Soil and Water Conservation Commission  
May 20, 2026**

District	Name of Nominee	Replacing Name	Term	Willing to attend Basic Training	Willing to attend other meetings	Reason for Vacancy	Notes
Catawba	Julia Elmore	Steve Killian	Appointed (22-26)	Attended previously; 2019	Yes (local, area)	Passed away April 2026	Current board member (serving as Chair); strong female leader; horticultural operation. Ties to Farm Bureau, Cattlemen's Association and Young Farmers and Ranchers. Moving from elected seat.
Catawba	Brett Little	Julia Elmore	Elected (22-26)	Yes	Yes (local, area)	Moving to appointed seat	Engaged in agriculture - beef, broilers and bees. Provides geographic board diversity.

Revised 5/14/2026

**Fischer, Kristina**



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**From:** noreply@fs3.formsite.com on behalf of Formsite <noreply@fs3.formsite.com>  
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<b>Reference #</b>	16328630
<b>Status</b>	Complete
<b>Login Username</b>	rwillis@catawbacountync.gov
<b>Login Email</b>	rwillis@catawbacountync.gov
<b>Appointment or Reappointment</b>	New Appointment
<b>District:</b>	Catawba
<b>Unexpired/Expired Term of Supervisor:</b>	Unexpired- Steve Killian
<b>Elected/Appointed</b>	Appointed
<b>Term of Office</b>	December 2022 to December 2026
<b>Name of Nominee:</b>	Julia Elmore
<b>Nominee Mailing Address:</b>	4862 Range Ridge Rd.
<b>City:</b>	Claremont
<b>State:</b>	NC
<b>Zipcode:</b>	28610
<b>Nominee Email Address:</b>	julz91@embarqmail.com
<b>Nominee Mobile or Home Phone:</b>	828-320-4954

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<b>Age</b>	35
<b>Occupation:</b>	Self Employed- Broilers,Cattle, Horticulture
<b>Education:</b>	BA Animal Science/Ag. Business from NCSU
<b>Positions of leadership NOW held by nominee:</b>	Catawba Farm Bureau Member, Catawba Cattlemen's Assoc., Young Farmers and Ranchers
<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>	Julia Elmore
<b>Date:</b>	05/13/2026
<b>District Board Chair Signature (or Vice Chair if Chair is being nominated):</b>	
<b>Typed/printed name:</b>	Brandon Bowman

<b>Date:</b>	05/13/2026
<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>	Full time farmer- Broilers, cattle, horticulture
<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>	Continued leadership
<b>Will the appointment strengthen the political connection/influence of the district, especially at the county level?</b>	No
<b>Will the appointment provide representation from a portion of the county not currently represented?</b>	No
<b>Will the appointment improve opportunities to</b>	Yes

**work with non-traditional partners?**

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

Her horticultural operation has has opened the door for networking with like operations

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

No

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

Yes

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

Julia is the only female on the board

**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?**

Yes

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

Her connections with Farm Bureau is very helpful

**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?**

She is well known and respected in the ag. community where word of mouth endorsements are very valuable.

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**From:** noreply@fs3.formsite.com on behalf of Formsite <noreply@fs3.formsite.com>  
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<b>Login Email</b>	rwillis@catawbacountync.gov
<b>Appointment or Reappointment</b>	New Appointment
<b>District:</b>	Catawba
<b>Unexpired/Expired Term of Supervisor:</b>	Unexpired- Julia Elmore
<b>Elected/Appointed</b>	Elected
<b>Term of Office</b>	December 2022 to December 2026
<b>Name of Nominee:</b>	Brett Little
<b>Nominee Mailing Address:</b>	4565 Little Farm Dr.
<b>City:</b>	Denver
<b>State:</b>	NC
<b>Zipcode:</b>	28037
<b>Nominee Email Address:</b>	brettlittle23@yahoo.com
<b>Nominee Mobile or Home Phone:</b>	704-975-5334

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<b>Age</b>	40
<b>Occupation:</b>	Self Employed-Framer
<b>Education:</b>	Asst. Poultry & Livestock Management from NCSU
<b>Positions of leadership NOW held by nominee:</b>	N?A
<b>Former Occupations or Positions of Leadership Contributing to Nominee's qualifications:</b>	N?A
<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>	Brett Little
<b>Date:</b>	05/15/26

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



<b>Typed/printed name:</b>	Julia Elmore
<b>Date:</b>	05/13/2026
<b>Resignation letter (only needed if vacancy is due to resignation).</b>	<a href="#">Julia Elmore Resignation Letter 2026.pdf (14 KB)</a>
<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>	Broilers, Beef and bees
<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>	No
<b>Will the appointment bring new leadership skills to the board?</b>	No
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<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>	Brett is located in the SE quadrant of the 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>	Brett is a bee keeper and is involved in the bee keepers association
<b>Will the appointment improve the make-up of the board from an agricultural/nonagricultural perspective?</b>	No
<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>	No
<b>Will the appointment strengthen the District's opportunity to raise funds?</b>	No
<b>Will the appointment strengthen the District's education, marketing, and outreach efforts?</b>	Yes
<b>How will the appointment strengthen the District's</b>	Through the bee keepers association

CATAWBA COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
1175 SOUTH BRADY AVENUE  
NEWTON, NC 28658

May 6, 2026

Barbara Bleiweis  
Chair of NC Soil & Water Conservation Commission  
NC Division of Soil & Water Conservation  
1614 Mail Service Center  
Raleigh, NC 27699

Dear Chairperson Bleiweis,

This letter is to inform the Commission that I am resigning from my elected supervisor position as Catawba SWCD Vice Chair in order to serve in the appointed board supervisor position of Catawba SWCD Chair effective May 20, 2026, upon appointment to the new seat by the NC Soil & Water Conservation Commission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Julia Elmore".

Julia Elmore