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Moore Elected Chairman of Arkansas Highway Commission

LITTLE ROCK (3-11) – Robert S. Moore, Jr., of Arkansas City, was elected Chairman of the Arkansas Highway Commission at a special called meeting on March 9, according to Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT) officials.

Moore replaces the late Thomas B. Schueck of Little Rock, who passed away March 3, 2020, as Chairman. He was appointed to the Arkansas Highway Commission by Governor Mike Beebe effective January 22, 2013.

Commissioner Dalton A. (Alec) Farmer, Jr., of Jonesboro, was elected Vice Chairman at the same meeting.

Moore is a graduate of McGehee High School, Ouachita Baptist University and the University of Arkansas Law School. He served five years active duty as an Infantry Officer in the U.S. Army, including a year in Vietnam as an Army Pilot. Moore is a three-term member of the Arkansas House of Representatives and represented the 12th District in southeast Arkansas. He was elected by his peers to serve as Speaker of the House during his final term in the legislature in 2011.

Moore's public service began in 1974 as an Assistant Attorney General for Jim Guy Tucker. Governor David Pryor appointed Moore as chairman of the Arkansas Transportation Commission (which at that time regulated Intrastate Trucking) in 1977 where he served until 1981. In early 1986, he joined the staff of Governor Bill Clinton and, in 1987, was appointed by Clinton as Director of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division. He served in that capacity for two decades, being reappointed by Governors Tucker and Huckabee.

Moore also serves, by appointment of Governor Hutchinson, as a member of the Governor's Advisory Council on Cycling. He is an active member of a number of civic organizations statewide. In recognition of his work promoting tourism, he was inducted into the Arkansas Tourism Hall of Fame in 2019.

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Moore and his wife Beverly live on their farm outside of Arkansas City. His term on the Highway Commission will continue until January of 2023.

Alec Farmer was appointed by Governor Asa Hutchinson to serve a 10-year term on the Arkansas State Highway Commission. Farmer took the Oath of Office on January 27, 2015. His term will expire in January 2025.

A native of northeast Arkansas, Farmer is president of Farmer Enterprises, Inc., a family-owned farm and property investment and management company. He also serves on the board of the Childress Gin and Elevator Co., and as manager for Alec Farmer Farms, LLC. He continues to serve on the board of the Craighead Conservation District. In 2019, Farmer was inducted into the Arkansas Association of Conservation Districts Hall of Fame.

Farmer's public service includes terms on the Jonesboro City Council, the Jonesboro Metropolitan Area Planning Commission, Jonesboro City Water and Light and several other civic organizations.

Farmer graduated with honors from Arkansas State University in 1986, receiving his Bachelor of Science degree. Farmer was a recipient of the Arkansas State University Distinguished Alumni Award in 2019. He earned his Juris Doctorate degree from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock School of Law where he served on the Editorial Board of the UALR Law Journal. Farmer and his wife Carole live in Jonesboro and together they have four daughters.

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