

Chipola River Soil and Water Conservation District

May 18, 2023

Members present: Steve Johnson, Gary Purvis, Terry Eubanks, and Johnny Eubanks

Others present: Scott Williams, and Cathy Davis

The meeting was called to order to Chairman Johnny Eubanks. A motion was made by Terry Eubanks to approve the minutes from the February 16, 2023, meeting. Steve Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The treasurer report was given, and current balance is \$2,794.22.

Scott Williams, Soil Conservationist gave an overview of the activity in the Blountstown Field Office. We have 28 Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) applications with estimated \$1.6 million in estimated cost share and he will also be helping with Hurricane Ian cost share applications.

A mid-year sign up for EQIP and Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) and will be accepting applications. Will be making farm visits immediately with landowners discussing their plans they wish to implement with Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) practices available to our area.

The Conservation Breakfast was a big success. Attending the meeting were farmers, cattlemen/women, timber owners, along with nursery owner. All the agencies present mentioned their cost-share practices available, to make sure those in attendance knew the local opportunities. There was approximately 60 in attendance. We partnered with NRCS, Florida Department of Agriculture (FDACS), Institute of Food and Agriculture (IFAS), Florida Forest Service (FFS), Northwest Florida Water Management District (NSFWM) to name a few.

Blountstown High School had 3 teams competing in Land Judging held in Graceville Florida. The won their division and will compete at the state contest.

The next meeting is scheduled October 19th.

There being no other business, a motion was made by Terry Eubanks to adjourn the meeting Gary Purvis seconded the motion. Motion carried.