

Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District

May 24, 2021

Members present: Mark Curenton, Alan Pierce, and Krystal Hernandez

Members not present: Walter Armistead, Chuck Marks

Others present: Krystal Shuler Hernandez, Cathy Davis

The meeting was called to order by Alan Pierce.

The Treasurer's report was given, and the current balance is \$9,415.73. A deposit was made November 2, 2020 for the county commission appropriation of \$798.50. A motion was made by Alan Pierce to accept the treasurer's report. Krystal Hernandez seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Hilary Barnhart, District Conservationist gave an overview of the goings on from the Blountstown Field Office we have 15 contracts approved, most are for reforestation. We understand we may have more approvals trickle down. The 2020 sign up end of the batching period is scheduled for September 1st.

Since Hilary has been in the Blountstown Field Office, the office has paid out \$552,943 in 2019, \$1,101,067 in 2010, \$772,742, and \$168,047 in EQIP and CSP in the four counties.

Alan presented a potential project to the board; the Apalachicola Reserve will partner with Franklin County to develop a Perimeter Planting Plan for spoil disposal at the Eastpoint Breakwater site. This project will entail coordination with the Conservation Corps of the Forgotten Coast to harvest, transport, propagate, deliver, install, and monitor approximately 5,000 *Spartina Alternata* flora plants over a period of up to 3 years. Alan proposed the district pay roughly \$5,500 for the plants and so forth. It would be a great opportunity for the district to get their name out on a great conservation effort. Krystal Hernandez made a motion for the district to take on this project. Mark Curenton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 15, 2020; the meeting was adjourned.