

Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District

August 15, 2024

Members present: Chuck Marks, Walter Armistead, and Krystal Hernandez

Members not present: Alan Pierce and Mark Curenton

Others present: Cathy Davis

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Chuck Marks. A motion was made by Walter Armistead and seconded by Krystal Hernandez to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2024, meeting. Motion carried.

There was no treasurer's report was given with Mark Curenton absent.

Cathy Davis gave Scott Williams', District Conservationist report. The overview of the activity in the Blountstown Field Office. We have 32 applications in regular Environment Qualities Incentive Program (EQIP) and Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP). In CSP we have \$2,153,990 on 12,928.4 acres on 17 approved contracts. In EQIP we have \$608,527 on 1,052.1 acres on 15 approved contracts. All total of \$2,762,517, on 13,980.5 acres on 32 applications funded, which is the 6th office in the state for approved funding.

We still have 12 applications, totaling \$298,296, on 944.8 acres that we need funding for. Hopefully, more money will trickle down to us.

The Commission on Ethics has a little problem that's going to take a little bit to straighten out. Chuck completed his financial disclosure, back early May, but was showing he did not complete it, on the Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) drop down. But, had him as completed as a member of the Chipola River SWCD. Cathy's working on getting the problem corrected.

Cathy presented to the board a packet from The Education & Outreach Company. The company educational activity books on conservation provided for age-appropriate activities for school age kids. After a brief discussion, Krystal Hernandez made a motion to purchase an activity book, and a seed paper packet for the students. Walter Armistead seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Our next meeting is October 17, 2024. A motion was made by Walter Armistead and seconded by Krystal Hernandez. Motion carried.