

Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District

February 20, 2025

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

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. Motion carried.

No treasurer's report was given, because the treasurer wasn't present. The balance back in in October was \$5,513.23.

With Scott Williams, being absent Cathy Davis gave a brief overview of the Blountstown Field Office activities. We currently have 97 applications in total for F.Y. 24-25 in Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) and Conservation Stewardship Program. We also had an oyster/clam sign up for only biofouling. We had 12 applications with 10 approvals in Franklin County. Our Soil Conservationist Ethan Sapp was relieved of his duties with NRCS two week from his probationary period. Scott also, is having to cover the Monticello office, and they also have around 100 EQIP applications with one employee. How all the work is going to get done we have no idea.

There is a Senate Bill proposed concerning soil and water conservation districts. We are expecting a House Bill soon, that's the one that we need to keep our eye on.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 7th.

With no other business a motion was made by Walter Armistead to adjourn, the motion was seconded by Krystal Hernandez.