

## Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District

September 16, 2021

Members present: Mark Curenton, Walter Armistead, Krystal Hernandez, Alan Pierce, and Chuck Marks

Others present: Hilary Barnhart and Cathy Davis

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Chuck Marks. A motion was made by Walter Armistead to approve the minutes from the July 15, 2021 meeting. Alan Pierce seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was given, and the current balance is \$3,915.73, with no activity.

Hilary Barnhart, District Conservationist gave an overview of the activity in the Blountstown Field Office. We will be cohosting a Winter Grazing Workshop along with Deseret in Gulf County in January.

This year NRCS is telling us we will have a substantial funding increase in EQIP.

This year we have 20 contracts estimated at \$800,000.

The Local Workgroup Meeting (LWG) for F.Y.22-23 was held, and a motion was made by Alan Pierce and seconded by Mark Curenton, the 5 resource concerns for Franklin County are degraded plant condition, fire management, pest pressure, soil quality limitations, and terrestrial habitat. The motion carried.

Alan and Mark gave a report on the Eastpoint Dredge Project, dredging should start this fall/winter, hopefully. After digging the spoil, it is supposed to set for a year before planting will start. CORPS will do the dredging. Alan said, he will be in a meeting tomorrow and will give us a report at the next meeting.

There being no other business Walter Armistead made a motion to adjourn. Mark Curenton seconded the motion. Motion carried.