

Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District

May 18, 2023

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

Others present: Scott Williams and Cathy Davis

The meeting was called to order by Chuck Marks. The minutes of the January 19, 2023, meeting was reviewed, and a motion was made by Mark Curenton and seconded by Walter Armistead. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was given, and the current balance is \$4,714.23.

Scott Williams, acting District Conservationist gave an overview of the activity in the Blountstown Field Office. The office has 8 preapprovals with more expected through EQIP and Conservation Stewardship Program. We had interviews for the Soil Conservationist position, and it has been decided that the position will be readvertised. We are also told that we will have a Forester position in our office at some point this year. The position will cover Calhoun, Liberty, Gulf, Franklin, and Jackson Counties.

We still have an open seat on the board. Alan has been reappointed but will not be official until he goes down to the Supervisor of Elections office and completes his paperwork.

Mark gave the board a report of the East Point Dredge Project.

Association of Florida Conservation District (AFCD) Area 1 meeting was in Quincy May 8th. Scott and I attended and found that NRCS has a program where they will pay hotel stay and gas up to \$200 for two district Supervisors to go the AFCD Annual Meeting in September held in Gainesville.

The next meeting will be July 20th.

The meeting was adjourned.