

Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District

July 15, 2021

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

Members not present: Krystal Hernandez and Alan Pierce

Others present: Hilary Barnhart, Cathy Davis

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Chuck Marks. A motion was made by Walter Armistead to approve the May 24, 2021, meeting. Mark Curenton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was given, and the current balance is \$3,915.73. Check number 1030 was written to the county for reimbursement on the Eastpoint Breakwater site.

Hilary Barnhart, District Conservationist gave an overview of the goings on from the Blountstown Field Office. We cohosted along with Calhoun County IFAS a Conservation Breakfast Meeting. We had approximately 15 landowners participate in the meeting. It is something we would like to do annually.

At this time, we have 15 contracts approved out of 27 applications. We hope more money will trickle down, so we can get more approved. The Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) batching period will end September 1st.

We have a new employee starting in August. He previously worked with The National Turkey Federation in our Marianna USDA office. His background is in Wildlife and Forestry and has assisted with programs in the NRCS office.

NRCS is preparing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between NRCS and the district. A motion was made by Walter Armistead and seconded by Mark Curenton for Chairman to sign when MOU is received from the state office. Motion carried.

The board asked Cathy to check with the Fourth Grade Tree Program and order for 125 Sabel Palms.

The Containerized Gardening for Franklin County High School, Cathy Davis had several galvanized water troughs donated for the school.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 16th at the time we will hold our Local Workgroup Meeting for EQIP.

The meeting was adjourned.