

## Tupelo Soil and Water Conservation District

July 20, 2023

Members present: Jerry Gaskin, Dave Davis, and Joe Danford, and Gil Shealy

Other present: Cathy Davis, and Scott Williams

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jerry Gaskin. The minutes from the April 20, 2023, meeting was reviewed, and a motion was made by Joe Danford to approve the minutes, Gil Shealy seconded they motion. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report was given, the balance in the checking account is \$20.49 and savings is \$2,139.87.

Scott Williams District Conservationist gave an overview of the activity in the Blountstown Field Office. At this point, we have 19 approved contracts totaling \$1,252,694. The local fund for our office we have 5 contracts totaling \$292,627. This fund is based on the priorities set by the attendees at the Local Workgroup Group.

The Soil Conservationist position in the office should be readvertised at any time now and interviews will follow.

We now have an open seat on the board with Graham Dozier passing away. After a brief discussion, the board wanted to talk with Sammy Bailey to see, if he would be interested in serving. Jerry said, he would contact Mr. Bailey.

The Environmental Qualities Incentive Program (EQIP) sign up batching date will be announced in the fall. We do not have a set deadline, at this point.

The Association for Florida Conservation Districts (AFCD) annual meeting will be September 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> in Gainesville at the Hilton University Conference Center. The deadline for registration is August 25<sup>th</sup>. Funds are available to cover travel and lodging expenses for one District Supervisor per District to attend.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 19<sup>th</sup>. The meeting was adjourned.