

Tupelo Soil and Water Conservation District
17413 NW. Leonard St.
Blountstown, Fl 32424

October 19, 2023

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

Members not present: Dave Davis

Other present: Sammy Bailey, Cathy Davis, and Scott Williams

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jerry Gaskin. The minutes from the July 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 20 approved contracts totaling \$1.35 million in Calhoun and Liberty Counties. We did not have any applications from Gulf, or Franklin Counties. 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.

USDA-NRCS programs were explained to Sammy Bailey.

The Soil Conservationist position in the office will be readvertised.

The Environmental Qualities Incentives Program (EQIP) batching period will end November 17th.

A motion was made by Joe Danford to appoint Sammy Bailey to Seat 1, left by the passing of Gramham Dozier. The motion was seconded by Gil Shealy. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Gil Shealy for Chairman to sign all Annual Reports. Joe Danford seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The 2024 meeting dates are January 18th, April 18th, July 18th, and October 17, 2024.

There being no other business, a motion was made by Joe Danford and seconded by Gil Shealy to adjourn the meeting at 2:30 p.m.