

Chipola River Soil and Water Conservation District
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February 8, 2024

Members present: Steve Johnson, Gary Purvis, Jimmy Cox, Terry Eubanks, and Johnny Eubanks

Others present: Scott Williams and Cathy Davis

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Johnny Eubanks. A motion was made by Terry Eubanks to approve the minutes from the October 19, 2024, meeting. Steve Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report was given, and the current balance is \$2,794.22. A motion was made by Steve Johnson and seconded by Jimmy Cox to approve the report. Motion carried.

Scott Williams, District Conservationist gave an overview of the activity of the Blountstown Field Office. Obligations started coming in last week, the earliest it's ever happened before. The obligations are primarily high tunnels at this point. More obligations should be coming through from the Act Now Fund. Act Now is a funding pool that is set up for last year's applications that did not get funding.

We will be setting a date to host the Local Work Group (LWG) meeting, soon. The board is encouraged to attend. The LWG will set priorities for the office pool of money.

House Bill 1075, related Senate Bill 1772 was discussed with the board. No information has been given from Association of Florida Conservation Districts. Luckily, I'm getting a little information from the Florida Conservation District

Employees Association that I joined the end of last year, because of not getting information from AFCD.

Financial Disclosures will now need to be completed electronically now. The Calhoun County Supervisor of Election assured Gary Purvis your disclosures will remain the same.

The OPPAGA report, is a research arm of the Florida Legislature and will be compiling the information soon.

This year with the election cycle Steve Johnson, Johnny Eubanks, and Jimmy Cox will be up for reelection.

Our new employee Ethan Sapp, the Soil Conservationist will start February the 26th. He is coming over from National Wild Turkey Federation and will be an asset to the office. We look forward to Ethan joining us.

The next meeting will be May 9th.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned.