

Tupelo Soil and Water Conservation District

October 6, 2021

Members present: Gil Shealy, Jerry Gaskin, and Graham Dozier

Members not present: Joe Danford

Other present: Cathy Davis, and Hilary Barnhart

The meeting was called to order. A motion was made by Graham Dozier to appoint Jerry Gaskin as Chairman. Gil Shealy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report was given, the balance in the checking account is \$20.24 and in the savings account is \$2,133.12.

Hilary Barnhart, District Conservationist gave an overview of the activity in the Blountstown Field Office. We will be cohosting a Winter Grazing Workshop along with Deseret in Gulf County in January.

This year NRCS is telling us we will have a substantial funding increase in EQIP.

This year we have 20 contracts estimated at \$800,000.

The Local Workgroup Meeting (LWG) for F.Y. 22-23 will be held November 10th at the Blountstown USDA office, starting at 9:00 central. Jerry Gaskin said, he will be attending.

Gulf County has had \$4,437,789 cost shared through Emergency Watershed Program (EWP). Also, Port St. Joe received \$378,200.

Completed 700 acres in wetland determinations, mostly in Calhoun County.

NRCS is preparing a Memorandum of Understanding with the district. Once it is completed, we will review it, sign, and send return to NRCS.

The next meeting is scheduled January 19th at the Gulf County Extension Office, starting at 1:00.