## Chipola River Soil and Water Conservation District 17413 NW. Leonard Street Blountstown, FL 32424 (850)674-8271

February 16, 2023

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

Others present: Scott Williams and Cathy Davis

The meeting was called to order by Johnny Eubanks. A motion was made by Terry Eubanks to approve the minutes from the December 1st meeting. Steve Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was given, and current balance is \$2,894.22.

Scott Williams, Soil Conservationist gave an overview of the activity in the Blountstown Field Office. We have 28 Environmental Qualities Incentive Program (EQIP)applications with estimated \$1.6 in estimated cost share. He has been helping with Hurricane Ian cost share applications.

A mid-year EQIP Conservation Stewardship Program accepting applications until March 24<sup>th</sup>.

Scott has been offered the position as District Conservationist. He's not official yet but will be soon. Scott's promotion up will open the position of the Soil Conservationist in the future.

Hilary Barnhart has officially accepted the job in Gainesville at the State Office and will be moving soon.

The local Land Judging Contest will be held on March 7<sup>th</sup> in Cottondale. Blountstown FFA will be competing. Altha or Bristol have no interest in participating. A motion was made by Steve Johnson for the district to contribute \$100 towards going to the state contest. Terry Eubanks seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Next meeting will be May 18<sup>th</sup>. Meeting was adjourned.