

Choctawhatchee River Soil and Water Conservation District

ACCOMPLISHMENTS for FY 2023-24

The District Supervisors held and attended 3 regularly scheduled district meetings on 11/13/23, 2/12/24 and 8/12/24.

The Local Working Group meeting was held on May 13th to determine priority areas for Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) funding in Walton County.

The District Chairman and office manager attended the Area 1 Association of Florida Conservation Districts (AFCD) Meeting held in Marianna, Florida on May 30, 2024.

The District Office Manager attended Florida Conservation District Employee Association (FCDEA) meetings in April and in September in Gainesville, FL.

All reports for the district were prepared and filed with the proper state and local agencies prior to deadlines.

District staff worked with Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) personnel in providing technical assistance to 15 producers/landowners on 4,500+ acres who were not under any contractual obligation or agreement with NRCS.

Information or assistance was provided to 236 producers/landowners, not included in contract work, by phone, online or in person.

District staff assisted NRCS with accepting and processing 124 applications for EQIP and 31 Conservation Reserve Program (CSP). To date 15 new EQIP contracts have been approved, totaling \$1,787,711.00 on 4,136.5 acres and 9 CSP contracts have been applications have been approved, totaling \$1,277,517.00 on 6,864.1 acres.

District staff aids in gathering eligibility information, payment information and file management on the 85 active EQIP contracts totaling \$5,707,087.00 and 19 active CSP contracts totaling \$1,935,541.00. A typical contract is for 2 to 3 years.