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Brevard Soil and Water Conservation District

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Brevard Soil and Water Conservation District

Board of Supervisors

Business Meeting Minutes

The Brevard Soil and Water Conservation District met in a regular public session on Wednesday, November 13th, 2024, at 3:00 P.M., at Agricultural Center, 3695 Lake Drive, Cocoa, FL 32926

Board Members Present: Bud Crisafulli, Chair
Chris McMasters, Treasurer
Bill Kempfer, Secretary

Staff Members Present: Derrick Wyle, USDA NRCS, District Conservationist
Beth Shephard, UF/IFAS Brevard County Extension Director
Joe Walter, UF/IFAS Brevard County Agricultural Agent
Keith Newman, UF/IFAS Ag Program Assistant

Guests Present: N/A

Presented Documents

- Agenda
- September's Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 P.M. by Bud C.

Treasurer's Report:

The balance of the account is \$44,062.79.

Billy K. motioned to pay \$350.00 in dues to State Soil and Water Conservation. 2nd by Chris M.
Passed 3-0.

Billy K. motioned to approve the financial report, 2nd by Bud C.
Passed 3-0

Review and Approval of Minutes for the prior Board of Supervisors meeting:

Motioned by Chris M., 2nd by Billy K., Passed 3-0.

District Conservationist update:

Twenty-five total contracts (20 Equip and 5 CSP). (See Appendix 1 for notes.)

UF/IFAS Extension update:

Beth informed the board about Joe's retirement party on December 13th from 1-4. Beth also informed the board about the Agricultural Agents' position status.

Old Business:

1. Billy K. asked about the St. John's Canaveral Marsh agreement. Chris M. will write up the invoice for it.

New Business:

1. Beth announced the Legislative Luncheon's date of January 29th.

Additions to Agenda / Open Discussion:

1. Discussed what the future Agriculture Agent position would look like.
2. Tabled Farm Tour and Long-Range Plan for another meeting.

The meeting was moved to adjourn by Billy K., seconded by Chris M.; Motion passed 3-0 at 4:55 P.M.

Meeting minutes submitted by Keith N.

Appendix 1



United States Department of Agriculture

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November 13, 2024

Cocoa NRCS Report to BSWCD

On September 23, 2024 NRCS and the Seminole SWCD held a program sign-up event in Geneva. Seminole SWCD sent +900 postcards to addresses in Brevard and Seminole county to promote attendance. The address list was generated from county property appraiser's records of parcels with agricultural tax classification. Approximately 30 people attended the event. NRCS presented on Conservation Programs that area available to ag producers. Farm Service Agency attended and presented on their programs, specifically disaster related funding.

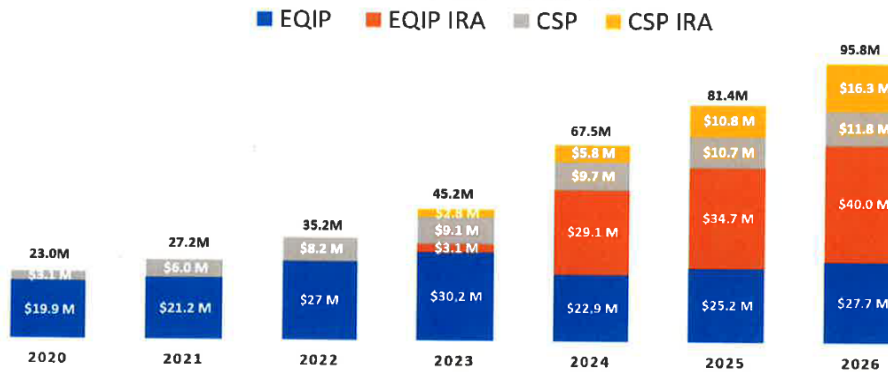
Sign-ups for FY 2025 programs were batched on 11/1/2024. NRCS accepts applications 365 days a year so producers can continue to sign up for a possible 2nd batch.

County	EQIP Applications	CSP Applications	Total
Brevard	20	5	25
Seminole	19	7	26

72% of this year's applicants have never participated in NRCS programs.

We're anticipating about \$81.4 million in funding.

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