Choctawhatchee River Soil & Water Conservation District

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Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes

May 11, 2026
5:30 p.m.

Present:	Leonard Thorn	Mellody Hughes
	Cathy Johnson	Ed O'Daniel
	Ray Jackson	Chris Menhennett
	Henry Hodges	

The meeting was called to order by Ray Jackson, Vice-Chairman, at 5:30 p.m. and opened with prayer.

Chris Menhennett led the Local Working Group meeting to determine conservation practice priority areas for Walton County for 2027.

The minutes for the February 9, 2026, meeting were reviewed. Cathy Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes for the February 9, 2026, meeting as printed, second by Henry. The motion passed unopposed. Minutes were signed by Cathy Johnson, Secretary/Treasurer.

The Financial Report was given as of May 11, 2026:

Regions Checking Balance	$39,857.87
Regions CD	$70,000.00
	$109,857.87

Financial Report for May 11, 2026, was approved as printed.

Leonard Thorn, Chairman, arrived and Ray turned over the meeting to him.

After reviewing the budget for FY 2025-26 YTD expenses, Cathy made a motion to move $250 from the line-item Meetings & Training to Gifts & Condolences. Second by Henry. The motion passed unanimously.

Chris gave his DC report.

Leonard met with Mark Henderson of 4739 Co Hwy 280A, DeFuniak Springs, Florida following the February 9, 2026, meeting and asked him to serve as Group Seat 3 Supervisor for Choctawhatchee River Soil and Water Conservation District. Mark

Henderson accepted the position pending a majority vote in his favor from the district. Ray made a motion to appoint Mark Henderson to serve as Group Seat 3 Supervisor for the district. Second by Henry. The motion passed unanimously.

Mellody gave an update on Association of Florida Conservation Districts, House Bill 123 and Florida Conservation District Employee Association.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, August 10, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.

Cathy made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Ray, the motion passed, the meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Minutes approved at the _____, _____, 202___ meeting by

_____
Cathy Johnson
Secretary/Treasurer
Choctawhatchee River SWCD

Attested:

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Mellody Hughes
Office Manager
Choctawhatchee River SWCD