

PUTNAM SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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**Local Work Group Minutes**

**Date:** April 15, 2021

**Present:**

Teddy Siehler, Chairman

John Newbold, Vice Chairman

Doug Doran, Supervisor

Larry Corn, Supervisor

Jason Ballard, FWC

William Korn, Ecowoodsmen, LLC

Yesmarie Chaparro-Feneque, District Conservationist

Gina Allen, Secretary

Meeting called to order at 8:30

Chaparro gave a presentation on the Local Working Group responsibilities and the locally led conservation process.

Key points of the presentation included the following:

. Identifying the biggest conservation needs in the County.

. Prioritizing conservation needs that can be addressed by USDA programs.

. Recommending USDA conservation program application funding criteria and focus of NRCS funding efforts.

. Assisting NRCS with public outreach and information.

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. Providing recommendation to the NRCS State Technical Advisory committee based on resource data.

FY 2021 Local Working Group Questionnaire was presented to each attendant for their input on each funding pool and resource concerns.

An Environmental Quality Incentives Program fact sheet was presented to each attendant for viewing.

5 Steps to Assistance on How to Get Assistance from NRCS for Farms, Ranches and Forests was presented to each attendant for viewing.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10