

**CRAIGHEAD COUNTY QUORUM COURT AGENDA**  
**MONDAY, JULY 28, 2025**  
**5:30 P.M.**

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**CRAIGHEAD COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX ADDITION, 511 UNION, QUORUM COURT**

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**INVOCATION** - Pastor Perry Jackson – St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church

**ASSEMBLY AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL**

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING’S MINUTES** – July 14, 2025

**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES** – Public Services, Finance, and Transportation

**OLD BUSINESS** - An Ordinance to Standardize Rates for Lake City Fire Protection

District – Final Reading

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Resolution to Appoint Erin Morphis to the Valley View Fire District Board
- Resolution to Re-appoint Dan Shaw to the Craighead County Solid Waste Board
- Resolution to Re-appoint Cameron Tate to the Craighead County Solid Waste Board
- Appropriation Ordinance to include Rural Community Grant monies to Fund 3591 for the Brookland Fire Protection District
- Craighead County Conservation District Annual Report

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**ADJOURNMENT**

## **QUORUM COURT MINUTES July 14, 2025**

Judge Day called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM

Invocation was led by Reverend Dr. Greg Ota- New Life Empowerment Ministries

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Justice Williams

Roll was called. All Justices were present.

Next order of business was the approval of the minutes for the June 23, 2025, meeting.

Justice Pasmore made the motion to approve, and Justice Longmire seconded the motion.

Judge Day took a vote, and it passed unanimously.

### **Old business**

The second reading of An Ordinance to Standardize Rates for Lake City Fire Protection District was read by title only. Justice Cook made a motion to read by title only, seconded by Justice Rogers. Judge day took a vote, and it passed unanimously.

### **No new business**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Judge Day asked everyone to keep Brandon Shrader, County Administrator, in your thoughts and prayers, as he is out with some medical issues.

### **NO PUBLIC COMMENT**

Motion to adjourn to committees was made by Justice Cook and seconded by Justice Alison.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:33pm

## **Public Services Committee Minutes**

**Date:** 7-14-2025

**Call to Order:** Justice Rogers called the Public Services Committee meeting to order at 5:38 PM.

**Attendance:** Justice Richard Rogers, Justice Brad Noel, Justice Linda Allison, and Justice Kevin Williams.

### **Resolution to Appoint Erin Morphis to the Valley View Fire District Board:**

A resolution to recommend the appointment of Erin Morphis to the Valley View Fire Protection District Board was brought before the committee. A motion to approve made by Justice Brad Noel and seconded by Justice Kevin Williams. All in favor. Resolution approved to bring before the full court.

### **Resolution to Re-appoint Dan Shaw to the Solid Waste Board:**

A resolution to recommend the re-appointment of Dan Shaw to the Craighead County Solid Waste Committee Board was brought before the committee. A motion to approve was made by Justice Linda Allison and seconded by Justice Kevin Williams. All in favor. Resolution approved to bring before the full court.

### **Resolution to Re-appoint Cameron Tate to the Solid Waste Board:**

A resolution to recommend the re-appointment of Cameron Tate to the Craighead County Solid Waste Committee Board was brought before the committee. A motion to approve by made by Justice Brad Noel and seconded by Justice Kevin Williams. All in favor. Resolution approved to bring before the full court.

### **Ordinance for Private Club Permit:**

An application for a private club permit by XTS Investments DBA 141 Prime at Sterling Springs was brought before the committee by Jason Willett on behalf of Shannon Kee. Public comments were heard by the committee both for and against the application. No motion was made to approve the ordinance. Ordinance was not passed to the full court.

### **Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn made by Justice Brad Noel and seconded by Justice Kevin Williams. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 5:54 PM.

## **Finance Committee Minutes**

**Date:** 7-14-2025

**Call to Order:** Justice Josh Longmire called the meeting to order at 5:38 PM.

**Attendance:** Justice Dan Pasmore, Justice Darrel Cook, Justice Barry Forrest, Justice Rick Myers, Craighead County Tax Collector Wes Eddington, and Treasurer Terry McNatt.

### **Tax Collection Report:**

Tax Collection report presented by Collector Eddington, noting an increase in collections of .3%.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Treasurer Terry McNatt presented the financial report, noting a 4.14% Sales Tax increase and revenues are up over a million dollars in the month of June.

### **Rural Community Grant Appropriation Ordinance:**

Appropriation Ordinance amending the 2025 Annual Operating Budget to include additional funding to Fund 3591, Department 0502, to include Rural Community Grant monies to the Brookland Fire Protection District. A motion was made by Justice Darrel Cook and a second from Justice Dan Pasmore to read the ordinance by title only. A motion by Justice Darrel Cook and a second from Justice Dan Pasmore were made to pass the ordinance to the full Quorum Court.

### **Adjournment:**

With no further business, Justice Darrel Cook made a motion to adjourn, and Justice Barry Forrest seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

## **Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** 7/14/2025

### **Call to Order:**

Justice Cline called the meeting to order at 5:34 PM.

### **Attendance:**

Justice Steve Cline, Justice Terry Couch, Justice David Tennison, Justice Garrett Barnes, and Road Superintendent John James were present.

### **Road Work Update:**

Road Superintendent John James provided an update on current road projects and bridge construction on CR 948.

### **Plat Review:**

One plat was reviewed. A motion was made by Justice Garrett Barnes to approve the plat, seconded by Justice David Tennison. All in favor. Approved.

### **Adjournment:**

With no further business, a motion was made by Justice David Tennison to adjourn, seconded by Justice Terry Couch. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**AN ORDINANCE TO STANDARDIZE RATES FOR LAKE CITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

**WHEREAS**, several years ago, the Quorum Court increased the rate of taxes collected for fire departments in Craighead County. At that time, the Lake City Fire Protection District opted not to have the rates increased in that district. (Ordinance No. 2009-7)

**WHEREAS**, the Lake City Fire Protection District has asked the court to increase the rate to that of the other subordinate service districts in the county. The rate increase will help the Lake City Fire Protection District begin to replace an aging fleet, purchase air packs for interior firefighting operations, and make other equipment upgrades to industry standards.

**WHEREAS**, the Lake City Fire Protection District may not exceed the annual rates listed below:

Residence	\$75.00
Apartments/Unit	\$40.00
Small Business	\$150.00
Industrial/Large Business	\$300.00
Farm Shop	\$150.00
Transportation Discretionary*	\$250.00 & Up
Department Discretionary**	\$75.00 & Up

\*Transportation Discretionary for truck, train, aircraft, etc., that does not pay into the fire district. This would also cover vehicles traveling through the districts and will include bridge and grass fires on railroads and right-of-ways. Charges would be billed at the discretion of the fire district involved.

\*\*Department Discretionary refers to persons who own land that is vacant of a structure, and live elsewhere, and do not pay an annual fee. Charges would be billed at the discretion of the fire district involved.

**PASSED AND APPROVED on this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.**

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Marvin Day, County Judge

ATTEST:

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MaryDawn Marshall, County Clerk

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**RESOLUTION NO \_\_\_\_\_**

**APPOINTMENT OF BOARD MEMBER**

**VALLEY VIEW FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

**A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THE APPOINTMENT OF A BOARD MEMBER TO THE VALLEY VIEW FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

**WHEREAS:** Act 742 of the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas, states that the County Judge of each county is the appropriate person to appoint and reappoint board members to the Valley View Fire Protection District.

**WHEREAS:** Les Maxwell, appointed board member of the Valley View Fire Protection District Board, resigned his term on July 13, 2025. Les Maxwell was appointed to his second five-year term on the Valley View Fire Protection District Board on January 1, 2021.

**WHEREAS:** The Craighead County Judge and Quorum Court does hereby make the following appointment to the Board of Directors of the Valley View Fire District for the following term detailed below:

Mr. Erin Morphis has been recommended to fill the remainder of Les Maxwell's five (5) year term as a member of the Administrative Board. His term will become effective July 13th, 2025, and expires on January 1, 2026.

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF CRAIGHEAD COUNTY, ARKANSAS; that the above-described appointment will become effective upon passage by the court and filing of this document in the County Clerk's Office.**

**THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED ON THE \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF JULY 2025**

**APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_**

**Marvin Day, Craighead County Judge**

**ATTEST \_\_\_\_\_**

**MaryDawn Marshall, Craighead County Clerk**

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**RE-APPOINTMENT OF A BOARD MEMBER  
CRAIGHEAD COUNTY SOLID WASTE BOARD**

**A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF BOARD MEMBER TO THE  
CRAIGHEAD COUNTY SOLID WASTE BOARD**

**WHEREAS:** Current board member, Dan Shaw, Western District appointee, term will expire on July 26, 2025.

**WHEREAS:** The Craighead County Judge and the Quorum Court recommend that Dan Shaw be re-appointed as a board member of the Craighead County Solid Waste Board to complete an additional three-year term, beginning July 26, 2025, through July 26, 2028.

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE CRAIGHEAD COUNTY QUORUM COURT:**

That Dan Shaw is re-appointed to the Craighead County Solid Waste Board beginning July 26, 2025, and expiring July 26, 2028.

**THE RESOLUTION ADOPTED ON THE \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF JULY 2025.**

**APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Marvin Day, County Judge**

**ATTEST \_\_\_\_\_**  
**MaryDawn Marshall, County Clerk**



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**WHEREAS:** Current Board Member, Cameron Tate, term will expire on July 26, 2025.

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**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE CRAIGHEAD COUNTY QUORUM COURT:**

That Cameron Tate is re-appointed to the Craighead County Solid Waste Board beginning July 26, 2025, and expiring July 26, 2028.

**THE RESOLUTION ADOPTED ON THE \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF JULY 2025.**

**APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Marvin Day, County Judge**

**ATTEST \_\_\_\_\_**  
**MaryDawn Marshall, County Clerk**

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF CRAIGHEAD COUNTY,  
ARKANSAS; AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED:**

An Ordinance amending the 2025 Annual Operating Budget to add Funds to Fund 3591, Department 0503 to include Rural Community Grant monies that have become available to the Brookland Fire Protection District and should be incorporated into the Craighead County Annual Operating Budget and processed according to grant requirements for receiving and dispersing of these grant funds.

**Section 1.** That State Grant monies have become available through the Rural Community Grant Program to the Brookland Fire Protection District in the amount of \$15,000.00 to aid in the purchase of basic tools and necessities for the fire department

**Section 2.** That this grant is a 50/50 match and the Brookland Fire Protection District will match with a \$15,000.00 contribution and deposit in Fund 3591 in the County Treasurer's Office per grant requirements.

**Section 4.** That these funds are considered to be special revenue and Fund 3591 will be created in the Annual Operating Budget to allow for accurate tracking, disbursing, and accounting of state rural grant funds for the Brookland Fire Protection District and will include budget totals as described below.

		<u>Old</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>New</u>
<b>Special Revenue Projections</b>		\$0.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00
<b>Fund 3591</b> Rural Comm Grant Program/Brookland Fire		<u>Old</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>New</u>
Dept 0503 Grants in Aid (Cycle II of Fiscal year 2025)		\$0.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00
<u>Acct. #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Old</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>New</u>
2002	Small Equipment	\$0.00	\$29,900.00	\$29,900.00
3100	Other Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
8888-9999	Interfund transfers	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total amount budgeted			\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00

There is hereby appropriated \$30,000.00 into Fund 3591, Dept 0503, Rural Community Grant Program/Brookland Fire, for basic tools and necessities. These funds shall be established in the chart of accounts by the County Treasurer and entered into the accounts payable appropriations journal by the County Clerk as described, upon passage of this appropriation ordinance.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of July 2025

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Marvin Day  
Craighead County Judge

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

MaryDawn Marshall  
Craighead County Clerk

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Hugh McDonald  
SECRETARY OF COMMERCE  
Clint O'Neal  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,  
ARKANSAS ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

07/01/2025

The Honorable Marvin Day  
Craighead County  
511 Union Street, Room 119  
Jonesboro, AR 72401

**COPY**

Dear Judge Day,

Congratulations on a successful application to the Rural Community Grant Program. The Brookland Fire Protection District's application has been recommended and approved for funding in the amount of \$15,000.00 for cycle 2 of Fiscal Year 2025.

You will find your grant award enclosed, along with a Confirmation of Receipt form. Please date and sign the form and either mail it to 1 Commerce Way, Suite 601, Little Rock, AR 72202 or email it to Becca Caldwell at [bcaldwell@arkansasedc.com](mailto:bcaldwell@arkansasedc.com).

We are working with the Governor's office to plan an award ceremony for this grant cycle. We have tentative confirmation for August, but not an official date set. I will be reaching out via email with updates regarding the award ceremony.

Please do not hesitate to contact us, as we are always available should you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Becca Caldwell".

Becca Caldwell  
Director, Rural Services

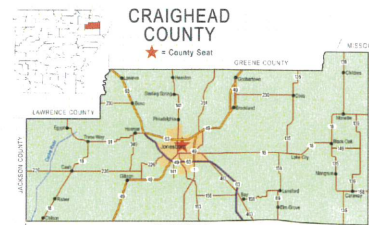
Enclosures

cc: John Burns

# CRAIGHEAD CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Annual Report for July, 2024—June, 2025

The mission of the Craighead Conservation District is to provide local leadership in the conservation and wise use of soil, water and related resources through a balanced information, education and technical assistance program that protects, restores, and improves those resources for future generations.



The Craighead Conservation District is governed by a board of five directors who pledge to promote the wise use of soil and water in the county. The board has a strong commitment to develop a comprehensive plan of work that will meet the needs of the citizens of our county and to protect the quality of life for future generations to come.

#### DIRECTORS:

Bradley Wallace, Chairman  
Jerry Don Clark, Vice-Chairman  
Wayne Carlton, Secretary  
Greg Nall, Member  
Mike Hook, Member

#### NRCS AND DISTRICT STAFF:

Tanner Johnston, NRCS District Conservationist  
Kristie Glass, NRCS Soil Conservationist  
Elisha Throesch, NRCS Resource Conservationist  
Jason Osborn, NRCS Soil Conservationist  
Grant Camp, NRCS Conservation Technician  
Vicki King, District Secretary  
Eddy Ann Coggin, District Technical Assistant  
Erika Traywick, Program/Conservation Specialist  
Nelson Childers, Advanced WRP Technician  
Gary Childress, Advanced Conservation Planner  
Johnny Chism, Advanced Conservation Planner



**Craighead Conservation District**  
**3407 S. Caraway Rd., Suite 1**  
**Jonesboro, AR 72404**  
**Phone: 870-972-4671, Ext. 3**

# **History of Craighead Conservation District**

The first effort to plan and establish soil conservation practices in this area was started in July of 1935. At this time a Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) Camp was set up at Jonesboro to work with the Soil Conservation Service (SCS) through a memorandum of understanding. This meant the SCS would have the responsibility of the overall planning and effectiveness of the completed jobs. The CCC and the farmers did the work.

This area was very fortunate in having an able administrator, G. F. Castleberry, who was Superintendent of the camp until September, 1939, when he became Work Unit Conservationist of the District. He held this position until November, 1942.

There was no serious opposition to the establishment of the District. Mr. Castleberry and his staff had done an excellent job of selling the farmers on soil conservation. As the adjacent county on the north, Greene, had organized a district in the spring of 1937, they were in a position to give valuable information, which they did.

The regular routine of petitions and election followed. The election was almost unanimous in favor of organization. The area of the original District consisted of Crowley's Ridge across Craighead and Poinsett Counties, approximately 167,900 acres.

The District received its charter on February 7, 1939, and two members of the Board were appointed. Next, a Board of Supervisors had to be set up. This original Board was composed of George Roth, John Hinson, J.C. Cruse, Arthur Woodrum and John Roberts. A program and plan of operation was worked up and signed by everyone concerned. This was done and approved by the Board on June 28, 1939. The last signature was that of J.W. Sargent, Regional Conservator, on July 7, 1939.

On May 14, 1946, the farmers in the part of Craighead County lying outside the District, asked to be annexed. The election was almost unanimous, so the rest of the county became a part of the District.

In December, 1949, the land in Poinsett County, not included in the original District, was annexed.

On June 25, 1952, the District was divided at the Craighead-Poinsett county line and an office was set up at Harrisburg.

On April 11, 1961, the name of the District was changed from Central Crowley's Ridge Soil Conservation District to Craighead Soil and Water Conservation District.



## **ASU Scholarships**



Each year the Craighead Conservation District awards a \$1,000 scholarship to two ASU Agriculture majors. This year's recipients were: (left) Hunter Mitchell, a Junior Agriculture Business Major from Jonesboro, AR; (right) Kristen Nunnally, a Senior Animal Science and Pre-veterinary major from Smithville, AR.

## **Surge Valve Cost-Share Program**

The Craighead Conservation District is cost-sharing on 10" surge valves each year. The District pays 40% of the cost and the farmer/landowner pays 60% of the cost. Currently, 78 surge valves have been sold since 2018.

## **Local Workgroup Meeting**

The Craighead County Local Workgroup meeting was held on April 15, 2025 at the USDA Service Center building at 3407 S. Caraway. The purpose of the meeting was to provide advice to NRCS concerning the implementation of conservation programs. Representatives from agencies in attendance were: Craighead Conservation District, County Extension, Senator John Boozman's Office, the Forestry Service, Craighead County and the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

# **Beaver Eradication Program**

The Craighead Conservation District began a beaver eradication program. The program was funded by special local funds and will be in effect year-round, or until funds are depleted.

The district paid \$15.00 per beaver tail and took in 364 tails.

## **Technical Assistant**

Craighead Conservation District employs a Technical Assistant, Edna Coggin, who is funded by the Natural Resources Conservation Service. This employee will provide assistance to address critical conservation needs and development of conservation plans. This position is 18 hours a week for a Farm Service Agency or Natural Resources Conservation Service retired employee.

## **Program/Conservation Specialist**

Craighead Conservation District employs a Program/Conservation Specialist, Erika Traywick, who is funded by the Natural Resources Conservation Service. This employee will assist in development, implementation, management and support of the CRP, EQIP, CSP and CTA and any other farm bill application and contract related tasks. This position is 40 hours a week.

## **Advanced Conservation Planner**

Craighead Conservation District employs two Advanced Conservation Planners; Gary Childress, in Hope, AR and Johnny Chism, in Harrison, AR. Their job is to recruit advanced level conservation planners to assist with supporting conservation planning training efforts in the whole State of Arkansas. These positions are 36 hours a week for each employee.

## Advanced WRP Technician

Craighead Conservation District employs an Advanced WRP Technician, Nelson Childers, who is funded by the Natural Resources Conservation Service. This employee provides a mentoring opportunity for incoming employees by a recently retired WRP coordinator/biologist. State level benefit to land users, public and the environment by restoring and maintaining high performing wetlands. This job is 18 hours a week.

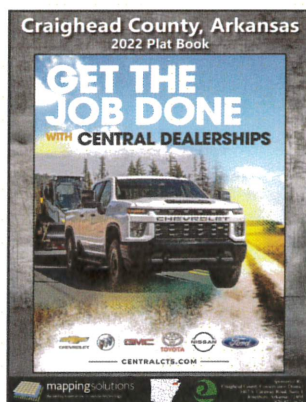
## Specialty License Plate

Conservation District's specialty license plate has been approved by the Arkansas State Police and the Revenue Department. Individuals will pay an extra \$25 per plate. Five dollars will go to the Arkansas Association of Conservation Districts to re-coop the upfront costs. Twenty dollars will be given to the conservation district that the plate was purchased in. The \$25 is tax deductible.



## Northeast Area AACD Meeting

The Northeast Area AACD meeting was held April 17, 2025 at the NE Rice Research & Extension Center in Harrisburg. Debbie Moreland went over the District audits, personnel policy and the Locally Led Work Groups. USACE Center for Water Sustainability Regional Groundwater report was given by Joel Riley, Project Manager. ECP & EFRP Disaster Programs report was given by Paul Casey, FSA Conservation Coordinator. A business session was held to elect officers for the 2026 year. President, Allen Donner, Vice President, Larry Earnest and Tom Wimpy, Secretary/Treasurer was elected.



The 2022 Craighead County Plat Books can be purchased at the Craighead County Conservation District office at 3407 S. Caraway, Jonesboro for \$25 each.



## **Federal Programs**

The 2018 Farm Bill Programs made conservation districts responsible for organizing local work groups to identify and prioritize resource concerns in Craighead County.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY INCENTIVES PROGRAM (EQIP)**

EQIP provides financial and technical assistance to agricultural producers in order to address natural resource concerns and deliver environmental benefits such as improved water and air quality, conserved ground and surface water, reduced soil erosion and sedimentation or improved or created wildlife habitat.

### **AGRICULTURE CONSERVATION EXPERIENCED SERVICES**

Through the Agriculture Conservation Experienced Services (ACES) Program, experienced workers, age 55 and over, help NRCS employees provide technical services in support of conservation.

### **WATERSHED REHABILITATION PROGRAM (Rehab)**

Local communities, with NRCS assistance, have constructed over 11,800 dams in 47 states since 1948. Many of these dams are nearing the end of their 50-year design life. Rehabilitation of these dams is needed to address critical public health and safety issues in these communities.

### **TECHNICAL SERVICE PROVIDER (TSP)**

TSPs are individuals, private businesses, nonprofit organizations and public agencies certified to work with NRCS to help agricultural producers plan and apply conservation practices on the land. TSPs develop conservation plans including Conservation Activity Plans; plan, design, lay out, and install conservation practices; and inspect completed practices for certification, as applicable.

### **CONSERVATION STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM (CSP)**

CSP helps agricultural producers maintain and improve their existing conservation systems and adopt additional conservation activities to address priority resource concerns. Participants earn CSP payments for conservation performance—the higher the performance, the higher the payment.

## **Federal Programs**

### **EMERGENCY WATERSHED PROTECTION (EWP)**

The purpose of the Emergency Watershed Protection Program (EWP) was established by Congress to respond to emergencies created by natural disasters. The EWP Program is designed to help people and conserve natural resources by relieving imminent hazards to life and property caused by floods, fires, drought, windstorms, and other natural occurrences. The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) administers the EWP Program; EWP-Recovery, and EWP-Floodplain Easement (FPE).

### **REGIONAL CONSERVATION PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (RCPP)**

The Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) promotes coordination between NRCS and its partners to deliver conservation assistance to producers and landowners. NRCS provides assistance to producers through partnership agreements and through program contracts or easement agreements.

## **STATE PROGRAMS**

### **ARKANSAS AGRICULTURE WATER QUALITY LOANS (AgWQL)**

The AgWQL program aims to provide a source of low-interest financing for conservation practices to significantly reduce non-point source (NPS) pollution that impacts water quality. The AgWQLP is funded from the Clean Water Revolving Loan Fund, established in 1989.

### **IRRIGATION WELL REGISTRATION**

Every irrigation well and relift, (201 relifts and 3,330 wells) in Craighead County, has to be registered every year from October to March. Crop and acres are reported along with payment of \$10 per well/relift. The data collected is entered into the computer in cooperation with the Arkansas Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Division and United States Geological Survey via internet connection.

### **WATER CONSERVATION TAX CREDIT**

The purpose of this program is to encourage water users to invest in (1) the construction of reservoirs to use available surface water, thereby reducing their dependence on ground water; (2) the conversion from ground water use to surface water use; and (3) land-leveling to reduce agricultural irrigation water use.

2025 Funding brought into Craighead County through programs that the Craighead Conservation District has participated in.

### **FEDERAL PROGRAMS**

<b>PROGRAM</b>	<b>CONTRACTS OBLIGATED</b>	<b>ACRES</b>	<b>OBLIGATION AMOUNT</b>
<b>ALL ACTIVE</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>179,108</b>	<b>\$ 37,280,838.00</b>

STATE PROGRAMS

PROGRAM	AMOUNT
WELL REGISTRATION	\$ 35,385.00
LICENSE PLATES	1,800.00
TSP	1,215.00
TOTAL	\$ 38,400.00

*Thank You* to the Craighead County Quorum Court for your continued support and financial assistance, which allows us to help farmers and landowners in our county and to educate the public about agriculture and the conservation of our natural resources.

*All programs of the Craighead County Conservation District are available on a non-discriminatory basis without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, marital status or disability.*