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WHAT IS A SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT?

The Neshoba County Soil & Water Conservation District is a governmental subdivision of the State of Mississippi located in the Third Congressional District. The formation of the Conservation District was authorized by the MS legislature on April 4, 1938, through House Bill 454. The Neshoba County SWCD was organized by citizens of Neshoba County on October 30, 1939.

The Neshoba County SWCD is governed by five commissioners. Three are elected in a district (county) wide election by landowners. Two are appointed by the MS Soil & Water Conservation Commission upon recommendations of the SWCD board of commissioners. Each District is authorized to appoint five deputy commissioners. These commissioners serve without pay to carry out a cooperative program that addresses the natural resource concerns of the District.

COMMISSIONERS



DEPUTY COMMISSIONERS



OFFICE STAFF:

Priscilla Williamson - NRCS Supervisory District Conservationist
Jeff Fortenberry - NRCS Soil Conservationist
Scott Jackson - NRCS Soil Technician
Erica Fortenberry - SWCD Administrative Assistant



District Administrative Assistant
Erica Fortenberry

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NEWSLETTER

November, 2026

Member's Banquet

The Neshoba County Soil & Water Conservation District hosted their Annual Member's Banquet on September 29TH, 2026 at the Neshoba County Coliseum with 127 members in attendance. The Annual Member's Banquet is a longstanding tradition for the Neshoba County Soil & Water Conservation District, celebrating the achievements of local farmers and conservationists. This year's event continued the tradition of recognizing excellence in agriculture and conservation, fostering community spirit, and highlighting the district's commitment to sustainable practices.

Mark Nicholson
Received the "Conservation Farmer of the Year" award. Nicholson is celebrated for outstanding achievements in conservation and agriculture. This recognition affirms Mr. Nicholson's dedication to sustainable farming, resource stewardship, and community leadership. It also places Mr. Nicholson among a distinguished group of local farmers who have made a lasting impact on Neshoba County's environment and agricultural heritage.





Wilson Processing
Received the "Friend of Conservation" award, honoring their support and partnership in advancing conservation efforts.



Skylar Vance
Won first place for her digital poster in the Annual Poster Contest.

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The district would like to thank the coliseum staff, the Neshoba Central, Future Farmers of America, Neshoba Central JROTC, Harvin Hudson and Jerry Smith who assisted with the banquet. We would like to thank Neshoba Central Media's Ryleigh Smith and Alyssa Anderson for photography. We would also like to thank all of the Soil & Water Conservation District members who made the membership drive a success this year. The Neshoba County SWCD appreciates each member for taking an active role in sustaining our natural resources and for your continued support.



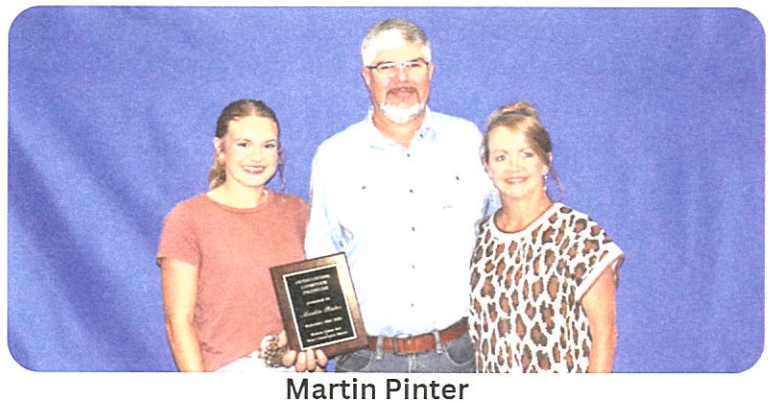
Elizabeth "Timmie" Jackson
Honored as "Outstanding Woodland Conservationist" for exemplary stewardship of woodland resources.



Rex Copeland and Family
Awarded "Outstanding Poultry Producer," recognizing their leadership and innovation in poultry production.



Tony Luke
Awarded "Outstanding Wildlife Conservationist," acknowledging significant contributions to wildlife preservation and habitat enhancement.



Martin Pinter
Received the "Outstanding Livestock Producer" award, celebrating excellence in livestock management and sustainable practices.











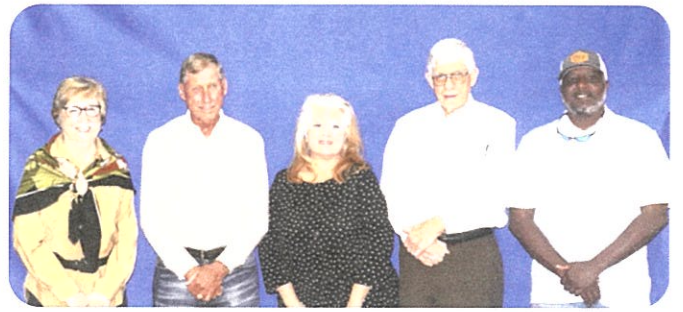


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The Neshoba County SWCD would like to thank the following businesses for their donation of door prizes: Byrd Athletics, The Citizen's Bank, Cook Feeds, High Hill Ranch, Hill Real Estate, HJM, LLC., Neshoba County Co-op, Neshoba County Gin, Outdoor Neshoba, Representative C. Scott Bounds, Wilson Processing and Windham Tractor.







Neshoba County Commissioners (Top) and Deputy Commissioners (Bottom)

Years of service awards





Ross Williamson and Carl Mason were recognized for each having 20 years of service to the District. Mr. Ross with 20 years as a Commissioner and Carl Mason with 2 years as a Deputy Commissioner and 18 as a Commissioner



Erica Fortenberry was recognized for 15 years of service as the District Administrative Assistant