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**Wells County Soil & Water Conservation District**  
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**SWCD MEETING MINUTES – Apr 11, 2017**

The Wells Co. SWCD met Apr. 11, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the NRCS/SWCD office at 117 West Harvest Road, Bluffton, IN. Supervisors present were: Kevin Brickley, Leann Nash. Chad Fiechter, Dale Thomas & Dave Ramseyer. Others present were Lynne Huffman; SWCD District Coordinator, Abbi Armentrout; FSA & Bill Horan; Purdue Extension Educator.

Chad Fiechter called the meeting to order. The minutes from Mar. 14, 2017 meeting were presented. Kevin Brickley made a motion to accept the minutes. Leann Nash seconded. The treasurer's report ending Apr 5, 2017 was presented. Kevin Brickley made a motion to accept the report, Dale Thomas seconded, the motion carried.

**Old Business:** No old business

**New Business:** *Signatory at Bank* – Lynne brought to the board members that we only have one person that is herself as a signatory at the bank. In the event of an emergency, she feels that we need a second person to have access to pay bills, etc. After discussion Leann Nash will be added. Lynne will have the paperwork ready at the next meeting to be signed. *Field Days* – Lynne along with Tim Kroeker from the Upper Wabash River Basin Commission are putting together a Septic workshop. This is to be held in May or June, depending upon availability of speakers. The Wells County Health Department as well as someone from the Indiana Department of Health will be asked to speak. *FSA Updates* – Abi Armentrout, CED with Farm Services Agency spoke to us on the new programs specifically related to Organic Farmers. Information was passed out and to be shared as needed.

**Conservation Application:** *No update*

**Reports:** *Upper Wabash River Basin Commission* – Approximately \$9,000 left in the cost share program. 3 current applications for equipment modification on the table, so money should be allocated shortly. *CWI 2016 Wabash*– \$155.00 left over to be spent this year. 2 producers have money allocated to them to complete their practice in 2017. *CWI 2017 Wabash* – Received several applications for Gypsum and Cover Crops. *CWI 2017 with Adams County* – Received several applications for Gypsum and Cover Crops.. *Rule 5*- No new plans

**Other Business:** *River Friendly Farmer* – It is time to pick a nominee or two for the River Friendly Farmer Award. Lynne will contact this farmer. The board was asked to think of another nominee also. *Wells County LEPC member* – We were approached by Stacia Henderson. Stacia has resigned her seat on the Local Emergency Planning Committee. She asked if anyone in our office would take her place. Dave Lefforge, the Resource Specialist for ISDA will be filling the seat. *Purdue Extension* – Bill Horan reported on a new Grant that Purdue has secured. They will be doing Ditch Testing, Soil Testing & Tile Testing in the Nickelson Creek & Webber Watersheds which mostly reside in Adams County, but we do have some in Wells County. They are looking for farmers willing to allow them to complete these tests. Looking for No Till, Conventional Till, Tiled, Not Tiled, Manure and No Manure. May 23<sup>rd</sup> there will be a tour of Seven Sons Farms near Roanoke. Bill also reported that he is going to a Rain Garden workshop. Would love to partner with Wells County Soil and Water on a rain garden.

Claim forms were signed, Leann made a motion to adjourn, Dave seconded. Meeting adjourned. Next meeting will be May 9<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynne A. Huffman  
District Coordinator  
Wells Co. SWCD

Minutes Approved:

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