



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

The Wells Co. SWCD met July 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, & Dale Thomas. Others present were Lynne Huffman; SWCD District Coordinator.

Leann Nash called the meeting to order. The minutes from June 20, 2017 meeting were presented. Dale Thomas made a motion to accept the minutes. Kevin Brickley seconded. The treasurer's report ending July 5, 2017 was presented. Kevin Brickley made a motion to accept the report, Dale Thomas seconded, the motion carried.

Old Business: *Resolutions* – No resolutions were brought to the table.

New Business: *State Fair/River Friendly Farmer Award*– Lynne will be working the Pathway to Water Quality at the State Fair on Sept. 13th. While there, she will attend the River Friendly Farmer Award ceremony. Wells County SWCD nominee, Jarrod Kunkel was chosen to receive the award. *Board Member Resignation/Replacement Procedure* – Current SWCD Board member Chad Fiechter turned in his resignation letter. He is moving out of state. We will hate to lose Chad, but support him in his new venture. Lynne will prepare some information on an overview of the job to present to prospective replacement. The board came up with a few names to ask to replace Chad on the board. Our goal is to get someone by July 24th as the State Board meets July 25th to approve all new members.

Conservation Application: No report. Did receive notice that Kelley Barkell, the District Conservationist will be leaving us the end of August. She took a new position in Montana. We will miss Kelley and all the great work she has done for Wells County and wish her luck in her new adventure.

Reports: *Upper Wabash River Basin Commission* – The last waterway and equipment modification have been completed. Bills received. *CWI 2016 Wabash*– All cost share money allocated. *CWI 2017 Wabash with Huntington County* – Received applications totaling \$20,000. *CWI 2017 with Adams County* – Received several applications for Gypsum and Cover Crops totaling approximately \$26,000. Will be going over the applications on July 13th. *Rule 5*- No new applications

Other Business: *2018 Budget presentation* – We should have our budget ready to present on September 13th. Leann Nash will present to County Council. Discussed amounts to be submitted, we will come back in August with final thoughts. *Tillage Transect* – Completed for Spring 2017. *INFA* – We have 25 fields scheduled for Infield Advantage Stalk Nitrate Testing between Adams and Wells Counties.

Claim forms were signed, Kevin made a motion to adjourn, Dale seconded. Meeting adjourned. Next meeting will be Aug. 8th at 6pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynne A. Huffman
District Coordinator
Wells Co. SWCD

Minutes Approved:

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