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SWCD MEETING MINUTES – June 20, 2017

The Wells Co. SWCD met Jun. 20, 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 & Dave Ramseyer. Others present were Lynne Huffman; SWCD District Coordinator & Kelley Barkell; NRCS District Conservationist. Leann Nash called the meeting to order. The minutes from April 11, 2017 meeting were presented. Dale Thomas made a motion to accept the minutes. Kevin Brickley seconded. The treasurer's report ending Jun. 14, 2017 was presented. Kevin Brickley made a motion to accept the report, Dave Ramseyer seconded, the motion carried.

Old Business: No old business

New Business: *Signatory at Bank* – Leann Nash has successfully completed the paperwork to be a signator on the Wells County SWCD iAB checking account. Lynne will type up procedures and lists that Leann will have access to in the event that Lynne cannot perform her duties. Lynne will set up a time with Leann to go over these. *IASWCD Resolution* – Lynne asked the board for any resolutions that need to be brought to the IASWCD for consideration. No one had any at this time, but will come back next meeting with any ideas. *INField Advantage* – Wells County has 3 participants with 12 fields, Adams County has 5 participants with 14 fields. Forms due back to Lynne ASAP.

Conservation Application: Kelley Barkell stated that they are nearing the end of EQIP sign ups. Wells County has been busy, they received funding for 16 out of the 17 applications submitted. Applications included Cover crops, Grazing, Forestry, Nutrient & Pest Management Plans and even one converting from conventional tillage to no-till. In addition, 4 Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) applications were funded.

Reports: *Upper Wabash River Basin Commission* – All cost share money allocated *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. *Rule 5*- Currently working on one from AEP to rebuild the existing lines between Bluffton and Liberty Center. Also increasing their right away from 40 to 60 feet wide.

Other Business: *River Friendly Farmer* – Jarod Kunkel has been selected and his application submitted. *Tillage Transect*- Wells County will be completing our tillage transect in the next two weeks. Bill Horan from Purdue Extension as well as Abbi Armentrout from FSA will be participating as well as Liz Ortiz from NRCS and Lynne Huffman. *Operating Funds*– We have received our \$4,500 from Wells County and \$10,000 from State of Indiana. These are our operating funds for the next 12 months. *County Fair Award Sponsor* – It is time for the Wells County 4-H Fair. We will be receiving our sponsorship letter shortly asking to fund 2 awards as we have done in the past. Kevin Brickley motioned to continue to pay for these 2 awards. Dale Thomas seconded. *SWCD Grant* – We received a SWCD Educational Grant request from Wells County 4-H. They are asking for \$196.00. This was the cost of the trees purchased this year in their effort to replace the dozens of trees killed by the Emerald Ash Borer. This project will influence over 700 youth in Wells County. In turn, the 4-H Park will add our name to the display board at the park as a sponsor. Dave Ramseyer made a motion to fund the entire \$196.00 as it was great exposure and a great cause. Kevin Brickley seconded.

IDEA Meeting, - Lynne asked if the board would be willing to fund half the cost of a meal furnished during an IDEA meeting next week in Roanoke. Wells and Huntington County will be splitting this cost. Kevin made a motion to fund half the cost, Dale seconded.

Claim forms were signed, Dale made a motion to adjourn, Dave seconded. Meeting adjourned. Next meeting will be July 11th at 6pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynne A. Huffman
District Coordinator
Wells Co. SWCD

Minutes Approved:

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