



Wells County Soil & Water Conservation District
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SWCD MEETING MINUTES – August 8, 2017

The Wells Co. SWCD met August 8, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the NRCS/SWCD office at 117 West Harvest Road, Bluffton, IN. Supervisors present were: Kevin Brickley, Dave Ramseyer, & Dale Thomas. Others present were Lynne Huffman; SWCD District Coordinator.

Kevin Brickley called the meeting to order. The minutes from July 11, 2017 meeting were presented. Dale Thomas made a motion to accept the minutes. Dave Ramseyer seconded. The treasurer's report ending August 2, 2017 was presented. Dave Ramseyer made a motion to accept the report, Dale Thomas seconded, the motion carried.

Old Business: *Budget Proposal* – Budget Proposal to be presented Sept. 13th. Leann Nash will present, Lynne will prepare paperwork.

New Business: *New Board Member Welcomes* - New board member not present. Tabled until September meeting as well as Supervisor elections.

Conservation Application: No report.

Reports: *Upper Wabash River Basin Commission* – Will be holding a field day in conjunction with Wells County SWCD on August 24th. *CWI 2016 Wabash*– Will be holding a field day at Dale Thomas' on our Cover Crop Plot. Will update later as we expect soybean harvest to be late this year. Dale will speak with Jody Nusbaumer from Biotill to see if he will be providing seed for the plot. *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: *NRCS Resignation* – Kelley Barkell with (NRCS) Natural Resources Conservation Service has given her resignation. She will be moving to Montana. Her last day with us will be August 25th. There will be an open house on Thursday, Aug. 24th from 1-3pm at our office. *Road Clean Up* – We will meet on August 18th at 9:30 at the intersection of St. Rd 1 & St. Rd. 224. *2018 Annual Conference* – A note came out from IASWCD that if you are planning on attending the 2018 Annual Conference on Jan. 8-9, you may want to go ahead and reserve your room. Another large city-wide event is taking place at the same time and they would like to give us preference for rooms. See Lynne if you want to make reservation. *Grazing Management & Pasture Plant ID Workshop* – Lynne will be attending the workshop on Sept. 13th in Plymouth, IN.

Claim forms were signed, Dave made a motion to adjourn, Dale seconded. Meeting adjourned. Next meeting will be Sept. 12th at 6pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynne A. Huffman
District Coordinator
Wells Co. SWCD

Minutes Approved:

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