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SWCD MEETING MINUTES – November 14, 2017

The Wells Co. SWCD met Nov. 14, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the NRCS/SWCD office at 117 West Harvest Road, Bluffton, IN. Supervisors present were: Leann Nash, Kevin Brickley & Dave Ramseyer. Others present were Lynne Huffman; SWCD District Coordinator &, Liz Ortiz; NRCS Acting District Conservationist. Minutes from the September 12, 2017 meeting were presented. Dave Ramseyer made a motion to accept the minutes. Kevin Brickley seconded. The treasurer's report ending November 8, 2017 was presented. Dave Ramseyer made a motion to accept the report, Kevin Brickley seconded, the motion carried.

Old Business: *None*

New Business: *CWI Cost Share Application* – Lynne presented the applicants for cost share so far this year. As of today, she has \$15,521.30 allocated of the \$22,500. Several of the acres applied for look like they will not be getting implemented due to the weather. Will update at next meeting. *NACD Membership* – It is time to donate to the National Association of Conservation Districts. We have given \$500 a year since 2010. This organization is our Advocacy on Capital Hill. After discussion, Dave Ramseyer made a motion to give \$500 again this year. Kevin Brickley seconded. *Insurance Policy* – Our Farm Bureau Insurance policy is due. After a brief review, no changes to be made.

Conservation Application: Liz Ortiz reported that she is currently accepting EQIP applications through December 15th. Currently have 7 or 8 applications. If you know of anyone who is interested, please have them contact her. Liz also reported that Lynne is now helping her with payments and that is going well. Lynne continues to help with wetland/HEL determinations.

Reports: *Upper Wabash River Basin Commission* – The grant will be complete on Dec. 31st. Last applications received, money being disbursed. *CWI 2016 Wabash*–Money all allocated. Will hold a field day in the spring. *CWI 2017 Wabash with Huntington County* – Received applications totaling \$15,521.30. *CWI 2017 with Adams County* – Received several applications for Gypsum and Cover Crops totaling approximately \$26,000. Meeting with Sandy from Decatur this week to go over the applications. *Rule 5*- No new ones received.

Other Business: *Conference Requests* – The newest classes in the Cornerstone for Leadership series have been released. Lynne passed out the information to the Supervisors. The regional meeting is coming up on Nov. 30th. All Supervisors are highly encouraged to attend. Annual Conference is still open for registration. Please let Lynne know ASAP if you would like to attend any of these meetings. *2018 Supervisors* – Dale Thomas has agreed to another term as Supervisor. He will be the appointed. Leann Nash has also agreed to run for another term. She will be on the ballot. Kevin Brickley suggested we run an ad to see if we had any interest. Lynne will put that together.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynne A. Huffman
District Coordinator
Wells Co. SWCD

Minutes Approved:

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