



Wells County Soil & Water Conservation District
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SWCD MEETING MINUTES – February 11, 2020

The Wells Co. SWCD met February 11, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the NRCS/SWCD office at 117 West Harvest Road, Bluffton, IN. Supervisors present were: Leann Nash, Jarrod Kunkel, Bill Johnson, & Dale Thomas. Others present were Collin Huffine; Watershed Coordinator and Lynne Huffman; SWCD District Coordinator. Minutes from the January 21, 2020 meeting were presented. Dale Thomas made a motion to accept the minutes. Jarrod Kunkel seconded. The Treasurer's report ending Feb. 5, 2020 was presented. Jarrod Kunkel made a motion to accept the report, Dale Thomas seconded, the motion carried.

Old Business: *None*

New Business: *Grant Updates* -Collin Huffine stopped by to update us on the Lower Salamonie 319 & the Upper Wabash River 205j projects. The next Steering committee meeting for both these grants is on Feb. 27th. The Salamonie 319 grant has expended \$38,785.65 of its \$154,000. Some changes will be made to who is eligible going forward. Sampling events have shown sediment numbers greatly exceeding the state standards as well as E-Coli. The Upper Wabash planning grant has hit some snags. The person that was taking our samples and processing them has health issues and we were getting behind. The committee voted to hire Herb Manifold with ECI to continue with the water sampling. They completed a sampling on Jan. 7th and all data was received back by Jan. 10th. They will be holding a field day on April 1st. Speakers include Dr. Sara McMillan & Dr. Jason Ackerson from Purdue, Shannon Spier for the University of Notre Dame and Franks Gibbs, NRCS Resource Soil Scientist. *Annual Meeting*– Discussed final preparations for annual meeting. FFA will be providing 4 servers for the meal. Plaques and t-shirts have been ordered. Everything looks good for the meeting. *Adopt Annual Report* – Lynne presented the annual report for 2019. Dale Thomas made a motion to accept the report as written, Bill Johnson seconded. Motion carried. *Field Day* – Already covered above by Collin.

Conservation Application: No report

Reports: *CWI 2018 Blackford County*- We spent \$15,704.88 on cost share in 2019. *LSRW* –\$15,310.25 on cost share in 2020 *CWI Wells/Huntington* – Grant is now open, have had 2 people interested in Equipment Modification. Pamphlets will be ready to distribute by annual meeting. *Rule 5* - Wastewater Treatment Plant

Other Business: *none*

Claim forms were signed, Jarrod made a motion to adjourn, Bill seconded. Meeting adjourned. Next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 10th at 6pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynne A. Huffman
District Coordinator
Wells Co. SWCD
Minutes Approved:

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