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SWCD MEETING MINUTES – Feb 9, 2021

The Wells Co. SWCD met Feb. 9, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at Liberty Center Baptist Church, Lib. Ctr., IN. Supervisors present were: Jody Nusbaumer, Jarrod Kunkel, & Dale Thomas. Others present were Dave Lefforge; ISDA Resource Specialist, Stacia Henderson; Financial Secretary, Rock Creek Conservancy District, and Lynne Huffman; SWCD District Coordinator. Minutes from the Jan. 12, 2021 meeting were presented. Dale Thomas made a motion to accept the minutes. Jody Nusbaumer second, the motion carried. The Treasurer's report ending Feb. 3, 2021 was presented. Jody Nusbaumer made a motion to accept the report, Dale Thomas seconded, the motion carried.

Old Business:

New Business: *Annual Meeting* –Lynne and Stacia have plans for the virtual annual meeting. We will meet at Liberty Center Baptist Church on March 9th at 5pm for our monthly meeting and then transition into the annual meeting. Lynne will get pictures of the poster contest winners and will invite the River Friendly Farmer winner to participate. A flyer of Invitation will be ready shortly for sharing. Dave Lefforge would like to speak on a potential (CISMA) Cooperative Invasives Species Management Area. *DNR Tree Pick Up* –Lynne asked for a volunteer to drive to Jasper Pulaski to pick up the DNR trees for Adams, Wells & Huntington County. We take turns and it is Wells county's turn. Jody said he had a semi, but that would be too costly to take there. He made another suggestion and Lynne will follow through with that suggestion. *Fish/Tree Sales*- We will be having a spring fish and tree sale.

Conservation Application: No report

Reports: *CWI Wells/Huntington* –All money is allocated. *Salamonie 319* –All funds allocated. *Rule 5* -Spec Building on Adams Street & 100 S.

Other Business: *Infield Advantage* – We have 3 opportunities for producers to participate in Infield Advantage. Cover Crops, Nitrogen Application and Tillage are areas that they are focusing on. Lynne asked the Supervisors to think about “newer” farmers or smaller farmers that may have not previously participated in any of these Best Management Practices. *IDEA Membership* – Lynne asked to be allowed to become a member of IDEA again in 2021. Membership is \$25. Dale made a motion to allow Jody seconded. *Sensor Project*- Wells County has been approached by Benton County NRCS to participate in a Statewide Soil Sensor Project led by Purdue/Terralytics. Looking for 6 farmers in Wells County. Lynne and Dave will reach out, Supervisors were encouraged to also ask around for participants. *Rock Creek Conservancy District Director*- Rock Creek is needing a Director as the current director is finding he doesn't have enough time to fulfill the duties. Supervisors gave a couple of suggestions and will continue to send suggestions.

Claim forms were signed, Jody made a motion to adjourn, Dale seconded. Meeting adjourned. Next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 9th at 5pm at Liberty Center Baptist Church.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

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