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SWCD MEETING MINUTES – Jan. 12, 2021

The Wells Co. SWCD met Jan. 13, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, Bluffton, IN. Supervisors present were: Jody Nusbaumer, Jarrod Kunkel, Bill Johnson, & Dale Thomas. Others present were Dave Lefforge; ISDA Resource Specialist, Sara Day; District Conservationist, Stacia Henderson; Financial Secretary, Rock Creek Conservancy District, Andy Evans and Jarin Tucker; new Supervisors to be elected and Lynne Huffman; SWCD District Coordinator. Minutes from the Oct. 13, 2020 meeting were presented. Dale Thomas made a motion to accept the minutes. Jody Nusbaumer second, the motion carried. The Treasurer's report ending Jan. 6, 2021 was presented. Dale Thomas made a motion to accept the report, Bill Johnson seconded, the motion carried.

Old Business:

New Business: *Annual Meeting* –With the current pandemic and not knowing when this will end, Lynne and Stacia would like to move to a virtual meeting this year. After much discussion, Jody made a motion to allow Lynne and Stacia to put together a virtual meeting. They will strive to use the normal date of the third Thursday in February, which would be Feb. 18th at 6pm. *Affiliate Membership* –Lynne asked for recommendations on what to do with Affiliate Membership this year. We normally ask for membership to help pay for our annual meeting. In lieu on annual meeting, Dale made a suggestion to send a letter thanking them for being past members, invite them to attend the virtual meeting and hopefully we can return to “normal” next year. *Designation of Depository*- Currently we are using First Merchants Bank, after discussion, Bill made a motion to continue using First Merchants Bank as our depository. Jody seconded.

Conservation Application: Sara Day reports that she accepted the full-time position as District Coordinator in Bluffton. Sara reported that Dec. 18th was the EQIP deadline. She received approx. 10 applications as well as 2 CSP applications. Sara also stated that several counties in the area are looking for Soil Conservationist. You are encouraged to ask around the county if anyone would be interested in applying for this position.

Reports: *CWI Wells/Huntington* –All money is allocated. *Salamonie 319* –All funds allocated. *Rule 5* - Received 3 new ones for Liberty Center Sewer Project, Murray Sewer Project, Local Trax Project (New extension of Adams Street).

Other Business: *Poster Contest* – After not hearing from the teachers last year, everyone is reporting this month that they will be participating in the contest. Currently have 200 students enrolled. Discussion was made as to do we still do prizes like the previous years which is a T-shirt for the top 3 in each grade as well as \$20 gift card for 1st in each grade, \$15 gift card for 2nd in each grade and \$10 gift card for 3rd in each grade. *Annual Conference*- Annual Conference is this week. Jody was our delegate for business meeting and participated in the online resolution voting.

Claim forms were signed, Jody made a motion to adjourn, Bill seconded. Meeting adjourned. Next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 9th, time & location tbd.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

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