



Wells County Soil & Water Conservation District
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SWCD MEETING MINUTES – Apr. 11, 2023

The Wells Co. SWCD met on Apr. 11, 2023 at 9:00 am. at the NRCS/SWCD office at 117 West Harvest Road, Bluffton, IN. Supervisor's present were: Eric Johnson, Andy Evans, Jarin Tucker & Jonathan Patterson. Others present were Sara Day & Erin Burke; NRCS, Lynne Huffman; SWCD District Coordinator. Minutes from the Mar. 7, 2023 meeting were presented. Jarin Tucker made a motion to accept the minutes, Jonathan Patterson seconded, the motion carried. The Treasurer's report ending Apr. 5th was presented. Jarin made a motion to accept the treasurers report, Andy seconded. The motion carried.

Old Business: *None*

New Business: *River Friendly Farmer* – Time to select a River Friendly Farmer for 2023. Went over a list of potential nominees. Narrowed down to 3. Lynne and Sara will look into their practices and send an acceptance letter to one. *Field Day* – Would like to hold a field day this spring. Sara Day had mentioned that she would like to do interseeding. After discussion, some names of speakers were mentioned and Lynne will follow up and get a plan in motion.

Conservation Application: Sara Day reports that they currently still have only 13 of the 38 EQIP applications funded. They have been informed that NRCS will be receiving more funds from (IRA) Inflation Reduction Act, but most of those funds will be reserved for Socially Disadvantaged, Historically Underserved and Beginning Farmers. CRP field checks have begun and will continue through spring.

Reports: *CWI Wells/Huntington 2022* –accepting applications for the \$1,500 balance left on grant, *Salamonie 319* –Lynne is assembling a steering committee that will meet quarterly. UWR- Applications needed for land located in Allen County. *Rule 5*- Lynne completed 1 for Bluffton Trails (Extension of current path from – Monroe Street to Jackson Street along State Road 1.






Other Business: *Tillage Transect* – Tillage transect was completed March 30th. *Annual Financial Report* – AFR was presented. Andy made a motion to accept, Jarin seconded. Motion carried.

Claim forms were signed, Jonathan made a motion to adjourn, Jarin seconded. Meeting adjourned. Next meeting will be on Tuesday, May. 9th at 9am at NRCS/SWCD Office.

Respectfully Submitted,



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

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