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### SWCD MEETING MINUTES – Dec. 13, 2022

The Wells Co. SWCD met on Dec. 13, 2022 at 9:00 am. at the NRCS/SWCD office at 117 West Harvest Road, Bluffton, IN. Supervisor's present were: Eric Johnson, Jody Nusbaumer, and Andy Evans. Others present were Sara Day; NRCS District Conservationist, Erin Burke; NRCS Soil Conservationist & Lynne Huffman; SWCD District Coordinator. Minutes from the Nov. 9, 2022 meeting were presented. Eric Johnson made a motion to accept the minutes, Jody Nusbaumer seconded, the motion carried. The Treasurer's report ending Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> was presented. Eric Johnson made a motion to accept the treasurers report, Jody Nusbaumer seconded. The motion carried.

**Old Business:** *None*

**New Business:** *Grant Approvals*–We have 6 Clean Water Indiana applications for Cover Crops, all were approved. *Annual Meeting* – Meal is set, Lynne reached out to Southern Wells FFA for volunteers to help serve. Entertainment is set. The Supervisor up for election was named. Selections were made for giveaways at annual meeting. Board decided on what give away to purchase and Lynne will find the best deal. *January Meeting Date* – January's normal meeting date will need changed due to Annual Conference. New date for January's meeting will be Jan. 17<sup>th</sup> at 9am.

**Conservation Application:** Sara Day introduced Erin Burke. Erin is the newest Soil Conservationist in our office and helps Sara with her day-to-day duties. EQIP deadline for this round is Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>. Wells County currently has around 50 applications. CSP deadline is January 20<sup>th</sup>. Sara has 1 application and 1 possible application. Most applications are for Cover Crops and Livestock. Sara made us aware that there is still funding available for (WLEB) Western Lake Erie Basin. Sara made the board aware of the new pest that is on the radar of Purdue Extension. The spotted Lanternfly. Information was passed out.

**Reports:** *CWI Wells/Huntington 2022* –All money is currently allocated except for approximately \$1,500, Lynne is confident that she can find a couple more farmers that may be eligible for these funds. *Salamonie 319* – This grant will begin Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 and has been signed. UWR- Applications needed for land located in Allen County. *Rule 5-* Wells County Highway Garage was received and reviewed.





**Other Business:** *Resolutions* - Resolutions that will be voted on at Annual Meeting were passed out. Board gave their opinions on what was presented and their votes, Eric Johnson will be the delegate and they give him full discretion to vote wisely.

Claim forms were signed, Eric made a motion to adjourn, Jody seconded. Meeting adjourned. Next meeting will be on Tuesday, Jan. 17<sup>th</sup> at 9am at NRCS/SWCD Office.

Respectfully Submitted,



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

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