



**Wells County Soil & Water Conservation District**  
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**SWCD MEETING MINUTES – January 11, 2022**

The Wells Co. SWCD met January 11, 2022 at 9:00 am. at Lib. Ctr. Baptist Church, Liberty Center, IN. Supervisor's present were: Jarin Tucker, Jarrod Kunkel, Bill Johnson and Andy Evans. Others present were Sara Day; District Conservationist, Dave Lefforge; Resource Specialist and Lynne Huffman; SWCD District Coordinator. Minutes from the December 14, 2021 meeting were presented. Jarin Tucker made a motion to accept the minutes, Andy Evans seconded, the motion carried. The Treasurer's report ending Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> was presented. Jarin made a motion to accept the treasurers report, Bill seconded. The motion carried.

**Old Business:** *Rule 5 Fees* – We had discussed implementing a fee for completing Rule 5 permits. After discussion, Andy Evans made a motion to charge \$100 for a residential permit and \$250 for a commercial permit. Lynne will write up the policy.

**New Business:** *Annual Meeting Update*—Everything is moving along fine. Meal is set, speaker is set, official is set to give oath of office, invitations have been sent, advertising is taking place, giveaways have been ordered. Currently have 7 affiliate members, but no door prizes so far. Supervisors were tasked with getting door prizes. *Plan of Work* – Plan of work for 2022 was discussed. We will plan a Septic System workshop for March/April and a Cover Crop field day for fall.

**Conservation Application:** Sara Day reported that our offices are closed to the public except by appointment. She received 42 EQIP applications this round and 1 CSP (deadline is Jan. 28<sup>th</sup>). No ranking has been released yet, so no ranking has been done. There will be a new conservation program available soon (CIC) but she has no details. NRCS was notified that they will not be attending Annual Conference or No Till Conference due to COVID restrictions.





**Reports:** *CWI Wells/Huntington 2021* –Will begin taking applications. *RCP/PLEB* –Money still available. *Rule 5 -2* new ones for Timber Ridge and Norwell Middle School

**Other Business:** *Tillage Transect*- Dave Lefforge reports that tillage transect needs to be completed between April 1<sup>st</sup> and April 30<sup>th</sup> this year. Sara and Lynne will be available to help.

Claim forms were signed, Andy made a motion to adjourn, Jarin seconded. Meeting adjourned. Next meeting will be on Tuesday, Feb. 8th at 9am at SWCD Office. (subject to Covid status at time)

Respectfully Submitted,

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

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