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**Wells County Soil & Water Conservation District**  
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### **SWCD MEETING MINUTES – June 13, 2023**

The Wells Co. SWCD met on June 13, 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, Dustin Arnold & Jonathan Patterson. Others present were Erin Burke; NRCS, Cheryl Jarrett; Huntington SWCD and Lynne Huffman; SWCD District Coordinator. Minutes from the May 9, 2023 meeting were presented. Jonathan Patterson made a motion to accept the minutes, Andy Evans seconded, the motion carried. The Treasurer's report ending June 7th was presented. Dustin Arnold made a motion to accept the treasurers report, Jonathan seconded. The motion carried.

**Old Business:** *None*

**New Business:** *Conference Request* – Lynne asked permission to attend the IDEA fall conference, Oct. 4-6<sup>th</sup>. This would include registration and a hotel stay. Jonathan made a motion to cover Lynne's conference, Dustin seconded, the motion carried. *Joint Conference* – We have been approached by Wabash County SWCD to partner with their district as well as Huntington and Grant county to bring a speaker to our area in March of 2024 at Huntington University. The speaker is Elaine Froese from Canada. She speaks on finding fairness in Farm Transition. After discussion, Eric Johnson made a motion to contribute \$1,000 towards the speaker and to find sponsorship. Andy seconded, motion carried. *River Friendly Farmer* – We have nominated Randy McMillen. Randy has filled out the forms and the forms have been sent in.

**Conservation Application:** Erin Burke reports that they received 14 applications for the IRA (Inflation Reduction Act). Out of the 14, 1 was funded.

**Reports:** *CWI Wells/Huntington 2022* –accepting applications for the \$1,500 balance left on grant, *Salamonie 319* –Cost Share specifics have been sent into IDEM for their approval. As soon as we hear back, we can begin to take applications. UWR- Applications needed for land located in Tier 1 and Tier 2. Not having much luck getting producers to sign up. Huntington sent letters to all landowners. May contact IDEM to add Tier 3. *Rule 5-* Parlor City Bluffs, Section 2.

**Other Business:** *Budget Hearing-* The date has been set for budget hearings. We are scheduled for August 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:10am. Eric Johnson will check his calendar to see if he is available. Lynne will prepare the paperwork.

Claim forms were signed, Dustin made a motion to adjourn, Jonathan seconded. Meeting adjourned. Next meeting will be on Tuesday, July 11th at 9am at NRCS/SWCD Office.

Respectfully Submitted,



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

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*Christina Anderson* \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 7/11/23