



Wells County Soil & Water Conservation District
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SWCD MEETING MINUTES – March 8, 2022

The Wells Co. SWCD met March 8, 2022 at 9:00 am. at Liberty Center. Baptist Church. Liberty Center. IN. Supervisor's present were: Jody Nusbaumer, Jarrod Kunkel, Eric Johnson and Andy Evans. Others present were Dave Lefforge; Resource Specialist, Sara Day; District Conservationist, Erin Burke; Soil Conservationist and Lynne Huffman; SWCD District Coordinator. Minutes from the February 8, 2022 meeting were presented. Eric Johnson made a motion to accept the minutes. Andy Evans seconded, the motion carried. The Treasurer's report ending Mar. 2nd was presented. Jody Nusbaumer made a motion to accept the treasurers report. Andy Evans seconded. The motion carried.

Old Business: *None*

New Business: *Annual Meeting Wrap-Up* – There were 84 people present at the annual meeting. Food was great, everything went well. Lynne asked for any feedback. Sara Day reported that several people had called into check into Forest Management and said it was due to our speaker at our annual meeting! *Anti-Harassment Training*- Dave Lefforge presented the Anti-Harassment training to Jody Nusbaumer and Eric Johnson. *Office Elections* – Andy Evans nominated Jarrod Kunkel as President. Jody Nusbaumer seconded. Eric Johnson nominated Andy Evans as Vice President. Jody Nusbaumer seconded. Motions carried.

Conservation Application: Sara introduced the new Soil Conservationist, Erin Burke to the Supervisors. Erin is from Huntington County and graduated from Purdue in May of 2021 with an agronomy degree. Soil Conservationists are being hired to assist the District Conservationists with their duties, allowing them to get out of the office more and into the field. Erin has been with Wells County NRCS since August of 2021. There are to be over 3500 new employees hired by NRCS in the nation by year end. There are current openings in the area if you know of anyone who may be interested, call the office. Sara reports that the mask mandate has been lifted in the office and the doors are unlocked! If the county metrics remain low, the office will be open. If the county numbers increase, they will return to doors locked.

Reports: *CWI Wells Huntington 2022* – Ready to accept applications for Cover Crops and Equipment Modification. *RCPP WLEB* – Money still available. *Rule 5 -2* new ones for a Dustman Road interceptor and removal of the old rest stop on I69.

Other Business: *AFR* – The Annual Financial Report was presented to the board. Jody made a motion to accept the report. Eric seconded. *On-Site Sewage Workshop* – Lynne met with Ryan Bennett, the Environmental Health Specialist with the Wells County Health Department. He would like to work with us in conjunction with LA Brown to hold an On-Site Sewage Workshop this spring/fall. Several topics were discussed and we will have a meeting in the near future to nail down those items. Dave mentioned that Huntington County Health Department used to have a trailer used for demonstration. Lynne will check into this. Lynne has reached out to Bill Horan from County Extension, and he would like to be on the committee. Ryan mentioned that Greg Inman from Indiana Onsite Wastewater Professionals Association (IOPA) would be a great resource to reach

homeowners remove their old on-site sewage systems (whatever those may be) was discussed. Lynne will check into this possibility. More information to come on this.

Claim forms were signed. Andy made a motion to adjourn. Jody seconded. Meeting adjourned. Next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 12th at 9am at SWCD Office.

Respectfully Submitted.



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



Date: 5/10/22