



Wells County Soil & Water Conservation District
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SWCD MEETING MINUTES – Mar. 7, 2023

The Wells Co. SWCD met on Mar. 7, 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 Sara Day & Lynne Huffman; SWCD District Coordinator. Minutes from the Feb. 14, 2023 meeting were presented. Johnathan Patterson made a motion to accept the minutes, Andy Evans seconded, the motion carried. The Treasurer's report ending Mar. 1st was presented. Jonathan made a motion to accept the treasurers report, Andy seconded. The motion carried.

Old Business: *None*

New Business: *Annual Meeting Wrap Up* – Good responses back from guests at the annual meeting, food was good, speak was good and they thought the meeting moved smoothly!! *Approve Annual Financial Report* – There is an error on our report, Lynne is working with the auditor to try to resolve the issue, so signing the AFR is tabled until next meeting. *Board Election* – After a brief discussion, Andy Evans made a motion to elect Eric Johnson as President. Dustin Arnold made a motion to nominate Andy Evans as Vice President. After a show of hands, it was unanimously agreed that Eric will be President and Andy Vice President. *Policy & Procedure* - All current policies and procedures were reviewed. No changes made,

Conservation Application: Sara Day reports that they currently have 13 of the 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 Disadvantage, Historically Underserved and Beginning Farmers. Sara also reported that the new NRCS Soil Health Trailer was currently used at a training session in Rochester last week. She is hoping to bring it to Wells County in the near future. Also reported was that Adams County is purchasing an inter-seeder. They currently have 3 years of results from inter-seeding (mostly annual rye) on full rate residual herbicide fields, planted 2 inches deep. NRCS along with ISDA will be doing field checks this spring on CRP acres.

Reports: *CWI Wells/Huntington 2022* –accepting applications for the \$1,500 balance left on grant, *Salamonie 319* –Lynne is working getting a flyer made along with assembling a steering committee that will meet quarterly. UWR- Applications needed for land located in Allen County. *Rule 5*- Lynne completed 2 – Bluffton Waste Water Plant Upgrades and Brick & Mortar Storage Units.




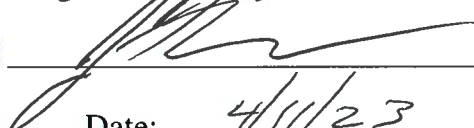
Other Business:

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

Respectfully Submitted,



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

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