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### SWCD MEETING MINUTES – May 9, 2023

The Wells Co. SWCD met on May 9, 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, Jarin Tucker, Dustin Arnold & Jonathan Patterson. Others present were Sara Day & Erin Burke; NRCS, Dave Lefforge; ISDA, Lois Mann; CCSI and Lynne Huffman; SWCD District Coordinator. Minutes from the Apr. 11, 2023 meeting were presented. Jarin Tucker made a motion to accept the minutes, Jonathan Patterson seconded, the motion carried. The Treasurer's report ending May 3rd was presented. Jarin made a motion to accept the treasurers report, Jonathan seconded. The motion carried.

**Old Business:** *None*

**New Business:** *River Friendly Farmer* – Nominee has been chosen. *Field Day* – Still working on specifics of a field day this spring.

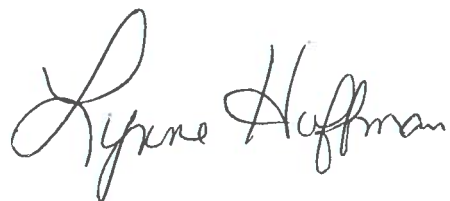
**Conservation Application:** Sara Day reports that it is time to sign the Memorandum of Understanding between NRCS (Natural Resources Conservation Systems and SWCD (Soil & Water Conservation District) regarding Civil Rights. Reminded us of always placing the EO on each distribution. NRCS has currently 9 applications considered historically underserved, 7 of these also being beginning farmers. The other 2 are both below the poverty line. NRCS also received more money through the Inflation Reduction Act. 6 of the applications that were not funded through EQIP will be entered into this program.

**Reports:** *CWI Wells/Huntington 2022* –accepting applications for the \$1,500 balance left on grant, *Salamonie 319* –Lynne has a steering committee meeting this week. UWR- Applications needed for land located in Allen County. *Rule 5*- None

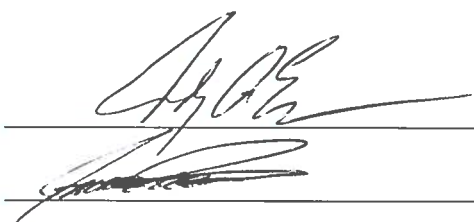
**Other Business:** *CCSI* (Conservation Cropping Systems Initiative)– Lois Mann stopped in to update us that CCSI is available for us to reach out to for field days. *FSA* (Farm Services Agency) – Elonda Shirmeyer came to update us on the programs that FSA have recently. They have a disaster relief program and a farm storage loan. They also will be looking for a new board member, if you know anyone that would be interested from Jackson/Chester/Nottingham township, get a hold of her. *Contractor List* – Lynne has sent a letter to the companies currently on our contractors list. She is asking for updated contact information. If you know anyone who wants on the list, let her know.

Claim forms were signed, Jonathan made a motion to adjourn, Jarin seconded. Meeting adjourned. Next meeting will be on Tuesday, Jun. 13th at 9am at NRCS/SWCD Office.

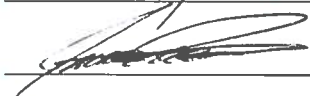
Respectfully Submitted,





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



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