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Wells County Soil & Water Conservation District 65th Annual Meeting



Supervisors, Staff & Partners

Leann Nash, Chairman
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Wells County Soil & Water Conservation District

Lynne Huffman—District Coordinator

Natural Resource Conservation Service

Sara Day—District Conservationist

Indiana State Dept. of Agriculture

David Lefforge—Resource Specialist

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Agenda

WELCOME

Jarrold Kunkel, Supervisor

BUSINESS REPORTS

*Kevin Brubaker, Contracting Officer, Rock Creek Con. Dist.
Jarrod Kunkel, Supervisor, Wells County SWCD*

PARTNER REPORTS

*Elonda Shirmeyer, CED, Farm Services Agency
Sara Day, District. Conservationist , NRCS*

RECOGNITION & AWARDS

2020 SWCD POSTER CONTEST WINNERS
2020 WELLS CO. HIGHEST SCORING SOIL JUDGERS
2020 RIVER FRIENDLY FARMER

ROCK CREEK SUPERVISOR ELECTION

Stacia Henderson, Financial Clerk

SWCD SUPERVISOR ELECTION

Bill Johnson, Election Committee

Voter Eligibility/Election

Voter Eligibility

An individual of voting age or a representative of a firm, company, or corporation that owns or rents land/property located within the district/county may vote (Eligible individuals also include the owner and tenant of the same land/property as well as any owner's or tenant's spouse.)

Election Rules

A nominating committee is formed to seek qualified candidates to fill the open positions.

- One person is elected to the SWCD each year to serve for a three year term as supervisor.
- Two people are appointed to the SWCD on alternate years and they also serve a three year term.
- The election must be conducted by written ballot but if there is only one nominee for the office, a show of hands is sufficient. The newly elected supervisor must be sworn in at a public ceremony.

Nominee(s)

Jarin Tucker
Andy Evans

Nominations are open to the floor as well.

2020-2021 Poster Contest Winners

Fourth Grade Winners

1st place Audrey McMillan Bluffton Elementary Mrs. Grau
 2nd place Amelia Geisel Bluffton Elementary Mrs. Grau
 3rd place Abigail Drummond Bluffton Elementary Mrs. Grau

Hon. Mention Lyla Lyons Southern Wells Mrs. Stroup
 Hon. Mention Gabriella Hoffacker Southern Wells Mrs. Stroup
 Hon. Mention Jordan Reynolds Southern Wells Mrs. Stroup
 Hon. Mention Colton Caldwell Southern Wells Mrs. Stroup
 Hon. Mention Deacon Yates Bluffton Elem. Mrs. Grau
 Hon. Mention Alexis Miller Bluffton Elem. Mrs. Grau

Fifth Grade Winners

1st place Layla Frisch Lancaster Elem. Mrs. Yonker
 2nd place Miyah Foss Lancaster Elem. Mrs. Yonker
 3rd place Steffen Davis Lancaster Elem. Mrs. Yonker

Hon. Mention Jace Johnson Lancaster Elem. Mrs. Yonker
 Hon. Mention Eddie Bushee Lancaster Elem. Mrs. Yonker
 Hon. Mention Alyia Fields Lancaster Elem. Mrs. Yonker
 Hon. Mention Phoenix Whitsitt Lancaster Elem. Mrs. Yonker
 Hon. Mention Marlee Meredith Lancaster Elem. Mrs. Yonker
 Hon. Mention Aspen Campbell Lancaster Elem. Mrs. Yonker



Top 4 County Soil Judges for 2020.

From Southern Wells Jr./Sr. High School

- 1st Valiant Drennen 401
- 2nd Karlee Warner 385
- 3rd Eddie Pluimer 384
- 4th Landen Warner 383

2021 Conservation On the Ground

NRCS, ISDA, and SWCD staff assisted landowners with the following Conservation Accomplishments:

CONSERVATION PRACTICE	APPLIED
CSP Projects	2051.60 acres
Cover Crop	4,645.70 acres
Non-industrial Private Forest Land	81 acres
Grassland Conservation Initiative	12.70 acres
Heavy Use Area Protection	5,600 sq. ft.
Nutrient Management	443.50 acres
Underground Outlet	4568 ft.
Water & Sediment Control Basin	6
Watering Facility	1
TOTALS	7,234 + acres

Wells County SWCD

The Wells County Soil and Water Conservation District is a legal subdivision of state government, responsible for leadership in conserving soil, water, and all other related natural resources within Wells County.

The SWCD is managed by five Supervisors; county residents, who are acquainted with conservation issues of the area. The district provides a means for local individuals, groups and government to work together for the conservation and development of our natural resources to their proper and fullest use.

Board meetings, which are open to the public, are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the NRCS/SWCD office at 117 W. Harvest Road, Bluffton, IN. Agenda and minutes are posted at the meeting location.

Wells County Soil & Water Conservation District Financial Report

General Fund - Financial Report January 1 - December 31, 2020

CHECKING BALANCE January 1, 2020 \$12,655.19

RECEIPTS

State for District Operations	\$10,000.00
County for District Operations	\$4,500.00
Federal Funds - NRCS Contribution Agree.	\$23,774.25
Affiliate Memberships & Donations	\$440.00
Annual Meeting Income	\$927.79
Reimbursements & Refunds	\$88.50
Sales Income (Fish/Flags/Trees/etc.)	\$3,070.41
Misc.	\$141.01
<u>TOTAL RECEIPTS</u>	\$42,941.96

EXPENDITURES

Annual Meeting Expenses	\$1882.06
Audit Expense	\$2824.00
Conservation Education Programs	\$3177.79
Contribution Agreement	\$23,774.25
Dues & Subscriptions	\$2,720.82
Insurance – Property & Bond	\$475.00
Office Supplies	\$418.65
Other	\$2570.00
Sales Tax Paid	\$258.51
Travel/Lodging/Mileage/Reg.	\$1,289.06
<u>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</u>	\$39,390.14

CHECKING BALANCE December 31, 2020 \$16,207.01

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Wells County Soil & Water Conservation District Financial Report

BUSINESS PLUS SAVINGS BALANCE January 1, 2020 \$12,118.11

RECEIPTS

Savings Interest \$1.01

TOTAL RECEIPTS **\$12,119.12**

EXPENDITURES

Withdrawals/Sale of
Investments \$4,500.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES **\$4,500.00**

BUSINESS PLUS SAVINGS BALANCE December 31, 2019 \$7,619.12

TOTAL CASH AND INVESTMENTS December 31, 2019 **\$23,826.13**

**Here's a look at the amount Wells County gained in 2020
by investing in the Wells Co. SWCD**

County for District Operations (incl. employee salary)	\$ 53,433.66
Local Investment for District Operations	\$ 31,344.66
State for District Operations	\$ 10,000.00
State & Federal Investment (staff)	\$ <u>197,514.62</u>
Total Partnership Investment	\$ 292,292.94
 <u>Cost Share to Landowners</u>	
<i>Federal:</i> CRP Program	\$ 294,274.00
CSP Program	\$ 130,678.00
CREP Program	\$ 23,940.00
EQIP Program	\$ 364,262.00
<i>State:</i> EPA 319 Nonpoint Source	\$ <u>21,799.37</u>
	\$ 834,953.37

TOTAL CONSERVATION INVESTMENT IN WELLS CO.
\$ 1,127,246.31

**EACH COUNTY DOLLAR INVESTED IN THE
SWCD LEVERAGED: \$ 21.10
IN FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL FUNDING**