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SWCD MEETING MINUTES – January 21, 2020

The Wells Co. SWCD met January 21, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the NRCS/SWCD office at 117 West Harvest Road, Bluffton, IN. Supervisors present were: Leann Nash, Jarrod Kunkel, Kevin Brickley, & Dale Thomas. Others present were Arelys Ortiz; NRCS District Conservationist, and Lynne Huffman; SWCD District Coordinator. Minutes from the December 10, 2019 meeting were presented. Dale Thomas made a motion to accept the minutes. Jarrod Kunkel seconded. The Treasurer's report ending Jan. 15, 2020 was presented. Kevin Brickley made a motion to accept the report, Jarrod Kunkel seconded, the motion carried.

Old Business: *None*

New Business: *Annual Meeting*– Discussed final preparations for annual meeting. Lynne received quotes back for the giveaway, the supplier said the tape measure would give us more room for our logo. Kevin made a motion to order the tape measure, Dale seconded. Lynne asked if we should get servers to help with the meal. We have normally used Southern Wells FFA in the past. Lynne will ask if they have anyone available. Lynne advised the board that her previous awards provider has sold the business. She got a quote from a Bluffton business, but the prices were higher than expected. She also did an internet search and can get them much cheaper, but wanted the board's opinion on whether to buy local? The board gave Lynne 2 new suggestions to get quotes from. Lynne will get these quotes and get to the board for a decision. Also discussed if we would like to offer a gift certificate at the annual meeting. In the past, we offered \$50 towards a 2020 fish or tree purchase. Dale made a motion to offer this again this year, Jarrod seconded. *Designation of Depository* – Each year we need to designate our depository. We are currently using First Merchants. Kevin made a motion to use First Merchants as our 2020 depository, Dale seconded. *Update policy manual* – Dale made a motion to sign the policy manual with no updates. Jarrod seconded. Policy manual was signed by all present.

Conservation Application: We still don't have a deadline for signup or any news on what's going to happen with NRCS programs in 2020. Sara Day has been working with CRP field visits, we still haven't received any guidance about how to proceed with the 100% CRP reviews. FSA is working on CRP re-enrolls, CREP and new CRP. We received an email that CREP money won't be available until probably summer 2021.

Reports: *CWI 2018 Blackford County*- We spent \$15,704.88 on cost share in 2019. *LSRW* –\$15,310.25 on cost share in 2020 *CWI Wells/Huntington* – Grant is now open, have had 2 people interested in Equipment Modification. Pamphlets will be ready to distribute by annual meeting. *Rule 5* -none

Other Business: *Succession Planning*- Lynne will be preparing a succession planning Packet. This is a plan in case something would prevent the SWCD employee from completing their work. Day to day things such as where are passwords stored, deadlines, ongoing projects, etc.

Claim forms were signed, Jarrod made a motion to adjourn, Dale seconded. Meeting adjourned. Next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 11th at 6pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

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