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**Wells County Soil & Water Conservation District**  
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**SWCD MEETING MINUTES – July 14, 2020**

The Wells Co. SWCD met July 14, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. at the NRCS/SWCD office at 710 S. Mulberry St., Bluffton, IN. Supervisors present were: Leann Nash, Jarrod Kunkel, Bill Johnson, & Dale Thomas. Others present were Arelys Ortiz; NRCS District Conservationist and Lynne Huffman; SWCD District Coordinator. Minutes from the Feb. 11, 2020 meeting were presented. Dale Thomas made a motion to accept the minutes. Jarrod Kunkel seconded. The Treasurer's report ending Feb. 5, 2020 was presented. Dale Thomas made a motion to accept the report, Bill Johnson seconded, the motion carried.

**Old Business:** *Annual Meeting* – We have not met since annual meeting. Feedback was that all went very well. The meal was good, the speaker was awesome. All present were in favor of continuing to partner with Purdue Extension. Lynne will reach out to them next month after 4-H Fair is over to begin planning for 2021.

**New Business:** *Board Elections* – Annually we elect a President and Vice President. After discussion, Dale Thomas made a motion to retain Leann Nash as President. Bill seconded, all in favor, motion passed. Bill Johnson then made a motion to name Jarrod Kunkel as Vice President, Dale Thomas seconded, all in favor, motion passed. *Supervisor Appointment* – Jody Nusbaumer was unable to attend. Lynne will administer the Oath of Office to Jody in the near future. *Adopt A Highway* – Need to schedule another road cleanup. Leann suggested August 18<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at the corner of SR 1 & SR 224 at 8am. We will try to get one more in late fall.

**Conservation Application:** Arelys “Liz” Ortiz reports that the office is still closed to the public. We are currently in Phase 2. If COVID numbers stay level or do not increase for 2 weeks, we will move to level 3. Liz also reported that she was able to submit 22 EQIP applications. So far, 5 have been pre-approved. As she previously reported, there is a new ranking system. Values are determined by the tillage practice, nutrient usage, if you apply cover crops, how much residue is left on field and resource concerns. The practices that you will be applying for MUST address these resource concerns.

**Reports:** *CWI 2018 Blackford County*- No new applications in 2020. *CWI Wells/Huntington* – Several have expressed interest, but no applications to date. Will reach out to farmers soon to start completing applications. *Salamonie 319* – Approx. \$75,000 yet to be allocated. Opened to Tier 1 AND Tier 2. *Rule 5* -Have completed 3 since March of 2020. 1. Bluffton Apartments & Storage, North Main Street.2. Water Works Improvement Project – New Water Treatment Plant 3. Water Main Extension

**Other Business:** *2019 AFR* – Dale Thomas made a motion to accept the 2019 AFR. Bill Johnson seconded.

Claim forms were signed, Jarrod made a motion to adjourn, Bill seconded. Meeting adjourned. Next meeting will be on Tuesday, August 18<sup>th</sup> at 8am prior to road cleanup at SR 1 & SR 224..

Respectfully Submitted,

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

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