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SWCD MEETING MINUTES – Oct. 13, 2020

The Wells Co. SWCD met Aug. 18, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. at City Hall, Bluffton, IN. Supervisors present were: Jody Nusbaumer, Jarrod Kunkel, Bill Johnson, & Dale Thomas. Others present were Dave Lefforge; ISDA Resource Specialist; Sara Day; Acting District Conservationist and Lynne Huffman; SWCD District Coordinator. Minutes from the Aug. 18, 2020 meeting were presented. Dale Thomas made a motion to accept the minutes. Bill Johnson second, the motion carried. The Treasurer's report ending Oct. 6, 2020 was presented. Dale Thomas made a motion to accept the report, Jody Nusbaumer seconded, the motion carried.

Old Business:

New Business: *Annual Meeting* –We need to begin planning for annual meeting. As of now, our guidance is to plan an in-person meeting and to plan an option B (Virtual or other). Lynne will meet with Purdue Extension and Rock Creek Conservancy District to make plans. Anyone with any ideas for speakers is to let Lynne know prior to October 28th. *Supervisor Election* – Dale Thomas and Leann Nash have chosen not to run another term. Replacements need to be chosen by Nov. 1st. Lynne asked for recommendations and to have suggestions to her ASAP.

Conservation Application: Sara Day reports that Liz has accepted a new position in the state of Virginia. She will be acting until Liz's position is filled. Sara explained the locally led papers to Supervisors. After discussion, it was determined that they will keep the ranking the same as last year. Sara also had the Supervisors sign the Civil Rights paperwork. No new date for the next round of EQIP applications. CRP field checks are being completed.

Reports: *CWI 2018 Blackford County*- All money exhausted. *CWI Wells/Huntington* –All money is allocated. *Salamonie 319* –All funds allocated. *Rule 5* -Received 3 new ones for a Regional Detention Pond, Water Main Extensions and Midwest Federal Credit Union.

Other Business: *Annual Meeting* –We need to begin planning for annual meeting. As of now, our guidance is to plan an in-person meeting and to plan an option B (Virtual or other). Lynne will meet with Purdue Extension and Rock Creek Conservancy District to make plans. Anyone with any ideas for speakers is to let Lynne know prior to October 28th. *Indiana Woodland Steward* – A request was made by Indiana Woodland Steward for help with the mailing cost to 67 landowners in Wells County. After discussion, Dale Thomas made a motion to send them \$104.52. Bill seconded. *Conservation Grant* – Ossian Elementary requested that the money that they received last year that was not spent (due to COVID 19) be used this year. Told them that would be fine. *Road Clean Up* – Next road clean up will be Nov. 5th at 10am (weather permitting).

Claim forms were signed, Jody made a motion to adjourn, Dale seconded. Meeting adjourned. Next meeting will be on Tuesday, November 10th time tbd.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

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