



Wells County Soil & Water Conservation District
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SWCD MEETING MINUTES – Sept. 15, 2023

The Wells Co. SWCD met on Sept. 15, 2023 at 12:00 p.m. at the NRCS/SWCD office at 117 West Harvest Road, Bluffton, IN. Supervisor's present were: Eric Johnson, Andy Evans, Dustin Arnold & Jonathan Patterson. Others present were Sara Day; NRCS District Conservationist, Dave Lefforge; ISDA Resource Specialist and Lynne Huffman; SWCD District Coordinator. Minutes from the July 11, 2023 meeting were presented. Dustin Arnold made a motion to accept the minutes, Jonathan Patterson seconded, the motion carried. The Treasurer's report ending Sept. 15 was presented. Andy Evans made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, Jonathan seconded. The motion carried.

Old Business: *None*

New Business: *Annual Meeting* – Lynne met with Bill Horan from Purdue Extension and Pam Gregory from Rock Creek Conservancy District. We have scheduled the combined annual meeting for February 15, 2024. Speaker will be Fred Whitford from Purdue. Topics were discussed, Lynne will take the recommendation back to Bill and Pam. *Field Day*- Need to continue planning a field day for the Salamonie 319 grant. *Tree Pick Up* – It is our turn to pick up trees for Adams, Wells & Huntington SWCDs on Sept. 26th. Eric Johnson has volunteered to pick up the orders.

Conservation Application: Sara Day reports that everything is pretty much on hold as far as new sign ups. We currently do not have a farm bill.




Reports: *CWI Wells/Huntington 2022* –All Wells County money is spoken for, *Salamonie 319* –Cost Share applications received. 3 were presented for board approval. UWR- Applications needed for land located in Tier 1 and Tier 2. *Rule 5*- None.

Other Business: *Combined Workshop* - packets of info were passed out. This will be the “workbook” that everyone gets who comes to the workshop on March 16, 2024. *Salamonie 319 Apps* – 3 applications were presented to the board for approval. Dustin made a motion to fund, Andy seconded.

Claim forms were signed, Jonathan made a motion to adjourn, Dustin seconded. Meeting adjourned. Next meeting will be on Tuesday, Oct. 10th at 9am at NRCS/SWCD Office.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

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