



White County Soil & Water Conservation District
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MARCH 14, 2023

WHITE COUNTY SWCD ANNUAL MEETING

THE WHITE COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT HELD THEIR 2022 ANNUAL MEETING ON MARCH 14, 2023 AT THE WOLCOTT CAFÉ IN WOLCOTT, IN. THERE WERE 35 PEOPLE IN ATTENDANCE

THE EVENING BEGAN AT 6:00 PM WITH A WELCOMING ADDRESS BY LARRY KILMER AND INVOCATION BY JOHN DEMERLY. DINNER WAS PREPARED AND PROVIDED BY THE WOLCOTT CAFÉ & CATERING.

FOLLOWING DINNER, CHAIRMAN LARRY KILMER CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AND ASKED FOR A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY, 2023 AS WELL AS CLAIMS RECEIVED. A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE BY JOHN DEMERLY AND SECONDED BY JOHN FIELDING.

JOHN FIELDING OFFICIATED THE ELECTION OF SUPERVISORS. THIS YEAR, JOHN DEMERLY WAS RUNNING FOR ELECTION, WHILE LARRY KILMER WAS APPOINTED ANOTHER THREE YEAR TERM. THERE WERE NO OTHER NOMINATIONS FROM THE FLOOR, AND THE ELECTION OF THE CANDIDATE TOOK PLACE BY A SHOW OF HANDS. THE MAJORITY WAS IN FAVOR, AND BOTH CANDIDATES WERE DULY SWORN IN BY JOHN FIELDING.

LARRY KILMER RECOGNIZED THE OUTDOOR EDUCATION GRANT RECIPIENTS. PRESENTATIONS WERE GIVEN BY BRITTANY YODER – FRONTIER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, ANGELA ALEXANDER – EASTLAWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, AND CINDY ISOM – WITH THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF WHITE COUNTY.

URBAN SOIL HEALTH UPDATES WERE TO BE GIVEN BY MARIAN RODRIGUEZ-SOTO, HOWEVER SHE WAS UNABLE TO ATTEND AND A BRIEF SYNOPSIS OF THE PROGRAM WAS PROVIDED BY SHANNON O'FARRELL.

THE KEYNOTE SPEAKER FOR THE EVENING WAS DR. FRED WHITFORD, *CLINICAL ENGAGEMENT PROFESSOR WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY & PLANT PATHOLOGY, PURDUE UNIVERSITY. FRED SHARED HIS EXPERTISE WITH A PRESENTATION TITLED, "WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO". HE SHARED MANY OF HIS EXPERIENCES AS AN EDUCATOR AND RESOURCE SPECIALIST IN AGRICULTURE, SUMMARIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF OUR ROLES AND HOW WE HAVE A CONTINUED IMPACT ON OUR COMMUNITIES AND THE PEOPLE WHO RESIDE THERE.*

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THE EVENING ENDED WITH A DRAWING FOR DOOR PRIZES. MR. JEFF DEMERLY SPOKE ON BEHALF OF OUR SPONSOR, WHITE COUNTY FARM BUREAU, INC. FOR GRACIOUSLY SPONSORING TWO 2023 INDIANA STATE PARK PASSES. ADDITIONALLY, EVERY FAMILY IN ATTENDANCE WENT HOME WITH A 2021 EDITION PLAT BOOK. INDIANA RIBBON ALSO DONATED THEIR NEW PRODUCT, GIVE & GROW BOWS, WHICH WERE DISTRIBUTED TO GUESTS AFTER THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 8:30 PM.

X Jerry Palmer

X John Feltz

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