

BOND COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
1111 E. Harris Ave., Greenville, IL 62246  
Regular Monthly Board Meeting, Tuesday, January 05, 2010

The regular monthly meeting of the Bond County Soil and Water Conservation District's Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, January 05, 2010 at the USDA Building. Mike Bingham called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Directors present: Mike Bingham, Harold Gehrig, Lester Harnetiaux and Karen File. Also present: Emily Hartmann, Administrative Coordinator, Dan Feldmann, Resource Conservationist, Justin King, District Conservationist. Absent: Wes Pourchot.

Directors reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting. Artie Myers moved for approval of the minutes as written; Harold Gehrig seconded this motion; carried. Last month's time sheets, financial reports, and current bills due, were reviewed and discussed by the Board. Artie Myers moved to approve the reports. Harold Gehrig seconded; motion carried.

**Old Business:** CPP projects for 2009 are completed, reviewed and paid. The first CPP project money has been received and new projects are being reviewed for 2010 funding. The recycling grant decision is not expected until February. Emily continues to work with the County Board on the recycling project. Questions have been asked regarding a recycling oil project. Hartmann will look into it. The 2010 Annual meeting is set for Feb. 12. The paperwork has been filed with IDOA regarding the election. Harnetiaux and Pourchot will be seeking re-election. Myers notified the board he will not be seeking re-election, but would like to continue to serve as an Associate Director.

**New Business:** The SWCD office was contacted regarding information for a DNR-Landowner Incentive Program. No further information was shared and it was indicated a letter should be received in the near future. The Board reviewed the IL CMS Memorandum regarding the State Holiday Calendar for 2010. Lester Harnetiaux moved to set aside Feb. 12 as a floating holiday for employees to use whenever they choose and the board will not recognize General Election Day as a holiday. Artie Myers seconded, motion carried. The Board discussed the 2010 meeting schedule. Lester Harnetiaux moved to set the meeting schedule for the first Tuesday of each month at 9:00 a.m., with the February and September meetings being set at 5:00 p.m. Harold Gehrig seconded; motion carried. Due to the new Freedom of Information and Open Meetings Act Law, the Attorney General's Office is requiring the appointment of a Freedom of Information Act Officer. Lester Harnetiaux moved to appointment Emily Hartmann as the FOIA Officer and Dan Feldmann as the deputy FOIA Officer, requiring both to complete the training. Artie Myers seconded, motion carried.

**Administrative Coordinator's Report:** See attached report.

**Resource Conservationist's Report:** Feldmann reported soil sampling is down 1500 acres, but he has more than that booked for 2010 already. It couldn't be completed in 2009 due to weather. Tim Lewis of Kern's contacted SWCD Office regarding the use of the scale at the SWCD shed. Feldmann is looking into the feasibility of refurbishing the scale and will report back. Feldmann is working on replacing the points on the Aerway and updating the drills. He is scheduled to attend the Corn & Soybean meeting.

**NRCS Report:** Report is attached.

**SW IL RC&D:** The next meeting of the SW IL RC&D is set for Jan. 19.

**Future Meetings:** Harold Gehrig moved to adjourn at 11:20 a.m. Lester Harnetiaux seconded; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Harold Gehrig, Secretary, Bond County SWCD

Notes taken by Emily Hartmann, AC

AC Report for Jan. 2010

Submitted by: Emily Hartmann

### **LEAP Grant**

- Application deadline is January 31

### **Annual Meeting**

- Friday, February 12, 2009
- Election request will be submitted to IDOA this week
- Two persons have filed certificates of eligibility in office (Harnetiaux, Pourchot)
- Need to contact two additional members of Election Nominating Committee

### **Recycling**

- Spoke with IL DCEO – February before receive answer on grant
- Notified BCCU2 and MGCUSD1 Superintendents of Recycling Grants for schools and Fundraising opportunities for schools through recycling printer cartridges, cell phones, etc.

### **Holiday Schedule**

- Closed January 18 – MLK Day

### **Upcoming Meetings**

- January – 14 Dairy Days in Breese
- January – 19 SW RC&D Meeting

### **Current Activities**

- Planning Annual Meeting
- Planning 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Soil & Water Day
- Preparing the next electronic newsletter to promote the annual meeting
- Beginning to assemble materials for the annual report
- Working with Roger on IFGC newsletter

February 18, 2010

To: Bond SWCD  
From: Justin King

RE: January Report

**EQIP:** Marie Harmon's contract has been modified and I have submitted the final payment on the contract. Completed contract reviews for all contracts. Made final payment for Wilma Volkmar her contract is now complete. Working on cleaning up folders and updating information in them. We have a new cutoff date for applications and it is January 15<sup>th</sup> 2010.

**CRP:** Working on a few revisions, new applications, and a few reenrollments for CRP.

**WHIP:** Spoke with Don Augustine. We are going to try to get together soon to finish up seed requirements for his project

**CSP:** Completed nine applications and eight of them were eligible. All eight of the applications were preapproved and we are currently waiting on funding levels. The new date to finalize these preapproved applications is January 29, 2010. We have received the information on funding and field visits I will be finishing these up in the next few weeks.

**WRP:** Terry Wachter and Brian Fitch will be here on Jan 12<sup>th</sup> to do some soils investigations on two applications that are in Bond County. They had to reschedule due to Shoal Creek being flooded on Dec 14<sup>th</sup>.

**CTA:** Worked on several HEL determinations. I am working with the area staff to determine how to do HEL compliance when endangered species are a factor.

**Misc:** David Webber will be here sometime to do engineering spot check. We have a Quality Review here on February 8<sup>th</sup> 2010. We have a Team 1 meeting scheduled for January 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Local Led Workgroup:** None.

**Upcoming Items:** Annual vehicle inspections are due to the state office by January 30<sup>th</sup>.