

BOND COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
1111 E. Harris Ave., Greenville, IL 62246
Regular Monthly Board Meeting, Wednesday, October 7, 2009

The regular monthly meeting of the Bond County Soil and Water Conservation District's Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, October 7, 2009 at the USDA Building. Mike Bingham called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m.

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

Directors reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting. Wes Pourchot 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. Harold Gehrig moved to approve all reports as submitted. Wes Pourchot seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business: Feldmann updated the board on the air compressor and generator purchase recommended at the last meeting. Hartmann updated the board on the status of the CPP contracts. One has been submitted and is awaiting processing at IDOA.

New Business: The Bond County Board accepted the SWCD proposal made by Mike & Emily at the Oct. meeting. The agreement is for one year and Emily will serve as the Bond County Recycling Coordinator if approved by the SWCD Board. The Bond County Board will pay SWCD \$10,000 and a 5% administration fee for any grants received. Lester moved to accept the contract pending review by Jeff Mollett. Harold Gehrig seconded; motion carried. Hartmann requested permission to upgrade the wireless internet hardware to a Verizon Mii. The estimated cost will be \$100. This will allow both laptop computers internet access at the same time. Wes Pourchot moved to upgrade the internet hardware for the laptops. Dr. Gehrig seconded; motion carried.

Administrative Coordinator's Report: Hartmann will be submitting ideas to AISWCD for their legislative newsletter regarding Bond County SWCD. She will be sending our soil sampling program and the Book Barn. She will also be sending advertising to the Shopper on the drills and soil sampling. She is working with the CPA on the completion of the audit, and will submit the Internal Control Checklist. She has updated the website for SWCD and IFGC recently. The fish sale was profitable.

Resource Conservationist's Report: Feldmann reported a Shell fleet has been ordered due to the Motomart's temporary closing in Greenville. The drills are being rented for wheat, rye and grass seedings. Soil sampling has been scheduled for ~1000 acres. Feldmann has contacted Shiloh Valley to order the drill as requested during the Sept. meeting.

NRCS Report: Tisch, Inc. waterway is complete. Hamel cNMP is complete. CRP revisions and re-enrollments continue. AgLearn training will be coming due in the next few months. Mike Stanfill will be here for spot checks on 10/15 and Dave Weber on 10/20. A new Ag. Engineer and Soil Scientist has been hired for Area 1. Kurt Vosholler's WRP application is moving forward.

SW RC&D: Lester & Emily attended the previous SW RC&D regional meeting. Lester attended a meeting for contractor's that toured a Conservation subdivision designed for zero runoff. He also suggested partnering with a 4-H club or scout troop to put in a water garden. He also suggested looking into storm water management opportunities within the county/city.

IDOA: Randy Grove provided an update from IDOA. Winter training for SWCD employees will be held Dec. 1-2. A spring workshop is being considered in late February, early March. Financially challenging times are ahead. FY10

budget is 88% of our normal budget and FY11 is predicted to be 50%. We need to begin preparing now. Reminder that the internal control checklist, audit and plan of work is due Oct. 15. The progress report will be sent out soon by IDOA. Grove also reminded all CPP projects over \$10,000 must receive IDOA approval prior to construction.

Future Meetings: The next meeting is scheduled Nov. 4 at 8:30 a.m. Wes Pourchot moved to adjourn at 10:20 a.m. Lester Harnetiaux seconded; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Harold Gehrig, Secretary, Bond County SWCD

Notes taken by Emily Hartmann, AC