

BOND COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
1111 E. Harris Ave., Greenville, IL 62246  
Regular Monthly Board Meeting, Wednesday, April 09, 2008

The regular monthly meeting of the Bond County Soil and Water Conservation District's Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, April 09, 2008 at the USDA Building. Mike Bingham called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Directors present: Mike Bingham, Lester Harnetiaux, Wes Pourchot, Artie Myers, Karen File. Absent: Harold Gehrig. Also present: Emily Hartmann, Administrative Coordinator; Dan Feldmann, Resource Conservationist, Justin King, District Conservationist, and special guest Randy Grove, Illinois Department of Agriculture.

Directors reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting. Wes Pourchot moved for approval of the minutes as written; Artie Myers seconded this motion; carried.

Last month's financial reports, and current bills due, were reviewed and discussed by the Board. Wes Pourchot moved to change the Liability Insurance and Auto insurance policy with Erie Insurance from an annual premium to a six-month premium. Artie Myers seconded; motion carried. Wes Pourchot moved to approve financial reports as presented and payment of all bills and timesheets; Artie Myers seconded; carried.

**Administrative Coordinator's Report:** Hartmann reported on the meeting with Senator Frank Watson regarding the Soil and Water Conservation District Funding. She spoke with AISWCD Executive Director Rich Nichols regarding Senator Watson's recommendations regarding seeking other funding opportunities and continuing to making the public aware of our issue. Thank you notes are being written to Senator Watson and to Representative Stephens.

Hartmann reported that the fish sale generated more revenue than expected due to the issues with the largemouth bass not being available for sale. Profit from the sale topped \$1000. A large order from the Highland Sportsman's Club was received at the last minute and a pond drop was arranged with Logan Hollow. The tree sale will not breakeven this year due to the purchase of the water tanks. The weather really hurt our tree sale this year. The quality of stock was down somewhat from Hillis Nursery. The arrival of the Spruce and White Pines were delayed and caused an organizational problem with people picking up their trees. The next scheduled is the Soil and Water Conservation Day. The Extension Office is questioning whether to proceed with the plans. Transportation is pre-paid with the school districts, but Extension may not have the funds to pay for the lunches for the teachers and speakers. Hartmann will meet with

the Extension/Ag in the Classroom Staff and report back to the board regarding the plans for the Soil and Water Day. The Poster Contest is planned for the end of April/early May. Prior to the next meeting the Board asked Hartmann to investigate the Director's and Officer's Liability Insurance to insure coverage is held by the AISWCD policy.

**Resource Conservationist's Report:** Feldmann reported he has been working with the tree and fish sales. He has talked with Shiloh Valley and two of the new drills have arrived at the dealership and they anticipate delivery within the next two weeks. He has ordered his new laptop and the cost was around \$800.00. He anticipates arrival within a few days. Soil sampling requests continue to come in.

**NRCS Report:** King reported he has been working on forestry management plans, continues to increase field visits for HEL & Wetland Determinations has worked on audit reports for EQIP contracts, has processed payments for Mark Conway's WHIP, and met with Dave Willey regarding the city lake. He also continues to make field visits with local landowners asking for help with their farms regarding clearing, erosion and program assistance. He and Rob surveyed Bill Mills 4 grade stabilization structures.

**Old Business:** Matt Willman has requested a letter from the Bond County SWCD regarding our support of the city owned Wolf Industrial Park. The request is on behalf of Lisa Stephens. The board would like more information from Ms. Stephens and the current farm operator regarding their farming and conservation practices.

**New Business:** The board discussed the financial position of the district and the need to meet and discuss options regarding the future of the district. A tentative date of April 30 is set unless otherwise rescheduled – depending on farming and weather. The special meeting will be posted on the website and posted at the FSA office bulletin board.

Randy Grove has no new information to report from Springfield. He is here to present information from the "new director" training held in early March. Following adjournment he will present the updated information on being a Soil and Water Director.

Artie Myers moved to adjourn at 11:00 a.m.. Wes Pourchot seconded; carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Bingham  
Chariman, Bond County SWCD

Notes taken by Emily Hartmann, AC