

Bond County Soil & Water Conservation District
1111 E. Harris Ave., Greenville, IL 62246
Regular Monthly Board Meeting, Wednesday, January 08, 2020

The regular monthly meeting of the Bond County Soil and Water Conservation District's Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, January 08, 2020 at the USDA Service Center, Greenville, IL. Bingham called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Directors present: Mike Bingham, Wes Pourchot, Carl Albert, Denny Kirkham. Also present: Emily Hartmann, Roger Marcoot, Gary Gaubatz. Absent: Kyle Johnson. All votes are unanimous unless otherwise indicated.

Directors reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting. Pourchot moved to approve the minutes as printed. Kirkham seconded; motion carried. Last months' time-sheets, financial reports, current bills due, and delinquent accounts were reviewed and discussed by the Board. Pourchot moved to approve the timesheets, pay bills, and approve financial reports. Kirkham seconded. Motion carried.

NRCS Update: Gabautz reported on active contracts, staffing status, applications and CSP/CRP/EQIP.

FSA Update: No report.

Old Business: Hartmann reviewed the status of CPP applications and payments. A few have been paid, two others submitted to IDOA and others are pending NMP. The annual meeting is scheduled for Feb. 14 at the Bradford Room. Justin Jefferson is the nominating committee chairperson. Albert, Pourchot and Kirkham are running for re-election. No additional names have been submitted. The Gehrig Scholarship applications are due by Jan. 31. All applications will be forwarded to the board for their review. A final vote is needed by Feb. 7 so there is time to notify the winner. Mike Bingham will be receiving his 20-year service award. Hartmann will take care of those arrangements and award. The Outstanding Forestry Winner – Bill Calvert will be invited to be recognized for his award. There will be a Local Led meeting immediately after the annual meeting. The regular board meeting will be held after the local led to finalize any urgent business.

New Business: A Gehrig Scholarship applicant contacted Hartmann to find out if she was eligible since she finished high-school as a home schooled student. The board discussed and requested some form of proof of graduation and college enrollment. Hartmann will contact the student to gather that information. Pourchot moved to re-appoint Hartmann as the FOIA officer, Kirkham seconded. Motion carried. The board reviewed the CMS calendar for 2020 and approved those holidays with the allowance that Lincoln's birthday can be used as a "floating holiday" to be taken when the employee prefers. The board discussed ordering marketing items for the SWCD using the new logo. Hartmann provided the price estimates from different local and online vendors. Pourchot moved to purchase shirts and hat for the directors and staff to improve marketing of the district. Albert seconded; motion carried.

Administrative Coordinator's Report: Hartmann provided an update on programs and workload. She is scheduled to attend an all employees SWCD/NRCS meeting at Kaskaskia College on Jan. 15. The Conservation Cropping Seminar in Mt. Vernon on Jan. 21. The regional AITC meeting in Bloomington is on Feb. 3. The annual meeting is Feb. 14. The office is closed for Presidents Day on Feb. 17. NRCS required computer training is in Breese on Feb. 18. The week of Feb. 24 is filled with FFA Week activities.

Conservation Associate's Report: Marcoot is working with Diedrich on repairs to the Turbo Max. It still isn't level. There were a few equipment rentals in December. He will work with Hartmann on the annual meeting activities.

Future Meetings: Feb. 14 at 2:30 pm will be the next meeting – following the annual meeting. Pourchot moved to adjourn at 10:15 a.m. Carl Albert seconded; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Emily Hartmann, Exec. Director

Denny Kirkham, Secretary