

Bond County Soil & Water Conservation District
1111 E. Harris Ave., Greenville, IL 62246
Regular Monthly Board Meeting, Wednesday, January 09, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Bond County Soil and Water Conservation District's Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, January 09, 2019 at the USDA Service Center, Greenville, IL. Bingham called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

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

Directors reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting. Carl Albert requested a correction to the December minutes. He asked that the year-end bonuses be defined as a performance bonus. Kirkham moved to approve the minutes as amended. Albert seconded; motion carried. The board discussed updating signature cards at the bank to add Albert and remove Karen File. Last months' time-sheets, financial reports, current bills due, and delinquent accounts were reviewed and discussed by the Board. Albert moved to approve the timesheets, pay bills, approve financial reports and update signature cards at the bank on the checking, savings and AITC savings accounts; Kirkham seconded. Motion carried.

NRCS Update: Gabautz reported on active contracts, staffing status, applications and CSP/CRP/EQIP. He also provided information on the EPA 319 in Silver Creek Watershed and the plans to apply for an RCCP. NRCS is still funded and any potential closures will be communicated as soon as information is received.

FSA Update: The FSA office staff were furloughed on 12/28/18. Knackstedt is on medical leave. Future plans for the FSA positions have not been finalized.

Old Business: None

New Business: The board discussed the upcoming annual meeting and regular February meeting. The annual meeting is planned for Feb. 8 at noon. The local led workgroup will follow the annual meeting. The regular monthly board meeting will be planned for 2:00 p.m. or immediately following the local workgroup meeting at the Bradford Room in Greenville. Hartmann was re-appointed as FOIA Officer. Kirkham moved to approve Hartmann as FOIA officer and to re-schedule the Feb. board meeting to Feb. 8 at 2:00 p.m. Albert seconded; motion carried. The board reviewed the applications for the Gehrig Scholarship. After discussion, review of the Gehrig Scholarship balance, and review of applications Kirkham moved to award of two \$500 scholarships. Albert seconded. Hartmann was directed to contact the winners and invite them to the annual meeting to receive their award. Those that were not selected will receive a letter of thanks and encouragement to apply next year. Hartmann attended the recent Zoning Board meeting to discuss a solar ordinance. The zoning board appointed a solar committee and asked Hartmann to serve on the committee. Discussions were also held about a state statute requiring Bond SWCD review changes in zoning. Hartmann will look into it.

Administrative Coordinator's Report: Hartmann update the board on the SSRP project in Pocahontas. She also provided an update on CSP, AITC, IFGC and general office duties. There are several meetings and workshops coming up. Some include: Solar Farm Information meeting on Jan. 16; AITC Tour with MG FFA to Prairie Farms Plant in Granite City on Jan. 17; Cover Crop Seminar in O'Fallon on Jan. 24; Silver Lake EPA 319 meeting in Grantfork on Jan. 25; AITC Regional meeting in Bloomington on Feb. 4; Dairy Summit at Kaskaskia College, Feb. 5; Bond SWCD Annual Meeting on Feb. 8 and Bond Co. Farm Bureau meeting on Feb. 8.

Conservation Associate's Report: Marcoot is working on repairing the drills. He contacted Goodin for assistance with repairs. The drills were used on 4500 acres and 2654 ac. for the Turbo Max for CY2018.

Future Meetings: Feb. 8 at 2:00 pm will be the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Emily Hartmann, Exec. Director