

Bond County Soil & Water Conservation District
1111 E. Harris Ave., Greenville, IL 62246
Regular Monthly Board Meeting, Wednesday, April 12, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the Bond County Soil and Water Conservation District's Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, April 12, 2017 at the USDA Service Center. Mike Bingham called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Directors present: Mike Bingham, Wes Pourchot, Denny Kirkham, Kyle Johnson, Karen File. Also present: Emily Hartmann, Roger Marcoot, Gary Gabautz, Special Guest: Gary Albers – IDOA. Absent: . All votes are unanimous unless otherwise indicated.

Directors reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting. Kirkham moved for approval of the minutes, Pourchot seconded this motion; carried. Last month's 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; Johnson seconded. Motion carried.

NRCS: Gary Gabautz provided an update for NRCS and discussed the QAR scheduled in May. He also shared information on poison hemlock and the potential for meeting with the County Road Commissioners.

FSA: No report.

Old Business: The board discussed the fish sale and the purchase of the QB software.

New Business: The 5th Grade Cons. Education day is planned for April 27. Quail Forever provided a grant to fund the event. Wes Pourchot moved to purchase a membership in the local Quail Forever Chapter with the AITC education funds, Kyle Johnson seconded. Kirkham abstained; motion carried. Hartmann has been asked to present a lesson for the MG 3rd grade field trip to the Bond Christian Camp scheduled for May 10 – the day of our next board meeting. She will need to be there around 9:30 a.m. The SSRP application for the Pokey Village is being funded by the IDOA. Hartmann will attend the next Pokey village meeting to determine and verify their interest in the project. The EPA 319 project is maxed out. All funding dollars have been obligated. Hartmann is scheduling pre-construction meetings and meeting with landowners to finalize the contracts.

Administrative Coordinator's Report: Report on AITC activities, budget, and an update on the work in Clinton County was provided. The fish sale was completed on April 6. Hartmann continues to work on a lot of NRCS projects, EPA 319 work and is working to discontinue travel to Breese unless absolutely necessary for EPA work. She will be attending the state AITC meeting on May 23 – planned for the Edwardsville office this year. With NRCS she is working on CRP, CSP, EQIP, HEL determinations and submitting a lot of letters. She is also processing documents for contract payments. Statement of Economic Interest forms were gathered and signed.

Conservation Associate's Report: Marcoot updated the board on the status of the equipment and soil sampling programs.

Future Meetings: The next meeting is planned for May 10 at 8:00 a.m. Pourchot moved to adjourn at 9:46 a.m. Johnson seconded; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Emily Hartmann, Coordinator