

Bond County Soil & Water Conservation District
1111 E. Harris Ave., Greenville, IL 62246
Regular Monthly Board Meeting, Wednesday, April 11, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the Bond County Soil and Water Conservation District's Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, April 11, 2018 at the USDA Service Center, Greenville, IL. Bingham called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Directors present: Mike Bingham, Wes Pourchot, and Denny Kirkham. Also present: Emily Hartmann, Roger Marcoot. Associate Director. Absent: Karen File, Kyle Johnson. All votes are unanimous unless otherwise indicated.

Directors reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting. Kirkham moved for approval of the minutes, Pourchot seconded the motion; 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; Kirkham seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business: The board reviewed the FOIA, OMA and ethics requirements. The equipment purchase and needed repairs were discussed. The fish sale was completed April 4 with a profit of \$ 634.18.

New Business: Hartmann shared information on the AITC 5th grade conservation education day. A teacher workshop for AITC is planned for June 18. Soil sampling software needs to be updated due to the old software not being compatible with Windows 10. Kirkham moved to update the soil sampling software. Pourchot seconded; motion carried. Bingham asked about the ability to provide plant tissue testing services. Hartmann will look into it and report at the next meeting. Hartmann also reported that the conservation seed program is quite successful with \$1937 in profit so far this spring. The board discussed potential new associate directors. Hartmann will contact a few producers and determine interest.

Administrative Coordinator's Report: Hartmann reported on AITC activities, NRCS contribution agreement, invoicing, and upcoming events. See attached report.

Conservation Associate's Report: Marcoot is working with Hartmann on the e-newsletter. The new drill is due in on April 25. Marcoot requested funding to purchase a used lawnmower for \$400 from Jansens equipment. Pourchot moved to approve the purchase. Kirkham seconded; motion carried.

Kirkham moved to adjourn at 9:22 a.m. Pourchot seconded. Motion carried.

Future Meetings: The next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 10, 2018 at 8:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Hartmann, Exec. Director

AC Report for Apr. 2018

Submitted by: Emily Hartmann

Primary Projects:

- EPA 319 Grant – submitted two new invoices
- IL Forage and Grassland Council Facebook Page and Website Maint.
 - Currently working on IL Forage Institute
- Bond AITC Facebook Page
- Bond SWCD Equipment & Soil Sampling Invoicing – All caught up
- Assisting NRCS with:
 - CSP Program evidence interviews, payments and folder updates
 - CSP – 10 new applications & 5 renewals
 - Landowner calls & file updates
 - EQIP – Landowner letters, direct deposit, applications
 - HEL 10% status review letters, maps, etc.
- Completing FOIA Requests for Bond County SWCD
- Completed FOIA and OMA training for 2018
- AITC lessons and planning
 - 5th Grade Con. Education Day April 26, 2018
 - Summer Ag Institute – June 18, 2018

Upcoming & Recent Meetings

- Mar. 8 – Regional IL Dept. of Ag Meeting - Springfield
- Mar. 20 – Cover Crop Meeting
- Mar. 22 – AITC - Sect. 19 FFA Dairy Judging clinic
- April 4 – Fish Pick UP
- April 6 – State FFA Dairy Judging, KC
- April 7 – Quail Forever Banquet - AITC
- April 26 – 5th Grade Conservation Day
- June 18 – Summer Ag Institute Teacher Training