

Bond County Soil & Water Conservation District
1111 E. Harris Ave., Greenville, IL 62246
Regular Monthly Board Meeting, Wednesday, March 08, 2023

The regular monthly meeting of the Bond County Soil and Water Conservation District's Board of Directors at USDA Building in Greenville, IL on Wednesday, March 08, 2023. Bingham called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Directors present: Wes Pourchot, Mike Bingham, Justin Jefferson, Carl Albert. Absent: Denny Kirkham (sick). Employees present: Emily Hartmann, Roger Marcoot. Associate Director: Brad Criner, Jim Detmer. NRCS: Tyler Alexander . Guests: . All votes are unanimous unless otherwise indicated.

Directors reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting and the annual meeting. Pourchot moved to approve the minutes. Jefferson seconded. Motion passed. Last months' financial reports, current bills due, and delinquent accounts were reviewed and discussed by the Board. Jefferson moved to approve the financial reports. Pourchot seconded; motion carried.

NRCS Update: Tyler Alexander updated the board on the current NRCS workload including CRP, CSP and EQIP sign-ups.

FSA Update: FSA is currently working on CRP sign-up and will accept seeding receipts for new CRP and re-enrolled CRP until July 15. Seedings must be completed by May 15 in most cases.

Old Business: The board discussed the applicants for the Gehrig Scholarship. The budgeted amount for the scholarship was reviewed. Wes Pourchot moved to amend the budget for the Gehrig to \$1,000 with \$500 being paid to Wall, and \$250 each to Enloe and Baum. Jefferson seconded. Motion passed.

New Business:

Carl Albert moved to re-appoint Emily Hartmann as the FOIA officer for the Bond SWCD. Jefferson second, motion passed. CPP sign-up is on-going with a preferred deadline of May 1. Grant agreements from IDOA are not available yet. Bond SWCD has completed all of the requirements for IDOA. There will be a change in CPP reporting requirements for cover crops, no-till and strip-till. The board discussed the possibility that a Conservation Planner III status may be required for future IDOA grant funds. Hartmann will continue to work toward level III status. Hartmann updated the board on some new information regarding solar farms. Upcoming events for the AITC program were reviewed. The SWCD/4-H tree planting will be on April 22. Hartmann and Zimmerman will be attending the Greenville Elem STEM event on March 27. Hartmann will send out a press release regarding the art contest with entries being due in early May. The next local AITC meeting is April 18 and the next State AITC meeting is on May 23. The 5th Grade Cons. Education Day will be May 3. The teacher workshop will be June 22 with a tour of Maschoffs.

Administrative Coordinator's Report: Hartmann updated the board on all new business, AITC events and upcoming meetings.

Conservation Associate's Report: Marcoot updated the board on drill rentals, soil sampling and collection status. He also mentioned that the Marcoot Creamery summer event will be June 3. The truck also needed new tires.

Next Regular Meeting: April 12, 2023 at 8:00 a.m. at the USDA Service Center.

Pourchot moved to adjourn at 9:47 a.m. Jefferson seconded; motion carried.

Emily Hartmann, Executive Director

Mike Bingham, Chairman