

Bond County Soil & Water Conservation District
1111 E. Harris Ave., Greenville, IL 62246
Regular Monthly Board Meeting, Wednesday, April 10, 2024

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, April 10, 2024. Bingham called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Directors present: Justin Jefferson, Wes Pourchot, Mike Bingham, Carl Albert, Brad Criner. Absent: . Employees present: Emily Hartmann, Roger Marcoot. Associate Director: Jim Detmer. NRCS:. 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. Criner seconded. Motion passed. Last months' financial reports, current bills due, and delinquent accounts were reviewed and discussed by the Board. Albert moved to approve the financial reports. Pourchot seconded; motion carried.

NRCS Update:

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 art contest is currently accepting entries. The CPP sign-up continues with priority given to those that sign up before April 30.

New Business:

SWCD Directors and employees completed 2024 sexual harassment training. The board discussed hosting a Carlyle HS Cooperative student. Pourchot moved to not participate in the program. Jefferson seconded; motion carried. Hartmann will continue to work with local high school and college students to assist with AITC Book Barn programs. The board reviewed the CPP Sign-up list. There are more applications that we currently have funding available. Albert moved to place a 100-acre cap on no-till/strip-till and cover crop applications with priority given to new applicants. Pourchot seconded; motion carried. The no-till/strip till applications will be funded first, with cover crop acres being funded after the new CPP funds are deposited.

Spring AITC plans were reviewed with Greenville STEM night on April 25, 5th Grade Conservation Day on May 9 and the teacher workshop on June 6. June 1 is the Marcoot Cheesefest.

Hartmann provided a press release to WGEL regarding the availability of CRP and pollinator seed.

Administrative Coordinator's Report: Hartmann updated the board on all new business, AITC events and upcoming meetings. She completed soil health training in March, will be attending Conservation Planning II April 15-19 in Mt. Vernon. She has several additional online webinars to complete her conservation planner III level.

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 1.

Next Regular Meeting: May 8, 2024 at 8:00 a.m. at the USDA Service Center.

Pourchot moved to adjourn at 9:36 a.m. Albert seconded; motion carried.

Emily Hartmann, Executive Director

Mike Bingham, Chairman