

Bond County Soil & Water Conservation District
1111 E. Harris Ave., Greenville, IL 62246
Regular Monthly Board Meeting, Wednesday, November 13, 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, November 13, 2024. Bingham called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Directors present: Mike Bingham, Justin Jefferson, Wes Pourchot, 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. Pourchot moved to approve the minutes. Jefferson seconded. Motion passed. Last months' financial reports, current bills due, delinquent accounts and budget were reviewed and discussed by the Board. Jefferson moved to approve the financial reports and budget. Pourchot seconded; motion carried. Hartmann shared the comptroller's report prepared by West & Co. Jefferson moved to approve the report for submission to the Illinois Comptroller's office. Pourchot seconded; motion carried unanimously. Bingham will go by the West and Company offices to sign the documents verifying 3/5th majority approval of the report.

NRCS Update: No report provided.

FSA Update:

Old Business: The CPP Applications were reviewed and discussed. Some have withdrawn applications because they were not able to get the cover crops or no-till crop planted. Applications were previously approved and the board was reminded they previously placed a 100 acre limit on the strip-till not till applications to maximize assistance to more producers. Hartmann updated the board on the CREP progress.

New Business: The board approved the fees for the NRIs and the Solar Farm seeding program. Jefferson moved that the board charge \$100 for the seeding plan review, \$500 for completed NRIs that will be done when Zoning has a special use permit that requires re-zoning or construction, and \$300 per acre fee to provide seeding services (includes seed costs) for solar farms. The Little Bluestem Quail Forever Chapter will be sub-contracted to provide the equipment and labor for the seeding at a rate of \$43 per acre. The SWCD will request a copy of the QF/PF insurance certificate and will require the solar farms to sign a liability waiver. Carl Albert seconded the motion; motion carried.

The annual meeting and election was discussed. The nominating committee chairperson will be Jim Detmer, Associate Director. The annual meeting date will be February 21 at the Bradford Room (if available).

Administrative Coordinator's Report: The AITC program update was provided and upcoming events and meetings were discussed. Bond County AITC hosted the district coordinator meeting on Oct. 15. Hartmann completed her Conservation Planner III field visit on Oct. 25. She's working on her plans. She will attend Winter training in Springfield on Dec. 3. She will be on vacation Nov. 4-8.

Conservation Associate's Report: Marcoot updated the board on drill rentals, soil sampling and collection status.

Albert moved to adjourn at 9:00 a.m. Jefferson seconded; motion carried.

Emily Hartmann, Executive Director

Mike Bingham, Chairman