Bond County Soil & Water Conservation District
1111 E. Harris Ave., Greenville, IL 62246
Regular Monthly Board Meeting, Wednesday, August 12, 2026

The regular monthly meeting of the Bond County Soil and Water Conservation District's Board of Directors at the USDA Service Center in Greenville, IL on Wednesday, August 12, 2026. Bingham called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Directors: Mike Bingham, Carl Albert, Wes Pourchot, Brad Criner, Justin Jefferson
Employees, Associate Directors and Guests present: Emily Hartmann, Roger Marcoot.
Absent: Justin Jefferson, Mike McCormick (AD) and Denny Kirkham (AD).

Bingham called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. Directors reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting. Pourchot moved to approve of the minutes as presented. Criner seconded. Motion passed. Last month's financial reports, current bills due, and delinquent accounts were reviewed and discussed by the board. Hartmann updated the board on the PFC spending progress, and the FY2027 Budget preparations. Albert moved to approve the financial report. Criner seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Old Business: Hartmann and Criner shared an update on the AISWCD Summer conference. Hartmann updated the board on the PFC progress. There is a awaiting list. Hartmann will seek additional funding from other counties if available. .

New Business: IL Health Soils Initiative County Assessments are due September 15. Hartmann provided the board with a draft for their review. After discussion, Criner moved to accept the report as presented with no changes. Jefferson seconded. Motion carried. Hartmann will submit to IL Dept. of Ag. The annual plan of work was reviewed. Jefferson moved to approve, Pourchot seconded. Motion carried. Hartmann will submit to IDOA. The CPRG grant application documents were reviewed. Criner moved to approve, Jefferson seconded. The NRI application fees were reviewed. Pourchot moved to set up a $100 fee for residential, $500 fee for commercial with a $50 per acre fee for projects over 5 acres. Jefferson seconded. Motion carried with Criner abstaining.

The Southern Il Connector LLC pipeline project was discussed. There is a meeting at the Madison Co. Farm Bureau to discuss landowner rights if anyone is interested in attending, its on Aug. 27. A fall educational meeting is being held with the Bond County Farm Bureau on Sept. 1. Hartmann and a presenter from USDA-NASS will be speaking following the crop survey and lunch. The lunch meeting will begin around 11:00 a.m.

Administrative Coordinator's Report: Invoicing is current for seed sales and drill rentals. Hartmann's primary focus this summer is the Soil Health Assessment, Grant applications for IDOA Operations funding, IDOA CPRG program, Ag in the Classroom, budget preparations and finalizing PFC spending.

Conservation Associate's Report: Marcoot is seeking estimates on the possibility of relocating our SWCD equipment shed. He spoke with Clyde Martin and a 60x100 with concrete floor but no electric, no site prep., and no plumbing. The estimate was for $180,000. Marcoot is getting more estimates. He is continuing to deliver and service drills.

Next Regular Meeting: Sept. 9, at 8:00 a.m. Pourchot moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 a.m. Jefferson seconded. Motion carried.

Emily Hartmann, Executive Director