

Bond County Soil & Water Conservation District
1111 E. Harris Ave., Greenville, IL 62246
Regular Monthly Board Meeting, Wednesday, November 10, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of the Bond County Soil and Water Conservation District's Board of Directors was via Zoom Video Conference on Wednesday, November 10, 2021. Bingham called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Directors present: Mike Bingham, Wes Pourchot, Denny Kirkham, Carl Albert. Employees present: Emily Hartmann. Absent: Justin Jefferson, Roger Marcoot (vacation), Brad Lurkins (Assoc. Dir.). All votes are unanimous unless otherwise indicated.

Directors reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting. Albert moved to approve the minutes. Kirkham seconded. Motion carried. Last months' time-sheets, financial reports, current bills due, and delinquent accounts were reviewed and discussed by the Board. Kirkham moved to approve the timesheets, pay bills, and approve financial reports. Albert seconded. Motion carried.

NRCS Update: Hartmann updated the board on NRCS activities, including the office staffing restrictions.

FSA Update: FSA is only at the office on Wednesdays IF they have at least 3 or 4 appointments. They will come by appointment only.

Old Business: Hartmann reviewed CPP applications and their payment status.

New Business: Hartmann presented West & Company's compilation report and comptroller's report. They voted to approved and submit the report. The equipment rental rates were reviewed. Possible modifications were discussed. No action was taken. The AISWCD Annual meeting is planned for Dec. 5-6 in Springfield at the Crowne Plaza. Carl Albert will attend as our director and delegate. The board discussed the some of the proposals the directors will vote on. In particular the board discussed the recommendation to increase the % of the fees being charged to the SWCD as dues. A recommendation of increasing from 3% to 5% is being made. The board discussed and Kirkham moved to vote no on the increase in dues. Pourchot seconded; motion carried unanimously.

The state SWCD winter employee training is planned for Dec. 7-8 in Springfield at the Northfield Inn and Suites. Hartmann plans to attend part of the training. The board discussed the SWCD annual meeting plans. Hartmann will look into booking the Bradford Room in February for the election and annual meeting. Kirkham plans to travel during the winter months and will not be in attendance.

Administrative Coordinator's Report: Hartmann provided an update on programs and workload. She is working on CPP, AITC and online training. Invoicing for drills and soil sampling is current. NRCS continues to plan several online training seminars.

Conservation Associate's Report: Marcoot updated the board on the current soil sampling and equipment programs. He also shared information on adding a seed box so that all drills have small seed boxes.

Next Meeting: December 15, 2021.

Pourchot moved to adjourn at 8:45 a.m. Kirkham seconded; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Hartmann, Exec. Director