

Bond County Soil & Water Conservation District  
1111 E. Harris Ave., Greenville, IL 62246  
Regular Monthly Board Meeting, Wednesday, July 12, 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, July 12, 2023. Bingham called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

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

Directors reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting. Kirkham moved to approve the minutes as presented. Pourchot seconded. Motion passed. Last months' financial reports, current bills due, and delinquent accounts were reviewed and discussed by the Board. Pourchot moved to approve the financial report. Albert seconded; motion carried. The board reviewed the final FY2023 budget and the proposed FY2024 budget. The FY24 budget includes a raised & cost of living adjustment of 5% for both employees. Pourchot moved to approve the proposed budget. Kirkham seconded; motion carried. Albert moved to use \$30,000 of our savings account funds to setup a 7 month CD with Bradford National Bank.

**NRCS Update:** Tyler updated the board on CRP activities and current NRCS Workload.

**FSA Update:** No report.

**Old Business:** Hartmann updated the board on CPP progress. She reviewed the plans for the Summer Conference next week. Mike Bingham will be representing the SWCD as a delegate.

**New Business:** The board reviewed the annual plan of work for the SWCD. Pourchot moved to approve the annual plan of work. Kirkham seconded; motion carried. Employee contract reviews were completed with a 5% raise for both employees. The Decennial Committee Appointments were discussed. The topic was tabled due to questions about applicability since we do not have taxing authority. Hartmann will seek more information. Hartmann updated the board on CREP and its slow progress. Marcoot presented the bids for a new no-till JD drill with markers and small seed attachments. Bids were received from Sloan and Reichmanns. Pourchot moved to accept the lowest bid from Reichmanns with the small seed box and JD markers. Kirkham seconded; motion carried. An equipment loan from Bradford National Bank will fund the purchase and drill revenue will pay for the equipment purchase. Kirkham moved to work with West & Company to prepare the Compilation Report and IL Comptroller's Report for FY2023. Pourchot seconded; motion carried.

**Administrative Coordinator's Report:** Hartmann updated the board on all new business, AITC events and upcoming meetings. She will attend the state meeting on Monday, July 17. The AITC grant is complete and will be submitted today, the deadline is July 19.

**Conservation Associate's Report:** Marcoot updated the board on the equipment rental program and bids for a new drill.

**Next Regular Meeting:** Aug. 9, 2023 at 8:00 a.m. at the USDA Service Center.

Pourchot moved to adjourn at 9:39 a.m. Kirkham seconded; motion carried.

Emily Hartmann, Executive Director

Mike Bingham, Chairman