

Bond County Soil & Water Conservation District
1111 E. Harris Ave., Greenville, IL 62246
Regular Monthly Board Meeting, Wednesday, September 07, 2011

The regular monthly meeting of the Bond County Soil and Water Conservation District's Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, September 07, 2011 at the USDA Service Center. Mike Bingham called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. following the Local Led meeting. Directors present: Mike Bingham, Wes Pourchot, Karen File, Lester Harnetiaux. Also present: Emily Hartmann, Administrative Coordinator; Dan Feldmann, Resource Conservationist; Justin King, DC; Olandous Curry, NRCS SC; Michelle Haller, AITC, Kyle Johnson, Associate Director, and Amanda Grundy, FSA. Absent: Harold Gehrig. All votes are unanimous unless otherwise indicated.

Directors reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting. Lester Harnetiaux moved for approval of the minutes as written; Wes Pourchot seconded this motion; carried. Last month's time sheets, financial reports, and current bills due, were reviewed and discussed by the Board. Wes Pourchot moved to approve the current financial reports, timesheets & bills due. Lester Harnetiaux seconded; motion carried.

NRCS Report: Olandous Curry and Justin King provided updates on the contracts that were signed and the technical services provided by NRCS.

FSA Update: Amanda Grundy provided an update on FSA activities. The crop survey for Bond Co. was recently completed and estimates for corn are 133 bu. and 35 bu for soybeans. Most of the corn is moldy. Carla will be assisting Clinton County with CRP on Tuesdays. DCP/Acre sign-up will be held in Nov. with no advance payment.

Old Business: Employee contracts were signed and reviewed.

New Business: Hartmann provided an update on CREP contracts submitted to IDNR for enrollment. Currently 2 are awaiting enrollment confirmation, 1 is waiting on survey results in order to move forward and there are 3 or more waiting to finalize their intent to apply. The fish sale is scheduled on Sept. 20. The PFC Practice Component List for FY 2012 was reviewed and Karen File moved to approve; Wes Pourchot seconded.. CPP contracts were reviewed and will be submitted to IDOA for payment. There are several contracts due to be completed by the end of October for FY10.

Administrative Coordinator's Report: Hartmann is working on the AFR (Annual Financial Report) and will be attending Comptroller AFR training on Sept. 28 in Fairview Heights. She is currently taking orders on the fish sale and is pleased to report the AITC Education grant was received. She is also finalizing the documents for CPP payments on pasture/hayland projects.

Resource Conservationist's Report: Feldmann has been busy with drill rentals. He discussed the future purchase of a track loader with the forestry package and special attachment for invasive species. The board discussed the program and asked Feldmann to check into insurance for the equipment and possible grants to assist with the purchase.

Future Meetings: The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 12 at 8:00 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen File, Secretary, Bond County SWCD

Notes taken by Emily Hartmann, AC

