Bond County Soil & Water Conservation District
1111 E. Harris Ave., Greenville, IL 62246
Regular Monthly Board Meeting, Thursday, April 16, 2026

The regular monthly meeting of the Bond County Soil and Water Conservation District's Board of Directors at the Bradford Room in Greenville, IL on Thursday, April 16, 2026. Bingham called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

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

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

**Old Business: Hartmann** updated the board on the progress of the CPRG reporting to IDOA. Bond County has two landowners enrolled in CPRG. Press releases for the art contest and PFC sign-up have been sent to WGEL and are posted on the SWCD website and on Facebook.

**New Business:** The I-Covers program enrollment began on April 15. SWCD will be assisting the IDOA with I-covers enrollment but will not know the extent of enrollment for several weeks. Hartmann shared with the board the increase in cost of the website hosting and asked if they wanted her to investigate other options. It would require a rebuild of the site to move to a different hosting site. The consensus was that no change and no action was needed. The Fall Covers spot checks have been completed and updated seed tags and photos provided to the IL Dept of Ag. Local landowners that planted annual ryegrass experienced no germination in fall 2025 seedings. It is believed to be caused by herbicide residuals. The AISWCD Award nominations are due in May. Hartmann and the Bond County AITC advisory committee proposed Patti Maurer (Greenville HS Foods and Home Economics) to be selected as Teacher of the Year. There have been two nominations for Conservation Farm Family. Hartmann is working with a group of advisors to finalize a selection after all nominations are received. Hartmann recommended not submitting a Forestry award for this year. Hartmann reminded the board that directors are eligible for Conservation Farm Family. Pourchot moved to accept the recommendations provided by Hartmann. Brad Criner seconded the motion. The motion passed with Justin Jefferson abstaining.

**Administrative Coordinator's Report:** Hartmann is actively working on the new IDOA Grant procedures. She is busy with AITC programming in April and May. She is scheduled for an all-day Earth Day Program at Mulberry Grove on April 22. She is training FFA students for the 4-8$^{th}$ grade class presentations and she will handle the 9$^{th}$-12$^{th}$ grade stations. The 5$^{th}$ Grade Conservation Education Day is planned for April 29 with all 5$^{th}$ grade classes and a home school group participating. Partner agencies include Univ. of IL Extension, IL Department of Natural Resource, Quail Forever Little Bluestem, Greenville FFA, MG FFA and AITC. The summer teacher workshop is planned for June 18. Criner asked if Hartmann could secure funding to purchase additional egg incubators so that each school would have one available in 2027. Currently the Bond AITC program has 2 incubators and they are shared among the three schools. Hartmann will look into applying for additional grant funding to purchase more incubators. Hartmann is working with IL DNR on 3 CREP easements. She is assisting NRCS with admin work and with CSP/CRP workload. Invoicing is caught up and the website was recently updated with the PFC sign-up, art contest information, and teacher workshop information.

**Conservation Associate's Report:** Marcoot has collected all outstanding accounts and submitted multiple drill rentals for invoicing.

**Next Regular Meeting:** May 13 at 8:00 a.m. Jefferson moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:18 a.m. Albert seconded. Motion carried.
Emily Hartmann, Executive Director