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December Quarterly Board Meeting Packet

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December Quarterly Board Meeting December 8 & 9, 2008 Northfield Inn & Suites

Monday - December 8th

8:00-10:00	Executive Committee	Onyx
10:00 -11:30	Task Forces Meetings * Annual Meeting Taskforce - John Beckhart, Chair	
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch	Crystal
1:00-2:00 p.m.	Auxiliary Committee Meeting	Lobby
1:00-3:00 p.m.	Round One Focus Area Committees <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Communication: Eric Suits, Chairperson▪ Education: Jerry Snodgrass, Chairperson▪ Planning: John Beckhart, Chairperson	Onyx Ruby Topaz
2:00-3:00 p.m.	Forestry Committee: Bob Sloan, Chairperson	Opal
3:00-5:00 p.m.	Round Two Focus Area Committees <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Financial Management: Rollie Spaniol, Chairperson▪ Legislative: Aaron Ferguson, Chairperson▪ Urban Community & Conservation: Norbert Rider & Dwayne Proctor, Co-Chairs	Onyx Ruby Topaz
6:30 p.m.	AISWCD Christmas Party * see following page for details	Crystal

Tuesday - December 9th

7:30 a.m.	Board Member Breakfast	Emerald
8:00 a.m.	Foundation & Board Meeting	Crystal/Diamond

AISWCD Christmas Party

Come join in on the fun!



*AISWCD's Christmas Party
December 8, 2008
Northfield Inn, Crystal Room
6:30 p.m.*

Food & Drink will be provided.

This is where it gets fun! Back by popular demand is the gift exchange. It's easy. Everyone coming to the party needs to pick up a gift under \$10.00, wrap it and bring it with you. There is no need to worry about who the gift is from or if they are for males/females - just be ready to draw a number.

To start, the person who drew #1 picks a gift from the pile and opens it so all can see. Then the person with #2 gets to "steal" any unwrapped gift or chose from the unopened pile.

The game continues until the last person has chosen the ultimate gift! Keep in mind if someone "steals" your gift, you can steal someone else's gift. Unfortunately, the 3rd owner of a gift gets to keep it, and it can't be stolen again!



MEMORANDUM

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"to represent and
empower illinois' swcds"

Date: November 5, 2008
To: All AISWCD Board Members, Committee Members and Advisors
From: James Todd, President
Re: December Quarterly Board Meeting, 2008

Please be advised the next meeting of the Board of Director's and Focus Area Committees of the Association of Illinois Soil and Water Conservation Districts has been scheduled. Specific information regarding the meeting is noted below:

Dates: December 8-9, 2008
Time: See Agenda (page 2)
Location: **Northfield Inn & Suites**
3280 Northfield Drive
Springfield, Illinois 62703
217.523.7900

If you should have any questions regarding this meeting, please contact the AISWCD office at 217.744.3414. I look forward to seeing you in September.

Please make sure to contact Stacy Stremsterfer, at the AISWCD office, to make any room reservations for the Northfield Inn, by November 24, 2008.

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AISWCD Foundation Agenda

James Todd, President

December 9, 2008

Crystal/Diamond Room

8:00 a.m.

Northfield Inn & Suites, Springfield Illinois

1. Call to order
2. Roll Call
3. Approve Agenda
4. Approve Minutes
5. Old Business
6. New Business
 - Questions on Financial Report submitted in packets-Accept Report as submitted
 - Transfer \$500 for McKibben Scholarship
7. Adjournment

**AISWCD Foundation Meeting
September Quarterly Board
September 16, 2008
Northfield Inn & Suites – Crystal/Diamond Room
8:00 a.m.**

Present

Absent

Jim Todd, President, NACD Alternate
Aaron Ferguson, Vice President
John Beckhart, Secretary
Rollie Spaniol, Treasurer
Jerry Snodgrass, Area I VP
Darrell Roegge, Area II VP
Eric Suits, Area III VP
Norbert Rider, Area IV VP
Phil Fossler, Council 1
Terry Bogner, Council 2 Alternate
Lee Bunting, Council 3
Larry Sterett, Council 4
Van Bitner, Council 5
Randy Molitoris, Council 6

Jim Bell, Council 7

David McCormick, Council 8
Terry Monke, Council 9
Daniel Doedtman, Council 10
Emery Oesch, Council 11
Don Beisiegel, Council 12
Jake Klein, Council 13

Tom Anderson, Council 14

Kenny Vosholler, Council 15
Don Lloyd, Lake Co. Council 16 Alternate
Terry Davis, NACD Board Member
Josh Joseph, ISWCDEA RC Co-Chair
Annyce Winters, ISWCDEA AC Co-Chair
Richard Nichols, AISWCD
Erin Hollinshead, AISWCD
Stacy Stremsterfer, AISWCD
Jim Nelson, AISWCD

Dwayne Proctor, Council 16

Jim Todd called the Foundation meeting to order at 8:05 a.m. Roll call was completed by John Beckhart.

Approve Agenda

Motion to approve agenda made by Jerry Snodgrass and seconded by Phil Fossler, MCVV.

Approve Minutes

Motion to approve June Foundation minutes by Darrell Roegge and seconded by Jerry Snodgrass, MCVV.

Old Business - None

New Business No questions were asked on financial report, accept report as submitted.

Motion to adjourn by Phil Fossler and seconded by Don Beisiegel, MCVV.

AISWCD Board of Directors Agenda

James Todd, President

December 9, 2008 - 8:00 a.m.

Crystal/Diamond Room - Northfield Inn & Suites, Springfield Illinois

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Partner Reports: 5 minute restriction (written reports attached)
 - IDOA: Steve Chard
 - NRCS: Bill Gradle
 - FSA: Bill Graff/Jim Ross
 - IEPA: Dick Breckenridge
 - IDNR: Debbie Bruce
 - ISWCDEA: Josh Joseph & New AC Co-Chair
 - NCDEA: Cindy Moon
 - NACD North Central Report: Jerry Snodgrass
 - NACD Delegate/Alternate: Terry Davis & Jim Todd
5. Committee Reports
 - Executive: James Todd
 - Forestry: Bob Sloan/Darrell Roegge
 - Auxiliary: Marie Bunting
 - Insurance: Debbie Holsapple
 - Mississippi & Illinois River Coordinating Council Reports
6. Focus Committee Reports
 - Communications: Eric Suits
 - Education: Jerry Snodgrass
 - Financial Management: Rollie Spaniol
 - Legislative & Resolutions: Aaron Ferguson
 - Planning: John Beckhart
 - Urban Community & Conservation: Norbert Rider & Dwayne Proctor
 - Executive Director's Report: Rich Nichols
7. Area V.P. Reports
 - Area 1: Jerry Snodgrass
 - Area 2: Darrell Roegge
 - Area 3: Eric Suits
 - Area 4: Norbert Rider
8. Approve September 2008 Board Meeting Minutes

9. Old Business
 - ICCI Update
 - Driveway and parking lot update
10. New Business
 - Staff Reviews
 - 2008 Resolutions (pages 7 & 8)
 - NACD Annual Meeting Action Items
 - NACD Presidents Association Auction Item
 - NACD Delegate and Alternate
 - Legislative Rooster 1/2 Ad
 - Questions on Reports submitted in packets
 - Accept written reports
11. Adjournment

**AISWCD Meeting
September Quarterly Board
September 16, 2008
Northfield Inn & Suites – Crystal/Diamond Rooms
8:30 a.m.**

Present

Absent

Jim Todd, President, NACD Alternate
Aaron Ferguson, Vice President
John Beckhart, Secretary
Rollie Spaniol, Treasurer
Jerry Snodgrass, Area I VP
Darrell Roegge, Area II VP
Eric Suits, Area III VP
Norbert Rider, Area IV VP
Phil Fossler, Council 1
Terry Bogner, Council 2 Alternate
Lee Bunting, Council 3
Larry Sterett, Council 4
Van Bitner, Council 5
Randy Molitoris, Council 6

Jim Bell, Council 7

David McCormick, Council 8
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Richard Nichols, AISWCD
Erin Hollinshead, AISWCD
Stacy Stremsterfer, AISWCD
Jim Nelson, AISWCD

Dwayne Proctor, Council 16

Jim Todd called the meeting to order at 8:18 a.m. Roll call was completed by John Beckhart.

Approve Agenda

Changes to the agenda: Move Focus Committee Reports before Committee Reports. **Motion to approve agenda with changes made by Don Lloyd and seconded by Larry Sterett, MCVV.**

PARTNER REPORTS

IDOA-Steve Chard reviewed budget issues. The House restored the \$3.5 for operations but did not restore the \$1.75 for insurance for FY 2009. SWCD's employee health insurance will be paid through November from IDOA. Have not heard from Governor's Office of Management and Budget as to when they can release the first allocation for operations and cost-share money. The natural gas pipeline (Rockies Express) phase II which affects Illinois is currently under construction and the company is going a good job of restoring the land that has been disturbed.

FSA-No oral report given, refer to written report included in packet.

IEPA-Dick Breckenridge congratulated Jim Todd on becoming President. It was also reported that the ICCI program has been in existence for 2 ½ years with over \$1 million dollars being paid to landowners. Awards were presented at the Illinois State Fair for individuals going above and beyond. Since Phyllis Mace was unable to be there, Dick Breckenridge presented her award to her.

IDNR-No report given.

ISWCDEA-.During the last ISWCDEA meeting the group discussed preparations for winter training along with working on sessions. Annyce Winters also reported on the meeting that was held with IDOA and CMS representatives concerning options for SWCDs insurance. Annyce's term expires in December and she thanked everyone for their support during her term as AC Co-Chair.

NCDEA -Cindy Moon reported they are currently working on updating their strategic plan. The theme for the NACD Annual Meeting is "Building a Better Tomorrow." NCDEA will be sponsoring two different tours and a session on Wednesday morning titled, "Building Better Districts" during the annual meeting. Cindy Moon attended the NACD Legislative Reception at Washington DC, which NCDEA also helped sponsor. She thanked everyone for their continued support and wanted to let everyone know that she will be resigning as NCDEA President in February due to the funding situation in Illinois.

NACD - Jerry Snodgrass reported the Capital Court Campaign has been a success and staff has moved back into the office. NACD is currently working on a MOU between NRCS and FSA concerning contribution agreements. NACD's Annual Meeting will be held February 1-4 in New Orleans, LA. Tours will be held that show damage caused by Hurricane Katrina along with work that has been completed and projects still under construction. Other NACD news is the book called, "The Love of the Land" is being updated and being renamed as "With One Voice"; and the newsletter, "News and Views" is now called "Resource". Jerry Snodgrass also explained to the group the importance of paying NACD Membership Dues.

Terry Davis reported as NACD Delegate. There have been action requests sent out from NACD concerning the Farm Bill that has been passed, but not the funding for conservation programs and technical assistance money for NRCS to implement these programs. It is very important to contact your congressman and senators about the importance of funding the Farm Bill; the main message to get across is to implement the Farm Bill as written. The Carbon Climate program has been successful in Illinois and NACD has picked up on this and is working with the 25 x 25 program. Terry Davis also spoke in support on the Capital Court Campaign and NACD Membership Dues.

NRCS - no oral report given.

FOCUS AREA COMMITTEE REPORTS

Communications - Eric Suits reported the group discussed radio messages to get the SWCDs name out. Rich Nichols and staff would make these available. The AISWCD Membership Brochure was discussed and comments were made. The committee wants to form a Marketing Taskforce with their task being looking at the possibility of working with other groups to keep expenses at a minimum. **Motion by Lee Bunting and seconded by Don Beisiegel to form a Marketing Taskforce, MCVV.**

Education - Jerry Snodgrass reported the group discussed the director training program (computer based program) from Utah. AISWCD is currently looking at finding a grant that will cover the \$1,500 to purchase the program. The Illinois Envirothon competition will be held on May 14th & 15th. A new fact sheet has been put together and SWCDs need to utilize this when speaking to their legislators. Since the direction of summer conference was changed, it was noted that the Water Use Taskforce might be able to give a presentation at Winter Training. The group also discussed the importance of SWCDs getting information on the lady landowner meetings, and the P2D2 program. **Motion by Rollie Spaniol and**

seconded by Daniel Doedtman for the State Association to support the 25 x 25 program and get it listed on the website, MCVV.

Van Bitner arrived at 9:13 a.m.

Auxiliary Committee - Marie Bunting reported. Committee met and went over Summer Conference survey and has come up with ideas for next year's summer conference. Their auction and raffle was a success. The Auxiliary Committee presented the Illinois Envirothon with \$300. Marie Bunting also thanked everyone for their past support.

Gerard Fabrizio, Director from Kane-DuPage County reported for LUC 16 Legislative Taskforce. LUC 16 has been meeting to discuss ways to target the northeastern legislators in Illinois to educate them on SWCDs. They are excited that the AISWCD has now absorbed them in to a state association taskforce. One on one visits with a list of 10-12 key legislators, provided by Mike Hoffmann, are being scheduled. This group has come up with a notepad that will show different projects in their area that the SWCD has completed or is working on to pass out to the legislators and staffers during their meetings. As an AISWCD taskforce there could be funding available to purchase these items. Each SWCD in the northeastern area is preparing a one-page whitepaper to pass out during their meetings with their legislators. Mike Hoffmann will be attending their next meeting set for September 26th and will review all materials prior to distribution to the legislators.

Financial Management - Rollie Spaniol asked for questions on the financials passed out.

Motion to create line items for \$1,200 in the FY 2009 budget to track Karen Steele's legal fees by committee, seconded by Phil Fossler, MCVV.

Motion to accept Cowen and Epperson audit bid for year end December 31, 2008 made by committee, seconded by Kenny Vosholler, MCVV.

Motion to spend up to \$8,480 for NACD Board Member, NACD Alternate, Executive Director and Envirothon Coordinator to go to NACD Annual Meeting February 1-4, 2008, and to give \$800 to assist NCDEA President Cindy Moon with expenses to attend the NACD Annual Meeting, seconded by Norbert Rider, MCVV.

Legislative and Resolutions - Aaron Ferguson

Motion to resend the 2009 legislative breakfast by John Beckhart and seconded by Emery Oesch, MCVV.

Motion to absorb LUC 16 's Legislative Committee to a taskforce under the AISWCD Legislative Focus Area Committee, made by Phil Fossler and seconded by Jerry Snodgrass, MCVV.

Motion to allow up to \$4,000 to be taken from the 2009 budget line item-Legislative Breakfast to reimburse the legislative taskforce for items such as notepads, pens, pencils, etc. made by Phil Fossler and seconded by Don Lloyd. Discussion held, MCVV.

Aaron Ferguson noted that they are working on getting SWCD employees to be eligible to provide TSP services in the Farm Bill; formed a Marketing taskforce, and working on resolution 2008-2.

Planning - John Beckhart commended the Planning Focus Area Committee on a great annual meeting. The 2009 Annual Meeting will be held July 26-28th at the Hilton in Springfield. A discussion was held on a convention that will be held at the same time that may require an earlier commitment time to attend Summer Conference. Planning for annual meeting will start after the November Veto Session. A discussion was held with Bob Dean (NRCS) on compliance issues with EQUIP. The awards program will be looked at in December.

Urban Community and Conservation – Chairman Norbert Rider referred to Jim Nelson to report. The Illinois Urban Manual should have two standards to adopt at the end of the month. Jim gave an update on the status of the AISWCD driveway and parking lot; looks to be completed in the next couple of weeks. LUC 16 Legislative Taskforce thanked the AISWCD for absorbing them into an AISWCD taskforce.

Executive Director’s Report - Rich Nichols’ reported there were four policies passed out for the board to review. These policies included: Code of Ethics, Whistleblower, Document Retention and Conflict of Interest. These forms concern the changes made to the 990 tax form that must be filled out. **John Beckhart made a motion to approve the Conflict of Interest policy, Lee Bunting seconded the motion, MCVV.** Add to his report, Jim, Aaron, Mike meeting with legislators. Jim Todd, Mike Hoffman, Aaron Ferguson and Rich Nichols have met with Representative Hannig to discuss the current funding issues facing SWCDs and will be meeting with Representative Myers and Senator Sullivan later on this week.

Omni Communications Inc. passed out a presentation and a proposal. The company then gave a presentation on what the marketing firm can do for the 98 SWCDs. This proposal/presentation will be passed on to the Marketing Taskforce to review.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee - Jim Todd reported on the Envirothon fact sheet that has been formed and sent to all SWCD and encouraged all SWCDs to make sure to give this to their legislators when talking to them. **Motion made by committee to create a By-laws Taskforce to be made up of the Area Vice Presidents and to be chaired by AISWCD Past-President Deborah Cavanaugh Grant, seconded by Darrell Rogge, MCVV.**

A motion was made by the Executive Committee to complete a Workload Analysis on all 98 SWCDs and to name the Executive Committee to oversee this process, seconded by Jerry Snodgrass, MCVV.

Forestry Committee - Darrell Roegge reported. **The Forestry Committee made a motion to have a native Illinois tree planted in memory of Olin Sims, past NACD President, outside the AISWCD office with an expense not to exceed \$250, seconded by John Beckhart, MCVV.** NACD has a plaque that can be purchased to display next to the tree.

Insurance Committee - Debbie Holsapple reported on the meeting with IDOA on other alternatives for health insurance. The average age of ACs is 48 with their average service being 12 years. The average age of RCs is 45 with their average service being 14 years. Since July 2007, there have been 30 employees depart. The Insurance Committee is in the process of forming a three way agreement between IDOA, AISWCD and Insurance committee that will allow state funds to be paid to the Insurance Committee instead of the AISWCD CMS stated that if after the Veto Session insurance funding has not been reinstated, the individual SWCDs will be allowed to be on CMS as an individual group if their board decides to do this and they will honor the current rate to those individual districts that is currently in place. Consider this to be good news. Emily Gilmore will be putting out a weekly update on insurance items to SWCDs.

Mississippi & Illinois River Coordinating Council Reports- Lee Bunting reported. The Illinois River Coordinating Councils last meeting was in August and the next one will be in December.

AREA V.P.S REPORTS

Area I V.P. - Jerry Snodgrass reported he had attended 3 out of 4 LUC meetings.

Area II V. P. - Darrell Roegge reported that funding was the main topic in his area.

Area III V. P. - Eric Suits reported funding was a concern along with the "unknown" of what to expect.

Area IV V. P. - Norbert Rider reported funding was a concern in his area.

Motion by Darrell Roegge, seconded by Phil Fossler to approve June Quarterly Board minutes, MCVV.

OLD BUSINESS

Financial Situation - nothing more to report.

ICCI Update - Rich Nichols reported. Finished verification for pool 4 with bills been turned into Delta Institute. Pool 5 had the deadline of September 15th, and should expect to start verification on those contracts around February 2009. Pool 6 will be starting soon.

NEW BUSINESS

Contract between AISWCD and Marion Co. SWCD-Rich Nichols stated that the fiscal years are different between the AISWCD and the SWCD Insurance. SWCD insurance committee needs to incorporate so IDOA can transfer money to that fund which eliminates the need for the AISWCD to complete an audit on the funds received. Currently an agreement between AISWCD, Marion County and IDOA is being formed to allow funds to be directly deposited into the Illinois Funds account for SWCD Insurance. **A motion was made by Rollie Spaniol that once this agreement is formed the AISWCD enter into the agreement between AISWCD, Marion County and IDOA, John Beckhart seconded the motion, MCVV.**

A presentation by Carla Bender from the Illinois Association of County Officials was given.

There were no questions on written reports that were submitted. **Motion made by Larry Sterett, seconded by Don Beisiegel to accept written reports, MCVV.**

Motion to adjourn by Darrell Roegge and seconded by John Beckhart at 11:42 a.m.

Minutes taken by Erin Hollinshead & Stacy Stremsterfer

Executive Committee Agenda

James Todd, Chairman

December 8, 2008 - 8:00-10:00 a.m.

Onyx Room - Northfield Inn & Suites, Springfield Illinois

1. Call to order and Introductions
2. Roll Call
3. Approve Agenda
4. Committee/Taskforce Updates
 - Communications: Eric Suits
 - Marketing Taskforce
 - Education: Jerry Snodgrass
 - Envirothon Taskforce
 - Director Training Taskforce
 - Water Use Taskforce
 - Financial Management: Rollie Spaniol
 - Budget Taskforce
 - Legislative: Aaron Ferguson
 - Legislative Taskforce
 - Insurance Taskforce
 - Focused Legislative Taskforce
 - By-Laws Taskforce
 - NPDES Taskforce
 - Planning: John Beckhart
 - Annual Meeting/Awards Taskforce
 - C-2000 Taskforce
 - Urban Community & Conservation: Norbert Rider
5. Area Vice President Reports
 - Area I: Jerry Snodgrass
 - Area II: Darrell Roegge
 - Area III: Eric Suits
 - Area IV: Norbert Rider
6. Old Business
 - Funding Issues
 - Summer Conference
 - FY 09 - 990 Requirements
 - Membership Brochure
 - Driveway and parking lot
7. New Business
 - Dues
 - Budget
 - Resolutions

- Staff Reviews
 - NACD Delegate & Alternate
 - SB 1103
 - Health Insurance Supplemental Bill
 - Erin's vacancy
 - Mid-Executive Meeting date
8. Approve Minutes from September Quarterly Board
 9. Adjournment

**Executive Committee Meeting
September Quarterly Board
September 15, 2008
Northfield Inn & Suites - Onyx Room
8:00 a.m.**

Present

Jim Todd, President, NACD Alternate
Aaron Ferguson, Vice President

John Beckhart, Area III VP
Jerry Snodgrass, Area I VP
Darrell Roegge, Area II VP

Norbert Rider, Area IV VP
Terry Davis, President, NACD Delegate
Josh Joseph, ISWCDEA RC Co-Chair
Annyce Winters, ISWCDEA AC Co-Chair
Richard Nichols, AISWCD
Erin Hollinshead, AISWCD
Stacy Stremsterfer, AISWCD
Jim Nelson, AISWCD

Absent

Rollie Spaniol, Treasurer

Eric Suits, Area III VP

President Jim Todd called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

John Beckhart completed roll call.

Approval of Agenda

New Business additions: LUC 1 questions, motion by Darrell Roegge and seconded by John Beckhart to approve amended agenda, MCVV.

Committee and Taskforce Updates

Communications

Eric Suits will become chairman of this committee.

Education

Jerry Snodgrass noted Stacy Stremsterfer put together a fact sheet concerning the Envirothon program SWCDs can use to promote their district and program. It is reported that Director training is at a stand still. The AISWCD is still looking for a grant to fund the web based director training. **A motion was made by Jerry Snodgrass and seconded by Darrell Roegge to approve getting the director training program if money becomes available, MCVV.** LUC 16 is still working on their water quality/quantity program.

Rollie Spaniol came into meeting at 8:09 am

Financial Management

Rollie Spaniol reported that everything is in order and looking good.

Legislative

Aaron Ferguson reported there have been several meetings held with legislators. Rich Nichols noted that we need to encourage SWCDs to contact their legislators as quickly as possible and encourage them whenever they come into session that the \$3.5 million is supported and elimination of fund sweeps is

supported. Mike Hoffmann reported that we have to be careful since the Senate did not specify which money can be swept, and left if open ended. The C2000 funds are still in place with the help of Representative Frank Mauntio and Lisa Dugan.

Planning

John Beckhart noted the group will be meeting later this afternoon.

Jerry Snodgrass brought up several items from SWCDs in his area concerning summer conference. They include: change wording concerning the additional tickets in the award letters to winners, would like to see free internet service at the hotel, more kid friendly meal at the education luncheon, buffet breakfast on Monday morning, and confusion on entrance to parking garage. Discussion was held concerning activities in Springfield being held during the same time as summer conference.

Eric Suits entered meeting at 8:28 am

Urban Community & Conservation

Norbert Rider turned it over to Jim Nelson. Jim Nelson stated the Illinois Urban Manual is moving along well. Currently, there is a tentative agreement with US Army Engineers for national training on the urban manual. The parking lot at the AISWCD office has experienced problems with sink holes, however a plan has been developed and as soon as the lot dries out from the rain, construction will begin on getting the pervious pavers installed. Discussion was held concerning the legislative efforts in LUC 16 becoming an AISWCD taskforce. Erin Hollinshead stated that the Protecting Water Quality in Urban Areas second round of grant was opened up and noted that this grant could potentially help with employee's salary.

Area Vice President Reports

Area I - Jerry Snodgrass

Jerry noted he attended 16, 1 and 2 LUC meetings. Discussion was held concerning reports be created that covered happenings at quarterly board meetings.

Area II - Darrell Roegge

Main topic everyone is concerned with is funding.

Area III - Eric Suits

Reported that LUC 7 met, funding was the main topic

Area IV - Norbert Rider

Main topic everyone is concerned with is funding.

Funding Issues

Jim Todd reported that he, Rich Nichols, Aaron Ferguson met with Representative Gary Hanning concerning the funding for SWCDs. Frustration is being felt by everyone involved concerning legislative issues. The bill restoring the \$3.5 million is an amendment to the Senate Bill, therefore, the Senate would have to pass this amendment and then send it to the Governor.

Summer Conference

Erin Hollinshead stated that there isn't much to report until they meet this week. The taskforce will have more to report at the December QB. Discussion focused on comments received from the 2008 Summer Conference. The majority of comments received were positive.

New Business

Legislative Update has already been addressed.

NACD Annual Meeting will be held February 1-4 in New Orleans. Discounted registrations are due in November. Jerry Snodgrass noted a few comments concerning the meeting.

Resolution Review - The board has spent much time working on funding.

Marketing - The AISWCD Staff and Directors meet with a marketing firm out of Springfield, Omni Communications. They will be giving a presentation tomorrow at the meeting. Their task is to come up with a general message for all 98 SWCDs.

Rich Nichols noted that the IL Association of County Officials will be here tomorrow to give a presentation concerning ways they can help us along with giving an overview of the services they offer that will benefit SWCDs.

Mid Executive Meeting Date will be November 17th at 8:00 am.

Legal Line item - Currently in the FY 2009 budget there is no separate line. Last year we spent around \$1,200 for Karen Steele. Financial Committee will be discussing the possibility of adding this into the budget.

Membership Brochure - Group reviewed a brochure Erin Hollinshead and Stacy Stremsterfer put together to try and raise awareness of the SWCDs along with finding a source of income that could help fund any future marketing programs. Discussion was held. **Motion was made by Rollie Spaniol and seconded by John Beckhart to let the marketing taskforce discuss this further, MCVV.**

Rich Nichols reported there are changes to the FY 2009 990 requirements which required board approval. He also stated a policy manual should to be developed and will work on this as long as it takes.

Creation of by-laws taskforce - Discussion was held concerning committee structure. **Motion by Darrell Roegge and seconded by Rollie Spaniol for area vice presidents to serve on taskforce with Deborah Cavanaugh-Grant serving as chairperson.** It was noted, that Deborah Cavanaugh-Grant would have to agree to chair, otherwise another replacement would be named. **MCVV.**

Creation of marketing taskforce - Discussion was held. **Motion by John Beckhart and seconded by Rollie Spaniol to form a marketing taskforce, MCVV.**

Assignments to focus area committees have not been made at this time.

Motion to approve June Quarterly Board Meeting made by Norbert Rider and seconded by Darrell Roegge, MCVV.

Note: Executive Committee will come back at 5 to work on going over LUC 1 questions.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Darrell Roegge, seconded by Rollie Spaniol at 10:04a.m.

Executive Committee rejoined at 5:04 p.m and worked on LUC 1 questions.

Submitted by Stacy Stremsterfer

AISWCD Mid Executive Meeting - Teleconference July 8, 2008 - 8:00 a.m.

Present

Terry Davis, President, NACD Board Member
Jim Todd, Vice President, NACD Alternate
Aaron Ferguson, Secretary

Jerry Snodgrass, Area I VP
Darrell Roegge, Area II VP

Josh Joseph, ISWCDEA RC Co-Chair
Annyce Winters, ISWCDEA AC Co-Chair
Richard Nichols, AISWCD
Erin Hollinshead, AISWCD
Stacy Stremsterfer, AISWCD
Jim Nelson, AISWCD

Absent

Rollie Spaniol, Treasurer

John Beckhart, Area III VP
Norbert Rider, Area IV VP

Terry Davis called the meeting to order at 8:10 a.m.

Budget Cuts

Governor has responded as to what he was going to do with the FY09 budget. Does the AISWCD responded or let the legislator work through it? Annyce Winters stated the ISWCEA has sent a letter to all the legislators asking the money for insurance be put back into the budget, but feels we are in the same situation as last year. Jim Todd noted the General Assembly has been called back into session this coming Thursday and Friday. Terry Davis noted that we need to remind the IDOA of the importance of our budget and the FY'09 numbers are level funded from FY'08. Rich Nichols outlined what we are looking at concerning our budget - the Governor is proposing to cut 5.2 million out of the total funding for SWCDs; not sure how the cut would be split between operations and C2000. Rich has received calls from the House in regards to the Governor's proposed cuts. The committee decided to see what happens after this week's session.

Partial Dues Payment

There are 23 SWCDs who still owe dues for 2008. Two of them have paid partial dues and one SWCD is only going to pay \$500. Discussion was held concerning the by-laws being able to have voting delegate privileges. E-mail will need to be sent out about dues needing to be paid before summer conference. A conscience of the group was to follow the by-laws, meaning all dues must be received before the SWCD can have voting rights. A letter needs to be sent out to those SWCDs who have not paid their dues outlining the voting privileges along with emphasizing the need for them to pay their dues which allowed the AISWCD to fight for FY'08 funding.

Cuts effect on AISWCD Budget

Terry Davis asked if the AISWCD needed to look at doing a secondary budget based off the Governor's proposed FY09 budget cuts. The group felt there was no need to do another budget at this time.

Summer Conference

Currently there are 16 SWCDs that are not registered to attend summer conference. The Area VPs will contact the District Chairman of the SWCDs in their area asking them to reconsider attending summer conference. Terry Davis stated the agenda for summer conference is coming together. A taskforce has been forced to look at stable funding sources for SWCDs. Discussion was held concerning ideas that could be brought up concerning ways to provide funding for SWCDs.

Meeting ended at 9:05 a.m. -

Minutes taken by Erin Hollinshead and Stacy Stremsterfer

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Communication Focus Committee Agenda

December 8, 2008

1:00-3:00 p.m.

Onyx Room

Northfield Inn & Suites, Springfield Illinois

1. Call to order and Introductions
2. Roll Call
3. Approve Agenda
4. Approve September's minutes
5. Old Business
 - a. Membership Brochure
6. New Business
 - a. Marketing Taskforce Update
 - b. Ad ideas for 2009 Roster (Illinois Issues)
7. Adjournment

**AISWCD - Communication Focus Committee
Monday, September 15, 2008
Northfield Inn Conference Center, Springfield, IL.**

Members Present:

Lee Bunting
Bob Dean
Amy Ishmael
Ken Kesler
Phyllis Mace
John Maudlin
Rich Nichols
Norbert Rider
Jim Nelson
Eric Suits

Eric Suits called the meeting to order. Eric introduced himself as the new chairman. Roll call taken as we introduced ourselves. Eric called for approval of the agenda. Rich Nichols made a motion to add Marketing Task Force to the agenda under new Business, second by: Lee Bunting. Motion carried.

Old Business:

The group discussed the three tapes that had been used before to promote districts, which were sent to radio stations in our area. Rich will look into maybe revising the tapes so they be used again. If they are useable they will be resent to all districts.

New Business:

Erin and Stacy have put together a brochure to promote marketing with a page on the back where a person that would like to become a member for a cost can join. The cost to become a member would be \$25.00 or a \$100.00. The districts would help get the brochure out to there local farmer and business. It was discussed if we could look into a collage student that could develop a brochure; everyone agreed that the time line in which we need to get the word out was crucial.

Erin presented information on Omni a marketing firm that would help to create awareness at local and state level about the wide range of work that is being done by the district people. Rich stated that we need to find the right media to reach and get the word out. Butch made a motion that we put together Marketing Task Force, second by: Lee Bunting. Motion carried.

Butch Rider made a motion to create a Marketing Task Force, second by: Lee Bunting. There was a discussion held about coming up with the cost to hire OMNI. One way was to ask the district to help pay the cost of \$125.00. Butch Rider was apprehensive about getting the right target area. Lee Bunting stated that we need to target one group of people for now and see what success we have. Motion was passed.

Jim Nelson stated that maybe we should look at the Farmer Market and show how we relate to them.

Rich stated that in urban area we could show how we help in flood control, water recharge and resources that sell the goods for that area.

Lee said that we could educate the urban area about the Envirothon.

Ken Kesler stated after viewing the brochure that he felt that it did not say what roll the district plays. After much discussion the group decided to adjourn the September meeting. Butch Rider made the motion to adjourn and second by: Ken Kesler. The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Submitted by: Phyllis Mace

Education Focus Committee Agenda

Jerry Snodgrass Chairman

December 8, 2008

1:00-3:00 p.m.

Ruby Room

Northfield Inn & Suites, Springfield Illinois

1. Call to Order
2. Approve Agenda
3. Roll Call
4. Approve September minutes
5. IDNR Report
6. IDOA Report
7. NRCS Report
8. Director Training Taskforce Update
9. Envirothon Taskforce Update
10. Water Use Taskforce Update
11. Review McKibben & Teacher of the Year
12. Old Business
13. New Business
 - a. Ad ideas for 2009 Roster (Illinois Issues)
 - b. Summer Conference sessions/speakers
14. Adjournment

**Association of Illinois Soil and Water Conservation Districts
Education Focus Committee
Monday, September 15, 2008
Northfield Inn Conference Center – Springfield, IL**

Members Present

Don Beisiegel

Terry Bogner

Joe Bybee

Josh Joseph

Valerie Keener

Marty McManus

Jim Nelson

Debbie Ruff

Rollie Spaniol

Jerry Snodgrass

Stacy Stremsterfer

Joe Bybee

Steve Stierwalt

Don Lloyd

Members Absent

Jody Bell

Sue Davis

Dwayne Proctor

James Todd

The September meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m. by Chairman Jerry Snodgrass. Introductions were made and the roll call sheet was passed around.

Chairman Snodgrass called for a review of the agenda as presented. **Motion by Don Beisiegel to approve September meeting agenda, seconded by Terry Bogner, MCVV.**

Chairman Snodgrass called for any additions or corrections to the June minutes. **Motion by Rollie Spaniol to approve June minutes as presented, seconded by Don Beisiegel, MCVV.**

Reports

IDNR - Valerie Keener, Administrator - Division of Education

Valerie reported they have been working with early learning educators to develop tip sheets on nature. The new, Illinois Woodland Wildflowers posters are now available. The Illinois Biodiversity: Squirrel Study is ready for students to participate in this fall.

IDOA – Marty McManus reported that new director training will be held in March during quarterly boards and some regional training will be held for directors at the discretion of each regional representative.

NRCS – no report

Director Training Taskforce Update – Stacy Stremsterfer reported that since her grant with IDOA was not renewed she has not been working on director training, however the AISWCD is trying to find a grant that will purchase the training software similar to Utah for Illinois. Chairman Snodgrass noted that the Executive Committee voted to proceed with the web based training once funds can be found to cover the cost. Discussion was held.

Envirothon Taskforce – Terry Bogner reported that a two page public relations sheet on the Illinois Envirothon has been developed by Stacy Stremsterfer. SWCDs need to utilize this sheet when speaking with their legislators. The new date for the 2009 Illinois Envirothon is May 14th and 15th at Allerton Park. This year the Canon Envirothon will be held August 2-8th in North Carolina. Christian County placed 27th overall and 4th in Aquatics at this year's Canon Envirothon in Arizona. Stacy Stremsterfer reported that the resources and objectives have been updated and the taskforce is considering posting them online all year around for the students to utilize. Discussed held.

Water Use Taskforce

No report was given. The group discussed since this topic is still very important and was not presented at summer conference it could possibly be a session at Winter Training in December. Josh Joseph will speak with Jim Nelson.

Stacy Stremsterfer will send out information to SWCDs again concerning the P2D2 program along with compiling a database of information on what different activities/topics are covered at various SWCDs lady landowner meetings.

Old Business - Teacher of the Year. Rollie Spaniol will work on securing a grant for around \$150 to cover the expenses of the award.

New Business

The group reviewed a membership brochure that had been developed by Erin Hollinshead and Stacy Stremsterfer trying to get the AISWCD's name out along with securing some new funding. Stacy explained the purpose and discussion was held.

Motion by Don Lloyd and seconded by Don Beisiegel to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 2:43 p.m.

Submitted by: Debbie Ruff and Stacy Stremsterfer.

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Financial Management Focus Committee Agenda

Rollie Spaniol, Chairman

December 8, 2008

3:00-5:00 p.m.

Onyx Room

Northfield Inn & Suites, Springfield Illinois

1. Call to Order
2. Approve Agenda
3. Roll Call
4. Approval of Minutes from September Quarterly Board
5. Review Financials
6. SWCD Insurance Account Update: Debbie Holsapple
7. Old Business
8. New Business
 - Summer Conference Sessions/Speakers
 - McKibben Scholarship
 - Auditor
 - Dues
 - Illinois Roster Ad Expense
9. Adjournment

**Financial Management Focus Area Committee Minutes
June Quarterly Board
Northfield Inn
Rollie Spaniol, Chairman
September 15, 2008**

Present:

Chairman, Rollie Spaniol
Lee Bunting
Phil Fossler
Erin Hollinshead
Debbie Holsapple
Dave McCormick
Steve Mozley
Emery Oesch
Jerry Snodgrass
Stacy Stremsterfer
Kenny Vosholler
Annyce Winters
Cindy Moon

Absent:

Mark Besse
Judy Cordier
Terry Davis
Rich Nichols
Donna Roads

Chairman Rollie Spaniol called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

Rollie Spaniol asked that the 2008 Audit Quote, Legislative Committee Request and Lawyer Fee Line Item all be added to the agenda under New Business. **Lee Bunting made a motion to approve the agenda with the additions. Phil Fossler seconded the motion, motion passed by voice vote.**

Approval of Minutes

The June Financial Management Focus Area Committee minutes were reviewed. **Jerry Snodgrass made motion to approve the minutes of the June Financial Management Focus Area Committee. Emery Oesch seconded the motion, motion passed by voice vote.**

Review Financials

Phil Fossler made a motion to approve the Financials as printed. Jerry Snodgrass seconded the motion, motion passed by voice vote.

SWCD of Illinois Insurance Account Update

Debbie Holsapple handed out her report which is included. Debbie Holsapple explained that there is about \$40,000.00 less than last year in the insurance account because the insurance was underfunded last year. Debbie Holsapple also reported that there are three counties that have reduced hours for employees but not below the required 37 ½ hours per week to remain on the insurance. A thorough discussion was held concerning the insurances. Debbie Holsapple reported that she had completed the payroll audit for the Workman's Compensation Insurance and found that there was a reduction of payroll around \$94,000.00 less than in 07. Total payroll for 2008 was \$7,686,189.21 and the total for 2007 was \$7,780,077.06. The reduction was due to employee turnover.

Old Business

No old business

New Business

NACD Annual Meeting

The NACD Annual Meeting will be held in New Orleans on February 1st through the 4th. The cost of a flight will be \$350.00, hotel will be \$215.00 per night, and registration will be \$495.00. The Financial Management Focus Committee recommends sending AISWCD President Jim Todd, Vice-President Aaron Fergusson, Executive Director Rich Nichols and Education Coordinator Stacy Stremsterfer at a cost of \$1,920.00 each and contributes \$800.00 to NCDEA President Cindy Moon for a total cost of \$8,480.00. **Lee Bunting made a motion to approve the recommendation. Kenny Vosholler seconded the motion, motion carried by voice vote.**

Legislative Focus Committee Request

Rollie Spaniol reported that there was a request from the Legislative Focus Committee for \$4,000.00 to be used by LUC 16 towards funding to educate Legislators in the Chicago Metro area about Soil and Water Conservation Districts and how they benefit the Chicago Area. Discussion was held but no action was taken. A decision was made to wait until the Legislative Focus Committee report at the AISWCD September Quarterly Board Meeting on Tuesday, September 16th. **No action taken.**

FY 08 Audit Quote

Erin Hollinshead reported that she had received the quote for the cost of the FY 08 Audit from the accounting firm of Cowan, Epperson, & Associates, P.C. in the amount of \$6,000.00 for the AISWCD and Foundation and \$1,600.00 for the Insurance Account to be paid for by the SWCD of Illinois Insurance Association. **Lee Bunting made a motion to approve the recommendation to pay the cost of the audit and to hire Cowan, Epperson, & Associates, P.C. to conduct the audit. Phil Fossler seconded the motion, motion carried by voice vote.**

Lawyer Fee Line Item

Attorney Karen Steele works for the AISWCD when needed at a cost of \$60.00 per hour and when questions are asked from Districts the cost is then passed through the AISWCD accounts from the Districts to Attorney Steele. Currently attorney fees are paid from the miscellaneous line item in QuickBooks. **Kenny Vosholler made a recommendation to add a new line item under Contractual Services to QuickBooks with a budget of \$1,200.00. Phil Fossler seconded the motion, motion carried by voice vote.**

Adjournment

Rollie Spaniol adjourned the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Submitted by: Annyce Winters

Forestry Committee Agenda

December 8, 2008

2:00-3:00 p.m.

Opal Room

Northfield Inn & Suites, Springfield Illinois

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of September 2008 minutes
4. Updates
 - A. Workshops and Field Day
 - B. I.F.A
 - C. Division of Forestry - Funding - Personnel
 - D. Carbon Credits
5. Old Business
6. Advisors Report
 - A. IDOA
 - B. DNR
 - C. NRCS
7. New Business
8. Adjournment

**AISWCD QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING
FORESTRY COMMITTEE
September 15, 2008**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: CHAIRMAN, Bob Sloan

DATE & TIME: September 15, 2008 – 2:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: 1 director, 4 advisors

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The March 3, 2008 and the June 2, 2008 minutes were reviewed and approved.

Motion by: Darrell Roegge 2nd By: Duane Snow Carried: Yes

WORKSHOPS:

Dave Bishop reported on the Tree ID Workshop and gave an update on Emerald Ash Borer. The Franklin Farm Field Day has been cancelled due to flooding.

Bob Sloan reported on the Illinois Forest Association Annual Meeting. The membership is now over 800. He also reported on 2 new workshops in September.

ADVISORS REPORTS:

IDOA- Elliott Lagacy reported on the IDOA efforts to control the Emerald Ash Borer and also gave an update on the movement process.

IPEA-Dick Breckenridge gave an update on Carbon Credits. Carbon market down to \$2.50. Reasons were the general market conditions and lack of legislation.

New Business:

Request AISWCD for funds to pay for a tree in memory of the late NACD President Olin Sims. Not to exceed \$250.00.

Motion by: Darrell Roegge 2nd: Terry Davis Carried: Yes

Old Business:

NONE

NEXT MEETING: December 8, 2008

Adjournment: 2:50 p.m.

Motion by: Darrell Roegge

Legislative Focus Committee Agenda

Aaron Ferguson, Chairman

December 8, 2008

3:00-5:00 p.m.

Ruby Room

Northfield Inn & Suites, Springfield Illinois

1. Call to Order
2. Approve Agenda
3. Roll Call
4. Approval of Minutes
5. Legislative Update: Mike Hoffmann
6. FY 09 Budget
7. Resolution Actions
 - a. Resolution 2008-1 and 2008-2 on pages 7-8
8. Partner Reports
9. Task Force Updates
 - a. Farmland Protection
 - b. Focused Legislative
10. Old Business
11. New Business
 - a. Summer Conference session/speaker ideas
 - b. Friend of Conservation Award
 - c. Legislator of the Year Award
 - d. SB 1103
 - e. Legislative Roster Ad
 - f. Ag Legislative Baskets
12. Adjournment

Legislative Focus Area Committee Meeting
September 15, 2008
3:00 – 5:00 P.M.
Ruby Room
Northfield Inn & Suites, Springfield, Illinois

Members Present

Aaron Ferguson
Terry Bogner
Larry Sterett
Jake Klein
Kenneth Kesler
Terry Davis
Steve Stierwalt
Duane Snow
John Beckhart- 4:20 p.m.
Lee Bunting- 4:40 p.m.
Jim Todd-4:45 p.m.

Advisors Present

Richard Nichols
Troy Daniell

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Aaron Ferguson at 3:00 p.m.

Approve Agenda:

Chairman Ferguson reviewed the agenda and asked for any additions or corrections. There were none. Motion made by Larry Sterett to approve agenda, seconded by Jake Klein. MCVV

Roll Call:

The roll call sheet was passed around to those present.

Approval of Minutes:

Chairman Ferguson asked if there were any additions or corrections to the June 2, 2008 minutes. Jake Klein made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted, seconded by Terry Bogner. MCVV.

Legislative Update:

Mike Hoffmann had provided an update to the entire board earlier in the day and was not present at this meeting.

FY 09 Budget:

Discussion was held on the House's actions to restore a \$3.5 million cut from the 09 budget and to protect the Partners in Conservation cost share fund from a proposed \$3 million dollar fund sweep. Discussion was also held regarding the need for a questionnaire to go to SWCDs asking how long each SWCD can continue to operate on its current available resources and also asking how long each SWCD can operate with the \$3.9 million in the '09 budget as approved by the Governor, pending its release. Terry Davis suggested we should be targeting specific legislators, particularly those who are in positions of power. Steve Stierwalt stated that the AISWCD needs to communicate to directors what it is doing to help with the current funding problems.

Resolution Actions:

Resolutions 2008-1 and 2008-2 were discussed and current activities related to each were stated. Actions to accomplish Resolutions 2008-1 include meeting with key legislators to review the proposed sources of funds developed by the Funding Taskforce and to reiterate the importance of restoring funds cut by the Governor. Meetings have been held with the following legislators: Gary Hannig, Raymond Poe, Rich Brauer, Mark Beaubien and Larry Bomke. Meetings are scheduled with the following legislators: Dale Risinger, John Sullivan and Rich Meyers. A Marketing Taskforce was recommended for creation by the Communications Focus Area Committee to deal with Resolution 2008-2.

A proposed resolution from St Clair SWCD was brought to the committee's attention. The proposed resolution directs the AISWCD to encourage NRCS to provide more local control for EQIP funds. Troy Daniell stated that the Local Work Groups would provide an avenue for that to happen but they must become more active in setting priorities. This resolution will be further reviewed at the December Quarterly Board meeting.

Chairman Ferguson requested the committee's permission to skip to agenda item #11, New Business, to allow Jim Nelson to make a request of the committee for action that would have an effect on another committee's decisions. It was agreed by consensus that Jim Nelson would be allowed to speak.

New Business:

Legislative Day Event:

John Beckhart joined the meeting at 4:20 p.m. Lee Bunting joined the meeting at 4:40 p.m. Jim Todd joined the meeting at 4:45 p.m.

Jim Nelson reported on the activities of the Council 16 Legislative Committee and presented a request to make that committee a part of the AISWCD's Legislative Focus Area Committee to enable the Council 16 group to take advantage of AISWCD funds budgeted for legislative activities. Discussion followed regarding the advantages of funding the Council 16 effort instead of the planned legislative day breakfast in Springfield. Terry Davis moved that the Legislative FAC create a "Focused Legislative Taskforce" for a one-year period to include the Council 16 Legislative Committee and carry out their planned events, Terry Boner seconded. MCWV. Terry Davis moved that the actions taken by the board to hold a 2009 Legislative Day event be rescinded, seconded by Jake Klein. MCWV Jake Klein moved that up to \$4,000 from the budgeted amount for the legislative breakfast be made available for the activities of the Focused Legislative Taskforce on a reimbursable basis, John Beckhart seconded. MCWV.

Partner Reports:

Troy Daniell, NRCS Assistant State Conservationist reported that the Farm Bill rules are currently being written and that Madison County SWCD had sent a letter to the NRCS Chief. He encouraged the AISWCD to let SWCD's know that they should be writing to request sufficient flexibility on the rules to allow SWCDs to perform TSP duties.

Taskforce Update:

Rich Nichols reported that the Farmland Protection Taskforce will be meeting September 17th.

Old Business:

There were no items for old business.

Adjourn:

Terry Davis moved to adjourn, Jake Klein seconded. MCWV Meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

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Planning Focus Committee Agenda

John Beckhart, Chairman

December 8, 2008

1:00-3:00 p.m.

Onyx Room

Northfield Inn & Suites, Springfield Illinois

1. Call to Order
2. Agenda Approval
3. Roll Call
4. Approve Minutes
5. Partners Updates
 - IEPA
 - NRCS
6. Task Force update
 - Annual Meeting & Awards Taskforce
7. Formation of additional task forces
8. New Business
9. Old Business
10. Adjournment

**AISWCD Planning Focus Area Committee Minutes
September 15, 2007
Northfield Inn, Springfield**

Directors Present:

John Beckhart
Darrell Roegge
Kenny Vosholler
Phil Fossler
Aaron Ferguson
Jake Klein
Emery Oesch
Terry Davis

Advisors Present:

Cindy Moon, DE
Erin Hollinshead, AISWCD
Stacy Stremsterfer, AISWCD
Pam Peter, DE
Jannifer Powelson, DE
Mike Rahe, IDOA
Annyce Winters, ISWCDEA Co-Chair
Bob Dean, NRCS

The Planning Focus Area Committee met at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, September 15, 2008.

The agenda was reviewed.

Motion: It was moved by Darrell Roegge, seconded by Phil Fossler, and passed to approve the agenda for the Planning Committee. Motion carried.

Minutes of the June 2008 Planning Committee meeting were reviewed.

Motion: It was moved by Kenny Vosholler, seconded by Phil Fossler, and passed to approve the June 2008 Planning Committee meeting minutes. Motion carried.

The committee reviewed Summer Conference 2008 evaluations and feedback. Erin Hollinshead reported that there would be a National Horseshoe Competition at the Prairie Convention Center, across the street from the Hilton, during the same time as Summer Conference 2009. Organizers are expecting 2,000-3,000 people. January 26 is the deadline with the Hilton to come up with any changes from 2008. Erin reported the AISWCD would need a lot quicker turn around time than last year, because if not, rooms would probably be full. She indicated the committee would really need to kick into gear at the December Quarterly Board meeting.

Agency reports were given.

NRCS – Bob Dean answered questions from Aaron Ferguson on EQIP changes. A lengthy discussion was held.

IDOA - No decision have been made on the allocations for the districts. Mike reported there is supposed to be a 3% reserve on all monies. When the money is released for districts, he anticipates it will be quarterly payments. Mike reported that as soon as money is released, Grant Agreements would be sent in less than a week.

Task Force Updates:

Marketing Task Force – John Beckhart reported there is only himself and district employees. More directors need to be on the committee.

Bylaw Task Force – So far the Vice President is the only one on the committee.

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Minutes taken and recorded by:

Cindy Moon

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Urban & Community Conservation Focus Area Committee Agenda

Norbert Rider Co-Chair & Dwayne Proctor Co-Chair

December 8, 2008

10:00 a.m.

Ruby Room

Northfield Inn, Springfield, IL

1. Call to order
2. Roll Call
3. Approve September Minutes
4. Approve Agenda
5. Old Business
 - Protecting Water Quality in Urban Centers (PWQUC) update
 - Focused Legislative Taskforce update
 - Farmland Protection Taskforce update
 - Illinois Urban Manual Update
 - ICA
 - Contacts
6. New Business
 - Pervious Pavement Project
 - IUM Training with US Army
7. Adjournment

**Association of Illinois Soil & Water Conservation Districts
Northfield Inn
Urban & Community Conservation - Focus Area Committee Agenda
Norbert Rider Chairman
September 15, 2008**

Members Present:

Don Beisiegel

Joe Bybee

Renee Hildebrandt

Jon Hubbert

Don Lloyd

Phyllis Mace

Jim Nelson

Norbert Rider

Eric Suits

Gerard Fabrizius

Butch Rider called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m. Roll call was done while introducing new people.

Butch called for approval for the agenda. Jim Nelson made a motion to add Land Use Council 16 and Small Acres to new business. Don Beisiegel made the motion to add to new business and Eric Suits second the motion. Motion passed.

Old Business:

Jim gave an update on the meeting held at Summer Conference luncheon on Water Availability. It went over very good.

Jim brought the committee up to date on the Urban Manual. He stated that two standards were ready to send to EPA for approval. From the grant money they have used about Four Thousand dollars.

Renee Hildebrandt is working on trees standards.

Joe Bybee stated that special projects deadline is Sept 15, 2008. They are still accepting projects.

John Hubbert gave a report for NRCS. He stated that they have a Farm Bill.

New Business:

AISWCD has a new drive way which has been completed.

LUC 16 is trying to find ways to get the legislators in there area educated on what SWCDs can do.

We need to work with farmers that have small acreage. Water issues are very important to all.

A motion was made by Don Beisiegel and second by: Don Lloyd to adjourn. Motion passed.

Submitted by Phyllis Mace



Room Reservations

This form must be returned
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November 24, 2008.

in order to secure your room at the Northfield Inn for the
December Quarterly Board Meeting.

You may also contact, Stacy Stremsterfer at 217-744-3414 to
make reservations.

*** Please check the date/s you will be staying***

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Committee: _____

Sunday December 7th: _____ Monday December 8th: _____

Smoking: _____ Non-Smoking: _____ Double Bed: _____ Single Bed: _____

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CHART OF ACCOUNTS	FY 2008 AISWCD BUDGET		BUDGET
	RESERVES FROM PRIOR YEAR: \$101,883.63		
	INCOME		
4000	DUES		
	4001	MEMBERSHIP DUES	231,663.09
4100	GRANT REVENUE		
	4101	IDA EDUCATION COORDINATOR GRANT	40,000.00
	4102	IEPA WATERSHED LIAISON GRANT	50,000.00
	4103	NRCS GRANT	0.00
	4104	CREP/NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT ADMIN.-3190416	7,000.00
	4105	URBAN WATER QUALITY GRANT-3190704	15,000.00
	4106	WATERSHED BASED PLAN-3190410	0.00
	4107	WATERSHED BASED PLAN-3190515	9,375.00
	4108	GRANT REVENUE-OTHER (CREP)	175,000.00
4200	ANNUAL MEETING REVENUE		
	4201	ANNUAL MEETING REGISTRATION	50,000.00
	4202	ANNUAL MEETING AUCTION	5,000.00
	4203	ANNUAL MEETING EXPO	2,000.00
	4204	ANNUAL MEETING SPONSORSHIP	10,000.00
4300	ENVIROTHON REVENUE		
	4301	TEAM REGISTRATION FEES	2,000.00
	4302	CANON GRANTS	1,250.00
	4303	VOLUNTEER/PRESENTER MEALS	150.00
	4304	SPONSORSHIPS	6,500.00
4400	OTHER REVENUE		
	4401	GREENBOOK/URBAN MANUAL REVENUE	150.00
	4402	MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	1,000.00
	4403	EARTH STEWARDSHIP DAY REVENUE	1,000.00
	4404	FARM PROGRESS SHOW	0.00
	4405	ICCI REVENUE	14,500.00
	4406	IFA REVENUE	3,200.00
4500	INTEREST INCOME		
	4501	ENVIROTHON INTEREST	- 750.00
	4502	GRANTS INTEREST	250.00
	4503	INTEREST INCOME-OTHER (GENERAL FUND)	8,000.00
	4504	BUILDING INTEREST	250.00
	TOTAL BUDGETED REVENUE		633,788.09

CHART OF ACCOUNTS		BUDGET
EXPENSES		
5000	PAYROLL	
5001	SALARIES (GROSS)	180,650.63
5002	FICA/MEDICARE EXPENSE	16,500.00
5003	FUTA EXPENSE	280.00
5004	SUTA EXPENSE	700.00
CHART OF ACCOUNTS		BUDGET
5100	EMPLOYEE HEALTH INS.	
5101	EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE (Exec. Dir.)	526.08
5102	EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE (WATERSHED LIAISON)	4,200.00
5103	EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE (EDUCATION COORDINATOR)	4,200.00
5104	EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE (ADMIN. COORDINATOR)	4,200.00
5105	EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE (ADMIN. ASSISTANT)	4,200.00
5200	INSURANCE	
5201	INSURANCE-BONDING	350.00
5202	INSURANCE-DIRECTORS & OFFICERS	1,200.00
5203	INSURANCE-BUILDING	325.00
5300	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	
5301	PUBLIC AFFAIRS COORDINATOR	24,000.00
5400	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	
5401	REGULAR AUDIT	5,800.00
5500	TRAVEL	
5501	EMPLOYEE MILEAGE	2,000.00
5502	EMPLOYEE TRAVEL	8,500.00
5600	ANNUAL MEETING	
5601	ANNUAL CONF-EXPO	1,000.00
5602	ANNUAL CONF-SUPPLIES	700.00
5603	ANNUAL CONF-AWARDS	1,800.00
5604	ANNUAL CONF-MEALS	38,000.00
5605	ANNUAL CONF-TRAVEL & LODGING	2,000.00
5606	ANNUAL CONF-AUCTION	200.00
5607	ANNUAL CONF-OTHER	3,500.00
5700	QUARTERLY BOARD MEETINGS	
5701	BOARD MEETINGS-LODGING	8,000.00
5702	BOARD MEETINGS-MEALS	8,500.00
5703	BOARD MEETINGS-TRAVEL	8,000.00

5800	COMMITTEE MEETINGS	
5801	COMMITTEE EXP-OTHER	500.00
5802	COMMITTEE EXP-TRAVEL	2,000.00
5803	COMMITTEE EXP-MEALS	1,000.00
5804	COMMITTEE EXP-LODGING	600.00
5900	LEGISLATIVE	
5901	LEGISLATIVE-AWARDS	300.00
5902	LEGISLATIVE-TRAVEL	600.00
5903	LEGISLATIVE DIRECTORIES	0.00
5904	LEGISLATIVE DAY	6,500.00
6000	AISWCD PRESIDENT	
6001	AISWCD PRESIDENT EXPENSE	5,000.00
6100	ENVIROTHON EXPENSE	
6101	WORKSHOPS/CONFERENCE	200.00
6102	NATIONAL EXPENSES	6,000.00
6103	CEC WINTER MEETING	1,500.00
6104	PUBLIC RELATIONS/PROMOTIONS	150.00
6105	STATE ENVIROTHON COMPETITION	7,000.00
CHART OF ACCOUNTS		BUDGET
6200	OFFICE NEEDS	
6201	OFFICE SUPPLIES	5,000.00
6202	EQUIPMENT	5,500.00
6203	PRINTING	1,800.00
6204	COPIER LEASE	6,600.00
6205	POSTAGE/DELIVERY	3,500.00
6300	BUILDING EXPENSES	
6301	MORTGAGE	14,400.00
6302	UTILITIES	0.00
6303	SNOW REMOVAL/LAWN CARE	1,500.00
6304	WATER FILTER/SOFTENER SUPPLIES	600.00
6305	ELECTRIC	1,200.00
6306	PROPANE	4,200.00
6307	MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT	2,400.00
6308	TAXES	0.00
6309	DRIVEWAY ROCK	500.00
6310	SECURITY SYSTEM	625.00
6311	GARBAGE	450.00
6313	TELEPHONE	4,000.00
6400	MEMBERSHIPS/REGISTRATIONS	
6401	MEMBERSHIPS/REGISTRATIONS	2,500.00
6500	GRANTS EXPENSE	
6501	WATERSHED BASED PLAN INTIATIVE (PASS	30,000.00

	6502	THROUGH) CREP (PASS THROUGH)	145,000.00
6600		VEHICLE	
	6601	VEHICLE LEASE	4,582.32
	6602	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	1,000.00
	6603	INSURANCE-VEHICLE	1,200.00
6700		INTERNET/WEBSITE	
	6701	WEBSITE MAINTENANCE	1,000.00
	6702	INTERNET SERVICE	1,200.00
6800		NACD EXPENSES	
	6801	NACD MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES	15,000.00
6900		OTHER	
	6901	BANK CHARGES	15.00
	6902	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE	1,000.00
	6903	ANNUAL REPORT FILING FEES	600.00
	6904	FARM PROGRESS SHOW EXPENSES	0.00
	5905	EARTH STEWARDSHIP DAY EXPENSES	1,000.00
	6906	TASK FORCE EXPENSES	2,000.00
	6907	ICCI EXPENSES	10,000.00
	6908	IFA EXPENSES	<u>2,000.00</u>
		TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENSES	631,054.03
		BUDGETED NET INCOME	<u>2,734.06</u>

CHART OF ACCOUNTS	FY 2009 AISWCD BUDGET		BUDGET
	RESERVES FROM PRIOR YEAR:	\$115,577.69	
	INCOME		
4000	DUES		
	4001 MEMBERSHIP DUES		238,022.40
4100	GRANT REVENUE		
	4102 IUM COORDINATOR GRANT-3190801		80,000.00
	4104 CREP/NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT ADMIN.-3190416		11,000.00
	4105 URBAN WATER QUALITY GRANT-3190704		10,000.00
	4108 GRANT REVENUE-OTHER (CREP)		200,000.00
4200	ANNUAL MEETING REVENUE		
	4201 ANNUAL MEETING REGISTRATION		40,000.00
	4202 ANNUAL MEETING AUCTION		2,500.00
4300	ENVIROTHON REVENUE		
	4301 TEAM REGISTRATION FEES		2,400.00
	4302 CANON GRANTS		1,500.00
	4303 VOLUNTEER/PRESENTER MEALS		100.00
	4304 SPONSORSHIPS		2,200.00
4400	OTHER REVENUE		
	4401 GREENBOOK/URBAN MANUAL REVENUE		150.00
	4402 MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE		1,500.00
	4403 EARTH STEWARDSHIP DAY REVENUE		1,000.00
	4404 FARM PROGRESS SHOW		7,100.00
	4405 ICCI REVENUE		20,000.00
	4406 IFA REVENUE		3,500.00
4500	INTEREST INCOME		
	4501 ENVIROTHON INTEREST		750.00
	4502 GRANTS INTEREST		250.00
	4503 INTEREST INCOME-OTHER (GENERAL FUND)		8,000.00
	4504 BUILDING INTEREST		100.00
	TOTAL BUDGETED REVENUE		629,972.40
CHART OF ACCOUNTS			BUDGET
	EXPENSES		
5000	PAYROLL		
	5001 SALARIES (GROSS) <i>Includes 3% Increase from FY 2008</i>		181,614.00
	5002 FICA/MEDICARE EXPENSE		13,106.40
	5003 FUTA EXPENSE		224.00

	5004	SUTA EXPENSE	420.00
5100		EMPLOYEE HEALTH INS.	
	5101	EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE (Exec. Dir.)	450.00
	5102	EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE (WATERSHED LIAISON)	4,600.00
	5103	EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE (EDUCATION COORD.)	4,550.00
	5104	EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE (OPERATIONS ADMIN.)	4,500.00
5200		INSURANCE	
	5201	INSURANCE-BONDING	350.00
	5202	INSURANCE-DIRECTORS & OFFICERS	1,200.00
	5203	INSURANCE-BUILDING	400.00
CHART OF ACCOUNTS			BUDGET
5300		CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	
	5301	PUBLIC AFFAIRS COORDINATOR	24,000.00
5400		PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	
	5401	REGULAR AUDIT	6,500.00
5500		TRAVEL	
	5501	EMPLOYEE MILEAGE	2,000.00
	5502	EMPLOYEE TRAVEL	5,000.00
5600		ANNUAL MEETING	
	5603	ANNUAL CONF-AWARDS	2,000.00
	5604	ANNUAL CONF-MEALS	25,000.00
	5605	ANNUAL CONF-TRAVEL & LODGING	800.00
5700		QUARTERLY BOARD MEETINGS	
	5701	BOARD MEETINGS-LODGING	8,500.00
	5702	BOARD MEETINGS-MEALS	8,000.00
	5703	BOARD MEETINGS-TRAVEL	10,500.00
5800		COMMITTEE MEETINGS	
	5801	COMMITTEE EXP-OTHER	350.00
	5802	COMMITTEE EXP-TRAVEL	500.00
	5803	COMMITTEE EXP-MEALS	100.00
	5804	COMMITTEE EXP-LODGING	300.00
5900		LEGISLATIVE	
	5901	LEGISLATIVE-AWARDS	300.00
	5902	LEGISLATIVE-TRAVEL	0.00
	5903	LEGISLATIVE DIRECTORIES	2,300.00
	5904	LEGISLATIVE DAY	6,000.00
6000		AIWCD PRESIDENT	

	6001	AISWCD PRESIDENT EXPENSE	3,000.00
6100		ENVIROTHON EXPENSE	
	6101	WORKSHOPS/CONFERENCE	200.00
	6102	NATIONAL EXPENSES	5,000.00
	6103	CEC WINTER MEETING-NACD	1,500.00
	6104	PUBLIC RELATIONS/PROMOTIONS	150.00
	6105	STATE ENVIROTHON COMPETITION	7,000.00
6200		OFFICE NEEDS	
	6201	OFFICE SUPPLIES	5,500.00
	6202	EQUIPMENT	2,000.00
	6203	PRINTING	1,000.00
	6204	COPIER LEASE	6,400.00
	6205	POSTAGE/DELIVERY	3,300.00
6300		BUILDING EXPENSES	
	6303	SNOW REMOVAL/LAWN CARE	2,000.00
	6304	WATER FILTER/SOFTENER SUPPLIES	600.00
	6305	ELECTRIC	1,200.00
	6306	PROPANE	2,800.00
	6307	MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT	2,400.00
	6310	SECURITY SYSTEM	500.00
	6311	GARBAGE	450.00
	6313	TELEPHONE	3,300.00
CHART OF ACCOUNTS			BUDGET
6400		MEMBERSHIPS/REGISTRATIONS	
	6401	MEMBERSHIPS/REGISTRATIONS	2,500.00
6500		GRANTS EXPENSE	
	6501	WATERSHED BASED PLAN INTIATIVE (PASS THROUGH)	55,000.00
	6502	CREP (PASS THROUGH)	145,000.00
6600		VEHICLE	
	6601	VEHICLE LEASE	4,582.32
	6602	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	400.00
	6603	INSURANCE-VEHICLE	1,000.00
6700		INTERNET/WEBSITE	
	6701	WEBSITE MAINTENANCE	200.00
	6702	INTERNET SERVICE	1,200.00
6800		NACD EXPENSES	
	6801	NACD MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES	15,000.00
6900		OTHER	

6901	BANK CHARGES	30.00
6902	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE	800.00
6903	ANNUAL REPORT FILING FEES	600.00
6904	FARM PROGRESS SHOW EXPENSES	7,200.00
5905	EARTH STEWARDSHIP DAY EXPENSES	1,000.00
6906	TASK FORCE EXPENSES	1,500.00
6907	ICCI EXPENSES	10,000.00
TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENSES		607,876.72
BUDGETED NET INCOME		22,095.68

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	Jan - Dec 08	Budget	Jan - Dec 08	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense					
Income					
4000 · DUES					
4001 · MEMBERSHIP DUES	233,736.44	231,663.09	233,736.44	231,663.09	231,663.09
Total 4000 · DUES	233,736.44	231,663.09	233,736.44	231,663.09	231,663.09
4100 · GRANT REVENUE					
4101 · IDA Education Coordinator Grant	0.00	40,000.00	0.00	40,000.00	40,000.00
4102 · IEPA Watershed Liaison Grant	90,000.00	50,000.00	90,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00
4103 · NRCS Grant					
4103-01 · PUBLIC AFFAIRS SPECIALIST	3,500.00	0.00	3,500.00	0.00	0.00
4103-02 · RADIO ADS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4103-03 · WATERSHED PLANNING	2,617.16	0.00	2,617.16	0.00	0.00
4103-04 · INTERNAL OPERATIONS	8,858.59	0.00	8,858.59	0.00	0.00
4103-05 · LEADERSHIP TRAINING	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4103-06 · LCD PROJECTOR	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4103-07 · QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING	2,310.24	0.00	2,310.24	0.00	0.00
4103-08 · SUMMER CON./ANNUAL MEETI...	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4103-09 · WEBSITE	1,200.00	0.00	1,200.00	0.00	0.00
4103 · NRCS Grant - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total 4103 · NRCS Grant	18,485.99	0.00	18,485.99	0.00	0.00
4104 · CREP/Nutrient Management Admin	10,569.94	7,000.00	10,569.94	7,000.00	7,000.00
4105 · Urban Water Quality Grant Admin	9,162.17	15,000.00	9,162.17	15,000.00	15,000.00
4106 · WATERSHED BASED PLAN 3190410	53,367.71	0.00	53,367.71	0.00	0.00
4107 · WATERSHED BASED PLAN-3190515	107,487.24	9,375.00	107,487.24	9,375.00	9,375.00
4108 · GRANT REVENUE-OTHER (CREP)	133,798.86	175,000.00	133,798.86	175,000.00	175,000.00
Total 4100 · GRANT REVENUE	422,871.91	296,375.00	422,871.91	296,375.00	296,375.00
4200 · ANNUAL MEETING REVENUE					
4201 · ANNUAL MEETING REGISTRATION	37,730.70	50,000.00	37,730.70	50,000.00	50,000.00
4202 · ANNUAL MEETING AUCTION	3,775.00	5,000.00	3,775.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
4203 · ANNUAL MEETING EXPO	0.00	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
4204 · ANNUAL MEETING SPONSORSHIP	0.00	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
Total 4200 · ANNUAL MEETING REVENUE	41,505.70	67,000.00	41,505.70	67,000.00	67,000.00
4300 · ENVIROTHON REVENUE					
4301 · TEAM REGISTRATION FEES	2,430.00	2,000.00	2,430.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
4302 · CANON GRANTS	1,500.00	1,250.00	1,500.00	1,250.00	1,250.00
4303 · VOLUNTEER/PRESENTER MEALS	89.60	150.00	89.60	150.00	150.00
4304 · SPONSORSHIPS	2,475.00	6,500.00	2,475.00	6,500.00	6,500.00
4305 · ENVIROTHON DVD (NRCS GRANT)	2,491.00	0.00	2,491.00	0.00	0.00
4306 · STATE COMP CONTRIB (NRCS GRANT)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total 4300 · ENVIROTHON REVENUE	8,985.60	9,900.00	8,985.60	9,900.00	9,900.00
4400 · OTHER REVENUE					
4401 · GREENBOOK/URBAN MANUAL REVE...	137.30	150.00	137.30	150.00	150.00
4402 · MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	-935.86	1,000.00	-935.86	1,000.00	1,000.00
4403 · Earth Stewardship Day Revenue	3,500.00	1,000.00	3,500.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
4404 · FarmProgressShowRevenue	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4405 · ICCI REVENUE	7,850.48	14,500.00	7,850.48	14,500.00	14,500.00
4406 · IFA REVENUE	3,746.54	3,200.00	3,746.54	3,200.00	3,200.00
4407 · NASCA Revenue	68.69	0.00	68.69	0.00	0.00
4408 · BUILDING MAINT. DEPOSITS	0.00	2,400.00	0.00	2,400.00	2,400.00
Total 4400 · OTHER REVENUE	14,367.15	22,250.00	14,367.15	22,250.00	22,250.00
4500 · INTEREST INCOME					
4501 · ENVIROTHON INTEREST	566.06	750.00	566.06	750.00	750.00
4502 · GRANTS INTEREST	124.65	250.00	124.65	250.00	250.00
4503 · GENERAL FUND INTEREST	3,213.36	8,000.00	3,213.36	8,000.00	8,000.00
4504 · BUILDING INTEREST	66.20	250.00	66.20	250.00	250.00
4505 · FUND HELD INTEREST	7,430.34	0.00	7,430.34	0.00	0.00
Total 4500 · INTEREST INCOME	11,400.61	9,250.00	11,400.61	9,250.00	9,250.00
Total Income	732,867.41	636,438.09	732,867.41	636,438.09	636,438.09
Expense					
5000 · PAYROLL					
5001 · SALARIES	147,947.12	180,650.63	147,947.12	180,650.63	180,650.63
5002 · FICA/MEDICARE	12,124.99	16,500.00	12,124.99	16,500.00	16,500.00
5003 · FUTA EXPENSE	260.91	280.00	260.91	280.00	280.00
5004 · SUTA EXPENSE	437.42	700.00	437.42	700.00	700.00
Total 5000 · PAYROLL	160,770.44	198,130.63	160,770.44	198,130.63	198,130.63
5100 · EMPLOYEE HEALTH INS.					
5101 · EMPLOY HEALTH INS.(ExecDir)	402.60	526.08	402.60	526.08	526.08
5102 · EMPLOY HEALTH INS. (WaterLiaiso)	3,984.00	4,200.00	3,984.00	4,200.00	4,200.00
5103 · EMPLOY HEALTH INS. (Educ Coord)	3,852.92	4,200.00	3,852.92	4,200.00	4,200.00
5104 · EMPLOY HEALTH INS. (Oper. Admin)	3,522.36	4,200.00	3,522.36	4,200.00	4,200.00
5105 · EMPLOY HELATH INS. (AC)	660.08	4,200.00	660.08	4,200.00	4,200.00
Total 5100 · EMPLOYEE HEALTH INS.	12,421.96	17,326.08	12,421.96	17,326.08	17,326.08

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5200 · INSURANCE					
5201 · INSURANCE-BONDING	0.00	350.00	0.00	350.00	350.00
5202 · INSURANCE-DIRECTORS & OFFICERS	-69.00	1,200.00	-69.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
5203 · INSURANCE-BUILDING	0.00	325.00	0.00	325.00	325.00
Total 5200 · INSURANCE	-17,166.00	1,875.00	-17,166.00	1,875.00	1,875.00
5300 · CONTRACTUAL SERVICES					
5301 · Public Affairs Coordinator	20,000.00	24,000.00	20,000.00	24,000.00	24,000.00
Total 5300 · CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	20,000.00	24,000.00	20,000.00	24,000.00	24,000.00
5400 · PROFESSIONAL SERVICES					
5401 · REGULAR AUDIT	6,000.00	5,800.00	6,000.00	5,800.00	5,800.00
Total 5400 · PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	6,000.00	5,800.00	6,000.00	5,800.00	5,800.00
5500 · TRAVEL					
5501 · EMPLOYEE MILEAGE	232.63	2,000.00	232.63	2,000.00	2,000.00
5502 · EMPLOYEE TRAVEL	3,027.40	8,500.00	3,027.40	8,500.00	8,500.00
Total 5500 · TRAVEL	3,260.03	10,500.00	3,260.03	10,500.00	10,500.00
5600 · ANNUAL MEETING					
5601 · ANNUAL CONF-EXPO	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
5602 · ANNUAL CONF-SUPPLIES	0.00	700.00	0.00	700.00	700.00
5603 · ANNUAL CONF-AWARDS	597.70	1,800.00	597.70	1,800.00	1,800.00
5604 · ANNUAL CONF-MEALS	22,153.39	38,000.00	22,153.39	38,000.00	38,000.00
5605 · ANNUAL CONF-TRAVEL & LODGING	1,570.52	2,000.00	1,570.52	2,000.00	2,000.00
5606 · ANNUAL CONF-AUCTION	0.00	200.00	0.00	200.00	200.00
5607 · ANNUAL CONF-OTHER	582.00	3,500.00	582.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
5608 · ANNUAL CONF-SPEAKER	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total 5600 · ANNUAL MEETING	24,903.61	47,200.00	24,903.61	47,200.00	47,200.00
5700 · QUARTERLY BOARD MEETINGS					
5701 · BOARD MEETINGS-LODGING	6,986.94	8,000.00	6,986.94	8,000.00	8,000.00
5702 · BOARD MEETINGS-MEALS	5,883.92	8,500.00	5,883.92	8,500.00	8,500.00
5703 · BOARD MEETINGS-TRAVEL	8,647.47	8,000.00	8,647.47	8,000.00	8,000.00
Total 5700 · QUARTERLY BOARD MEETINGS	21,518.33	24,500.00	21,518.33	24,500.00	24,500.00
5800 · COMMITTEE MEETINGS					
5801 · COMMITTEE EXP-OTHER	1,524.25	500.00	1,524.25	500.00	500.00
5802 · COMMITTEE EXP-TRAVEL	236.00	700.00	236.00	700.00	700.00
5803 · COMMITTEE EXP-MEALS	422.82	1,000.00	422.82	1,000.00	1,000.00
5804 · COMMITTEE EXP-LODGING	0.00	600.00	0.00	600.00	600.00
Total 5800 · COMMITTEE MEETINGS	2,183.07	2,800.00	2,183.07	2,800.00	2,800.00
5900 · LEGISLATIVE					
5901 · LEGISLATIVE-AWARDS	172.74	300.00	172.74	300.00	300.00
5902 · LEGISLATIVE-TRAVEL	0.00	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
5903 · LEGISLATIVE DIRECTORIES	1,055.00	0.00	1,055.00	0.00	0.00
5904 · LEGISLATIVE DAY	4,374.83	6,500.00	4,374.83	6,500.00	6,500.00
Total 5900 · LEGISLATIVE	5,602.57	8,800.00	5,602.57	8,800.00	8,800.00
6000 · PRESIDENT EXPENSE					
6001 · AISWCD PRESIDENT EXP	0.00	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Total 6000 · PRESIDENT EXPENSE	895.43	5,000.00	895.43	5,000.00	5,000.00
6100 · ENVIROTHON EXPENSE					
6101 · WORKSHOPS/CONFERENCES	0.00	200.00	0.00	200.00	200.00
6102 · NATIONAL EXPENSES	3,500.00	6,000.00	3,500.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
6103 · CEC WINTER MEETING	0.00	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
6104 · PUBLIC RELATIONS/PROMOTIONS	0.00	150.00	0.00	150.00	150.00
6105 · STATE ENVIROTHON COMPETITION	6,239.20	7,000.00	6,239.20	7,000.00	7,000.00
6106 · ENVIROTHON DVD (NRCS GRANT)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total 6100 · ENVIROTHON EXPENSE	9,739.20	14,850.00	9,739.20	14,850.00	14,850.00
6200 · OFFICE NEEDS					
6201 · OFFICE SUPPLIES	5,017.16	5,000.00	5,017.16	5,000.00	5,000.00
6202 · EQUIPMENT	957.83	5,500.00	957.83	5,500.00	5,500.00
6203 · PRINTING	1,145.03	1,800.00	1,145.03	1,800.00	1,800.00
6204 · COPIER LEASE	4,441.61	6,600.00	4,441.61	6,600.00	6,600.00
6205 · POSTAGE/DELIVERY	2,948.55	3,500.00	2,948.55	3,500.00	3,500.00
Total 6200 · OFFICE NEEDS	14,510.18	22,400.00	14,510.18	22,400.00	22,400.00
6300 · BUILDING EXPENSES					
6301 · MORTGAGE INTEREST	5,927.12	14,400.00	5,927.12	14,400.00	14,400.00
6302 · UTILITIES	97.71	0.00	97.71	0.00	0.00
6303 · SNOW REMOVAL/LAWN CARE	1,560.00	1,500.00	1,560.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
6304 · WATER FILTER/SOFTENER SUPPLIES	50.96	600.00	50.96	600.00	600.00
6305 · ELECTRIC	942.60	1,200.00	942.60	1,200.00	1,200.00
6306 · PROPANE	393.72	4,200.00	393.72	4,200.00	4,200.00
6307 · MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT	0.00	2,400.00	0.00	2,400.00	2,400.00
6308 · TAXES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
6309 · DRIVEWAY ROCK	0.00	500.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
6310 · SECURITY SYSTEM	493.00	625.00	493.00	625.00	625.00

Association of Ill. Soil and Water Conservation Districts
Profit & Loss Budget Performance
 January through December 2008

	Jan - Dec 08	Budget	Jan - Dec 08	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
6311 · GARBAGE	319.50	450.00	319.50	450.00	450.00
6312 · SIGN	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
6313 · TELEPHONE	2,301.18	4,000.00	2,301.18	4,000.00	4,000.00
6314 · MOVING EXPENSES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total 6300 · BUILDING EXPENSES	13,542.40	29,875.00	13,542.40	29,875.00	29,875.00
6400 · MEMBERSHIPS/REGISTRATIONS					
6401 · MEMBERSHIPS/REGISTRATIONS	1,295.00	2,500.00	1,295.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
Total 6400 · MEMBERSHIPS/REGISTRATIONS	1,600.00	2,500.00	1,600.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
6500 · GRANTS EXPENSE					
6501 · WatershedBasedPlanInitiative	254,487.92	30,000.00	254,487.92	30,000.00	30,000.00
6502 · CREP	127,043.35	145,000.00	127,043.35	145,000.00	145,000.00
Total 6500 · GRANTS EXPENSE	386,846.20	175,000.00	386,846.20	175,000.00	175,000.00
6600 · VEHICLE					
6601 · VEHICLE LEASE	3,818.60	4,582.32	3,818.60	4,582.32	4,582.32
6602 · VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	188.83	1,000.00	188.83	1,000.00	1,000.00
6603 · INSURANCE-VEHICLE	1,081.00	1,200.00	1,081.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
Total 6600 · VEHICLE	5,088.43	6,782.32	5,088.43	6,782.32	6,782.32
6700 · INTERNET/WEBSITE					
6701 · WEBSITE MAINTENANCE	280.08	1,000.00	280.08	1,000.00	1,000.00
6702 · INTERNET SERVICE	865.73	1,200.00	865.73	1,200.00	1,200.00
Total 6700 · INTERNET/WEBSITE	1,145.81	2,200.00	1,145.81	2,200.00	2,200.00
6800 · NACD EXPENSES					
6801 · NACD MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES	8,454.19	15,000.00	8,454.19	15,000.00	15,000.00
Total 6800 · NACD EXPENSES	10,229.19	15,000.00	10,229.19	15,000.00	15,000.00
6900 · OTHER					
6901 · BANK CHARGES	32.22	15.00	32.22	15.00	15.00
6902 · MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE	2,260.84	1,000.00	2,260.84	1,000.00	1,000.00
6903 · ANNUAL REPORT FILLING FEES	437.41	600.00	437.41	600.00	600.00
6904 · FarmProgressShowExp	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
6905 · Earth Stewardship Day Expenses	1,412.45	1,000.00	1,412.45	1,000.00	1,000.00
6906 · Task Force Expenses	2,102.54	2,000.00	2,102.54	2,000.00	2,000.00
6907 · ICCI EXPENSES	4,842.87	10,000.00	4,842.87	10,000.00	10,000.00
6908 · IFA EXPENSES	0.00	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
6909 · NASCA Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
6910 · WITHDRAW FROM FUNDS HELD	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total 6900 · OTHER	11,088.33	16,615.00	11,088.33	16,615.00	16,615.00
Total Expense	704,133.61	631,154.03	704,133.61	631,154.03	631,154.03
Net Ordinary Income	28,733.80	5,284.06	28,733.80	5,284.06	5,284.06
Net Income	28,733.80	5,284.06	28,733.80	5,284.06	5,284.06

Association of Ill. Soil and Water Conservation Districts

Balance Sheet

As of November 6, 2008

	Nov 6, 08
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1 · CASH-BOS GENERAL FUND	107,513.14
2 · CASH- BOS ENVIROTHON	27,024.02
3 · CASH-BOS GRANTS	2,912.41
4 · CASH-WSB BUILDING	9,850.39
5 FUNDS HELD BY FCS	118,332.65
Total Checking/Savings	265,632.61
Total Current Assets	265,632.61
Fixed Assets	
1450 · BUILDING	157,885.31
1500 · FURNITURE, FIXTURES & EQUIP	27,539.15
1550 · ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION	-22,719.42
Total Fixed Assets	162,705.04
TOTAL ASSETS	428,337.65
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
2100 · Payroll Liabilities	
2110 · STATE W/HOLDING PAYABLE	-71.59
2125 - VOLUNTARY LIFE INSURANCE	-99.62
Total 2100 · Payroll Liabilities	-171.21
Total Other Current Liabilities	-171.21
Total Current Liabilities	-171.21
Long Term Liabilities	
2600- BOND PAYABLE TO FCS	118,277.21
Total Long Term Liabilities	118,277.21
Total Liabilities	118,106.00
Equity	
3200 · RETAINED EARNINGS - PRIOR	142,907.23
3900 · Retained Earnings	138,590.62
Net Income	28,733.80
Total Equity	310,231.65
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	428,337.65

Association of Il. Soil and Water Cons. Dist. Foundation
Balance Sheet
As of November 6, 2008

	<u>Nov 6, 08</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1020 · CHECKING-BOS FOUNDATION	49,538.62
1022 · CASH-BANK OF SPFLD SAVINGS	1,919.82
1024 · CDs FOUND. RESTRICTED-McKibben	20,239.02
1026 · FOUND. ENDOWMENT BOS-Building	3,579.52
Total Checking/Savings	<u>75,276.98</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>75,276.98</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>75,276.98</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
3210 · TEMP RESTRICTED NET ASSETS	4,925.19
3220 · NET ASSETS RESTRICTED	25,545.74
3900 · Retained Earnings	45,636.91
Net Income	-830.86
Total Equity	<u>75,276.98</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>75,276.98</u>

SWCD of Illinois Insurance Plan Administrator's AISWCD Report December 2008

COBRA – Four COBRA election notices and two COBRA general notices have been sent since September 2008. Three individuals are currently participating in COBRA as of October 31. Sixteen districts are currently operating with only an AC or RC. Four district employees are working reduced hours.

Administration – Administration for this quarter has included the processing of the October 2008 invoices and the completion of the payroll audit. We also held a meeting with IDA to discuss the insurance program. IDA indicated their “intent” at this meeting to cover the insurance from the uncut Partners for Conservation funding if we are not able to get funding restored during the veto session. The grant for the insurance will be with the SWCD of Illinois Insurance Group Association. AISWCD will still have fiduciary responsibilities and I will continue as plan administrator. This allows a separate audit as recommended by AISWCD’s last 2 auditors. The fiscal year for this group will be the same as the districts.

Financials – Income for October was \$100917.39 with expenses totaling \$142045.88 resulting in a net loss of \$41128.49 for the month. Interest for October was \$103.55. The checkbook balance in the AISWCD insurance account as of October 31, 2008 is \$39147.36 with 17.04 in accounts receivable. The September 30 CMS invoice was paid in October. A 6 month insurance budget (Jul-Dec) has been completed and approved. The remaining budget months will be completed once the veto session has ended.

Thank you,
Debbie Holsapple
Marion County SWCD

SWCD OF ILLINOIS INSURANCE
Profit & Loss Budget Overview
July through December 2008

	<u>Jul - Dec 08</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
AISWCD Life-LTD Premiums	176.00
COBRA Paid Premiums	15,000.00
Employee Paid Own Premiums	184,500.00
Interest	1,090.00
Miscellaneous Income	0.00
State Allocation	481,654.00
STD Insurance	14,370.00
Voluntary Life Insurance	4,750.00
Work Comp/Liability Insurance	0.00
Total Income	<u>701,540.00</u>
Expense	
Administrator Wages Reimbursed	6,250.00
Liability Insurance	36,000.00
LTD Premiums	5,385.00
Miscellaneous	60.00
Monthly Premium Health	815,128.00
Monthly Premium Life	3,006.00
Monthly Premium Voluntary Life	5,063.00
Postage	60.00
STD Insurance Premiums	15,865.00
Wrk Comp - Liability Insurance	43,674.00
Yearly CPA Audit	1,900.00
Total Expense	<u>932,391.00</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>-230,851.00</u>
Net Income	<u><u>-230,851.00</u></u>

SWCD OF ILLINOIS INSURANCE
Balance Sheet Prev Year Comparison
As of October 31, 2008

	<u>Oct 31, 08</u>	<u>Oct 31, 07</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
ASSETS				
Current Assets				
Checking/Savings				
AISWCD - Illinois Funds	39,147.36	75,648.53	-36,501.17	-48.3%
Total Checking/Savings	39,147.36	75,648.53	-36,501.17	-48.3%
Accounts Receivable				
Accounts Receivable	17.04	110.27	-93.23	-84.6%
Total Accounts Receivable	17.04	110.27	-93.23	-84.6%
Other Current Assets				
Undeposited Funds	0.00	374.20	-374.20	-100.0%
Total Other Current Assets	0.00	374.20	-374.20	-100.0%
Total Current Assets	39,164.40	76,133.00	-36,968.60	-48.6%
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>39,164.40</u>	<u>76,133.00</u>	<u>-36,968.60</u>	<u>-48.6%</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY				
Liabilities				
Current Liabilities				
Accounts Payable				
Accounts Payable	137,147.00	148,631.00	-11,484.00	-7.7%
Total Accounts Payable	137,147.00	148,631.00	-11,484.00	-7.7%
Total Current Liabilities	137,147.00	148,631.00	-11,484.00	-7.7%
Total Liabilities	137,147.00	148,631.00	-11,484.00	-7.7%
Equity				
Retained Earnings	298,311.59	337,467.94	-39,156.35	-11.6%
Net Income	-396,294.19	-409,965.94	13,671.75	3.3%
Total Equity	-97,982.60	-72,498.00	-25,484.60	-35.2%
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>39,164.40</u>	<u>76,133.00</u>	<u>-36,968.60</u>	<u>-48.6%</u>

SWCD OF ILLINOIS INSURANCE
Profit & Loss Budget Performance
October 2008

	<u>Oct 08</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Jul - Oct 08</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense					
Income					
AISWCD Life-LTD Premiums	88.47	88.00	175.83	176.00	176.00
COBRA Paid Premiums	3,118.14	2,500.00	10,615.14	10,000.00	15,000.00
Employee Paid Own Premiums	89,835.50	99,300.00	184,545.00	184,500.00	184,500.00
Interest	103.55	100.00	1,030.61	1,020.00	1,090.00
Miscellaneous Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
State Allocation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	481,654.00
STD Insurance	5,640.42	0.00	14,420.00	8,770.00	14,370.00
Voluntary Life Insurance	2,131.31	2,900.00	4,786.48	4,750.00	4,750.00
Work Comp/Liability Insurance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Income	<u>100,917.39</u>	<u>104,888.00</u>	<u>215,573.06</u>	<u>209,216.00</u>	<u>701,540.00</u>
Expense					
Administrator Wages Reimbursed	0.00	0.00	1,751.51	1,750.00	6,250.00
Liability Insurance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	36,000.00
LTD Premiums	889.72	890.00	3,575.31	3,575.00	5,385.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	188.32	0.00	60.00
Monthly Premium Health	137,147.00	137,147.00	544,838.00	544,838.00	815,128.00
Monthly Premium Life	498.25	500.00	2,006.14	2,006.00	3,006.00
Monthly Premium Voluntary Life	849.04	849.00	3,366.93	3,365.00	5,063.00
Postage	0.00	0.00	31.22	30.00	60.00
STD Insurance Premiums	2,661.87	2,665.00	10,535.82	10,535.00	15,865.00
Wrk Comp - Liability Insurance	0.00	0.00	43,674.00	43,674.00	43,674.00
Yearly CPA Audit	0.00	0.00	1,900.00	1,900.00	1,900.00
Total Expense	<u>142,045.88</u>	<u>142,051.00</u>	<u>611,867.25</u>	<u>611,673.00</u>	<u>932,391.00</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>-41,128.49</u>	<u>-37,163.00</u>	<u>-396,294.19</u>	<u>-402,457.00</u>	<u>-230,851.00</u>
Net Income	<u>-41,128.49</u>	<u>-37,163.00</u>	<u>-396,294.19</u>	<u>-402,457.00</u>	<u>-230,851.00</u>



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NRCS Operations

We are currently operating under a Continuing Resolution in lieu of a budget. NRCS has authority to operate in all programs, but no new contracts can be created until all Farm Bill rules are final. Implementation of existing contracts and conservation planning activities are the primary workload at present. For this reason, this fall and winter are (once again) the perfect time to conduct conservation planning activities and that is what we have instructed our DCs and Field Office Teams focus on.

EWP

There is limited but significant work to be done within the Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) program, which is available to local sponsors/communities that suffered damage due to flooding. Damage Survey Reports are completed in western and southeastern Illinois. That work will continue until cold weather prevents earthwork. Work will resume in the spring of 2009. A total of \$400,000 is our current estimate.

Flood Damage

Spring and Summer floods across the state resulted in damage to established conservation practices, such as grassed waterways, and flood/water damage left 'clues' on fields as to where new conservation practices are needed. Through staff and media messages, NRCS encourages producers to note what they see on the land as they finish up late harvest operations. This is the ideal time to take a good hard look at the land and decide what short- and long-term conservation solutions they need to plan for.

Plan-Plan-Plan!

While details for existing and new programs are not yet set in motion, that does not mean Illinois' private landowners are in a limbo or 'wait-and-see' holding pattern. Right now is the time to evaluate your operation, check out existing conservation practices and evaluate areas that need a change or a little work in order to be more productive or better protected against erosion by water or wind. Now is the time to think strategically about agricultural operations and make long-term plans to ensure soil quality, reduce input costs, improve energy efficiency, and keep farms sustainable. NRCS encourages producers to give local NRCS District Conservationists a call. Set up an appointment.

EQIP

Last fiscal year offered the largest EQIP cost-share funds ever as nearly \$16.2 million was awarded to EQIP applicants in Illinois. With strong interest and activity in all three EQIP areas--general conservation, grazing livestock and confined livestock--nearly every IL producer with a resource problem was able to tap into EQIP funds and NRCS technical assistance for solutions. In 2008, we put an emphasis on implementing forestry management plan contracts established over the last two years. Another resource emphasis was on developing and implementing 73 Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plans, or CNMPs. With benefits in operational and input costs as well as water quality benefits on and off the farm, CNMPs are an option that pays off in many ways. Local Technical Service Providers have helped reach this goal.

CSP FY08

The Conservation Security Program (CSP) recognizes and rewards true stewards of the land. CSP identifies the "best of the best"- conservationists who demonstrate a lasting commitment to soil and water conservation on their land. During 2008, the Lower Cache River Watershed in Southern Illinois was selected as a priority watershed. The area includes parts of Union, Johnson, Alexander, Pulaski and Massac Counties. A total of applications 21 were funded in this, Illinois smallest CSP watershed to date.

Under the new Farm Bill, CSP's name has changed to **Conservation Stewardship Program**. Plans are to broaden eligibility within all watersheds in all states across the country. More details on how the new CSP will work and who is eligible will be offered later.

Soils FY08

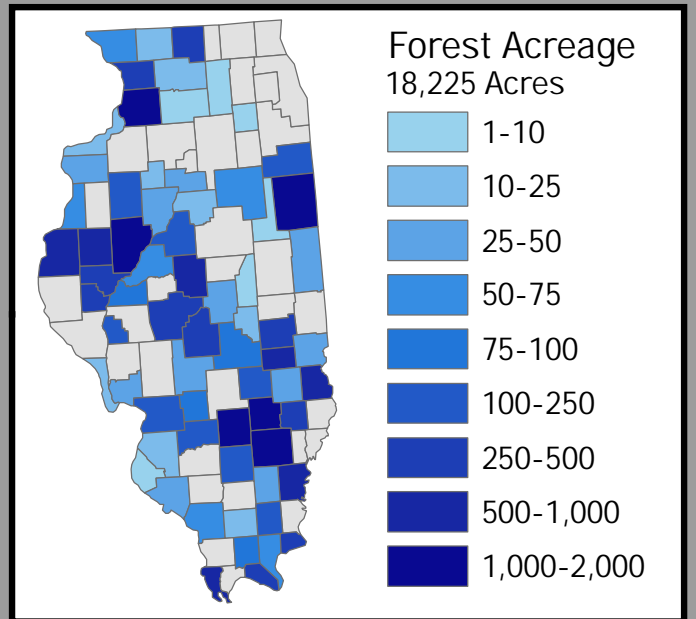
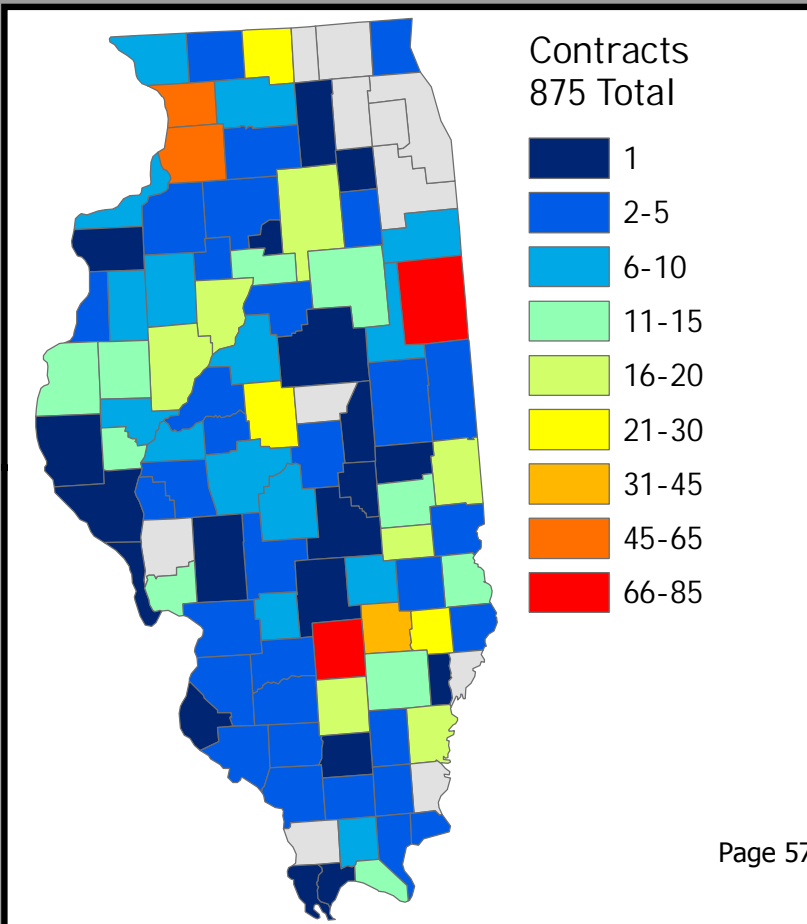
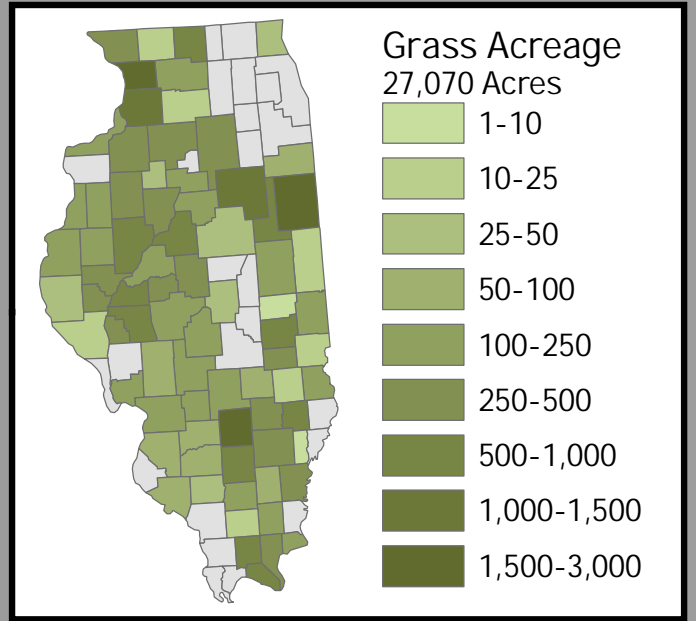
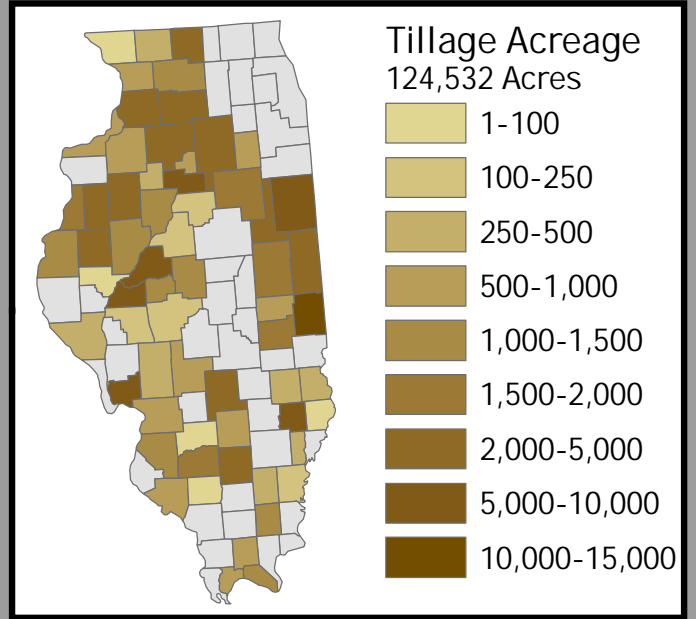
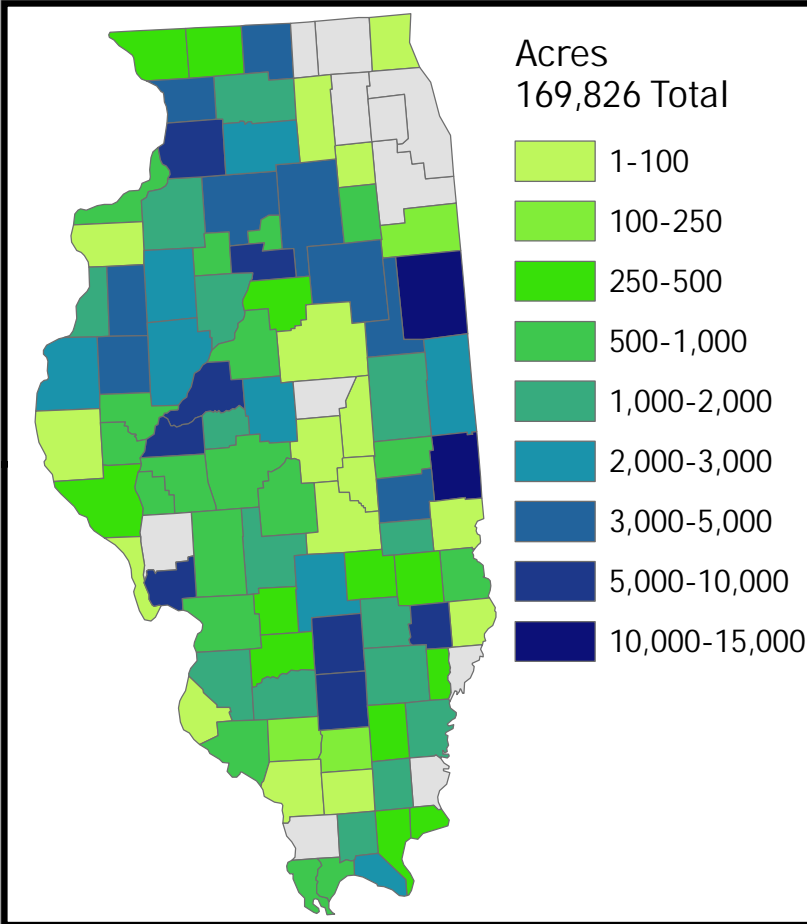
This year, 11 more digital Soil View reports were created and released on CD ROM. With these, most of Illinois' soils mapping data is available digitally and can be accessed online for use with GPS technology tools. More and more engineers, developers, builders, farmers and community officials rely on NRCS soils data to conduct business and manage their workloads. Nationwide, Illinois maintains the most progressive digital soils database. Interest and use of NRCS' Web Soil Survey website continues to grow. Data collection for Illinois' National Resources Inventory (NRI) continues as staff collects data now on a yearly basis, which will accelerate the data compilation process and offer a more reliable data source for all potential users. For NRCS soils products, visit <http://www.il.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/soils/index.html>.

RWAs—Another Government Acronym?!

FY 2008 was the first year IL NRCS we applied for special funds to develop a number of Rapid Watershed Assessments, or RWAs. RWA Reports contain digitally generated maps, data, and trends that profile the natural resources, land use trends, development activities and other natural- and community-based information needed to evaluate, diagnose and prescribe needed conservation practices and solutions within a defined watershed area. Reports can be used as a tool for locally led or state-initiated planning or restoration projects and help motivate teams, facilitating their research and work. Watersheds profiled during FY 2008 included Macoupin Creek, Green River, Shoal Creek, Upper Kaskaskia, Saline River and Vermilion River. By combining tools, programs and knowledge of many NRCS specialists, the RWA Team produced six complete reports in a short timeframe. All reports are posted online and are available for viewing at <http://www.il.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/rwa/index.html>

WRP

With the Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP) NRCS Illinois will now use geographic rate caps to speed up and simplify the process. Rule changes no longer allow use of WRP by non-government organizations. The need for preliminary project appraisals has been eliminated as well. The emphasis of WRP will return to smaller wetland needs found on privately owned land. With all the old and a few new conservation programs in the new Bill, and with a real emphasis placed on streamlining and simplifying the process, this is also a perfect time to re-visit the idea of pursuing a plan to let the truly wet areas on your farm be the wetlands they want to be.



Acreage Submitted	All	Pool I	Pool II	Pool III	Pool IV	Pool V	MF Pool II	Unassigned
Total	169,826	52,394	60,044	30,399	15,628	9,634	-	1,727
Grass Acreage	27,070	4,441	14,155	4,047	3,337	954	-	136
Tillage Acreage	124,532	44,968	40,197	20,499	11,090	7,591	-	186
Forestry Acreage	16,923	2,985	5,692	5,853	1,201	1,089	-	102
Managed Acreage	1,302	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,302

Contracts Submitted	All	Pool I	Pool II	Pool III	Pool IV	Pool V	MF Pool II	Unassigned
Total	875	165	385	166	96	50	-	13
Soil	538	123	240	77	65	28	0	5
Grass	312	60	155	40	42	13	0	2
Tillage	87	36	24	14	9	2	0	2
Grass & Tillage	139	27	61	23	14	13	0	1
Forestry	332	42	145	89	31	22	0	3
Managed	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	5

County Statistics	Contracts	Grass	Tillage	Forest	Total
Adams	1	47.64	0.00	0.00	47.64
Alexander	1	0.00	0.00	641.40	641.40
Bond	6	193.50	0.00	99.40	292.90
Boone	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Brown	12	336.40	0.00	428.19	764.59
Bureau	5	443.02	4484.12	0.00	4927.14
Calhoun	1	0.00	0.00	11.70	11.70
Carroll	57	1699.65	994.10	422.20	3115.95
Cass	9	628.47	5088.62	94.54	5811.63
Champaign	3	102.12	1553.88	0.00	1656.00
Christian	7	244.53	0.00	391.92	636.45
Clark	2	12.59	0.00	29.40	41.99
Clay	34	297.46	0.00	1362.30	1659.76
Clinton	3	64.30	6.70	227.20	298.20
Coles	14	796.26	1972.18	330.74	3099.18
Cook	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Crawford	11	138.44	250.83	556.30	945.57
Cumberland	20	308.84	0.00	741.46	1050.30
DeKalb	1	0.00	0.00	8.30	8.30
De Witt	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Douglas	1	8.20	721.71	0.00	729.91
DuPage	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Edgar	17	170.96	14381.38	0.00	14552.34
Edwards	1	1.10	327.40	0.00	328.50
Effingham	7	97.76	0.00	177.70	275.46
Fayette	1	124.99	2559.08	0.00	2684.07
Ford	10	528.03	4080.34	3.90	4612.27
Franklin	1	101.00	0.00	0.00	101.00
Fulton	19	507.14	1409.93	1005.36	2922.43
Gallatin	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Greene	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Grundy	2	0.00	939.20	0.00	939.20
Hamilton	4	72.70	341.49	39.00	453.19
Hancock	11	233.14	1462.95	509.20	2205.29
Hardin	3	164.00	0.00	290.79	454.79
Henderson	3	186.00	1646.24	70.50	1902.74
Henry	2	371.75	716.48	0.00	1088.23
Iroquois	87	2571.98	6965.81	1159.82	10697.61
Jackson	2	0.00	0.00	59.90	59.90
Jasper	2	24.50	358.00	49.30	431.80
Jefferson	19	733.70	4252.20	141.69	5127.59
Jersey	14	206.10	8373.40	29.20	8608.70
Jo Daviess	8	256.57	45.33	71.01	372.91

County Statistics	Contracts	Grass	Tillage	Forest	Total
Johnson	10	722.64	566.00	93.02	1381.66
Kane	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Kankakee	7	65.00	0.00	182.25	247.25
Kendall	1	0.00	0.00	6.30	6.30
Knox	9	441.35	2113.42	183.07	2737.84
La Salle	17	358.75	3336.99	0.00	3695.74
Lake	2	28.78	0.00	0.00	28.78
Lawrence	2	0.00	81.90	0.00	81.90
Lee	5	17.60	2916.00	4.70	2938.30
Livingston	14	1105.30	1973.30	51.08	3129.68
Logan	21	322.10	1212.10	509.80	2044.00
Macon	2	45.65	0.00	40.40	86.05
Macoupin	1	70.30	454.50	0.00	524.80
Madison	4	158.90	500.70	160.00	819.60
Marion	78	2907.20	984.10	1791.80	5683.10
Marshall	13	149.97	7194.18	25.03	7369.18
Mason	5	179.07	5158.83	54.00	5391.90
Massac	12	655.30	1060.70	293.03	2009.03
McDonough	14	190.16	2340.49	530.64	3061.29
McHenry	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
McLean	1	37.90	0.00	0.00	37.90
Menard	4	366.41	1408.09	0.00	1774.50
Mercer	1	0.00	0.00	27.30	27.30
Monroe	1	0.00	0.00	7.90	7.90
Montgomery	5	160.14	956.26	36.30	1152.70
Morgan	3	562.70	162.10	0.00	724.80
Moultrie	1	0.00	0.00	11.30	11.30
Ogle	8	146.60	1351.93	17.60	1516.13
Peoria	16	348.40	1142.69	26.00	1517.09
Perry	3	44.60	69.40	0.00	114.00
Piatt	1	0.00	0.00	5.80	5.80
Pike	1	16.93	439.78	0.00	456.71
Pope	5	339.20	0.00	67.70	406.90
Pulaski	1	0.00	580.00	0.00	580.00
Putnam	1	0.00	930.00	0.00	930.00
Randolph	3	55.20	772.90	28.70	856.80
Richland	24	817.16	5775.85	326.89	6919.90
Rock Island	7	106.97	740.03	23.70	870.70
Saline	4	138.70	1112.91	166.80	1418.41
Sangamon	7	113.83	131.09	284.74	529.66
Schuyler	10	274.90	40.00	372.59	687.49
Scott	3	426.70	0.00	141.30	568.00
Shelby	1	0.00	0.00	76.50	76.50
St. Clair	5	68.41	1179.69	14.98	1263.08
Stark	3	33.60	478.90	14.20	526.70
Stephenson	4	14.99	416.43	13.90	445.32
Tazewell	10	586.70	211.00	107.33	905.03
Union	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Vermilion	4	22.38	2212.07	35.20	2269.65
Wabash	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Warren	6	106.80	3449.98	0.00	3556.78
Washington	3	92.82	1826.97	0.00	1919.79
Wayne	13	499.22	0.00	1398.93	1898.15
White	18	472.20	110.31	636.30	1218.81
Whiteside	46	1123.88	2802.66	1172.39	5098.93
Will	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Williamson	4	14.70	0.00	12.50	27.20
Winnebago	26	776.30	3162.66	300.00	4238.96
Woodford	7	113.83	131.09	284.74	529.66
Total	878	26,973.08	124,419.37	18,489.13	169,881.58

Counties w/o Submissions	11
Counties w/ Submissions	91

Executive Director's Report for Quarter Ending November 30, 2008

In addition to the following activities, I have participated in weekly staff meetings, kept SWCDs informed of activities occurring within the office and related to accomplishment of taskforce objectives via weekly reports, performed normal office administration duties, and maintained regular correspondence with SWCDs, primarily through e-mail.

- Sept. 4 – Jim, Aaron, Mike and I met with Representative Gary Hannig to discuss SWCD permanent funding initiative and restoration of \$3.5 million.
- Sept. 9 – Met with Jim Todd to review materials for meetings with Representatives Poe and Brauer and Senator Bomke. Followed up with IDOA on proposed meeting with groups who receive funding through IDOA. Drafted letters to Johnson, LaHood, Jackson, Durbin and Obama expressing our concerns over the administration's proposed cuts to Farm Bill programs.

We learned that the sink holes in the area being developed as a parking lot for the AISWCD are root molds from an ancient tree.

- Sept. 11 – Met with Jim Todd to discuss his meetings Representatives Raymond Poe, Rich Brauer and Mark Beaubien from Lake County who is the House Republican budget negotiator on Sept. 10 and to plan for his meeting with Senator Larry Bomke on Sept 12.

Worked on new IRS 990 requirements for 501(c)(3) organizations. Attended seminar on identity theft and ways the AISWCD can safeguard any sensitive information we may possess.

- Sept. 16 – Jim Todd, Mike Hoffmann and I drove to Peoria to meet with Senator Dale Risinger. We felt the meeting was productive and we were assured that we would receive the Senator's support to restore district funding.
- Sept. 17 – I attended the Farmland Protection Task Force meeting at IDOA.
- Sept. 18 – I followed up on the status of the IDNR surplus property inventory and performed some research into how SWCDs might be able to impact Farm Bill rules that are currently being written.
- Sept. 19 – Jim Todd, Aaron Ferguson, Mike Hoffmann and I drove to Macomb to meet with Representative Rich Myers. Two directors, Scott Bagley and Clee Dixon, from McDonough SWCD were there too. Representative Myers assured us of his support and offered to do what he can to help in our efforts to restore full funding and to pursue alternative funding.

From there we drove to Rushville to meet with Senator John Sullivan, Betty Sargent and Beatrice Artis, Schuyler SWCD Directors. Senator Sullivan was optimistic that the Senate would act on the House amendment to restore the \$3.5 million.

- Sept. 24 – I gathered some information on Missouri's conservation tax and sent it to Senator Sullivan and worked with Stacy to get a workload analysis developed and sent to all SWCDs.
- Oct. 6 – Attended the Illinois Forestry Development Council Meeting in Champaign.
- Oct. 8 – Spent time with Erin familiarizing myself with several items she will be passing off to Stacy and to me.
- Oct. 9 – Spoke with a representative from the Southeastern Illinois SCORE regarding AISWCD marketing efforts. They work with small businesses and provide a variety of services including marketing and public relations program development. I completed an application for assistance and hope to hear back from them next week.

- Oct. 10 – Conducted exit interview with Erin.
- Oct. 14 – We are continuing to gather information for the Marketing Taskforce and hope to be able to meet next week to discuss progress.
- Oct. 14 – Protecting Water Quality in Urban Centers Phase II grant proposal sent to committee.
- Oct. 15 – Spoke at length with a reporter from the Daily Chronicle in DeKalb.
- Oct. 16 – Wrote letter to Governor requesting immediate release of FY 09 funds.
- Oct. 21 – I spoke Guy Loucks, a representative from Southeastern Illinois SCORE. They help small businesses in a number of areas including marketing and promotional activities. I had contacted them as part of the AISWCD's efforts for the Marketing Taskforce.
- Oct. 21 – Wrote letter to Governor requesting release of the Partners for Conservation funds to allow for payment of insurance premiums.
- Oct. 22 – Attended Region 1 Employee meeting and provided updates on AISWCD activities as well as, the Marketing and Funding Task Forces. I encouraged those present to have their directors write to Director Jennings about the importance of funding the health insurance program and to the Governor regarding the importance of releasing FY 09 funding for SWCD operations and the Partners for Conservation funds for cost share. I also recommended that legislators be contacted and informed that FY 09 funds for SWCDs have not been released yet.
- Oct. 27 – Contacted SWCDs in southern Illinois to attend a press conference for Gary Forby to call on the Governor to sign SB 1103 and release funds. The press conference was well represented by 17 SWCD employees.
- Oct. 27 – Prepared information and worked on Marketing Taskforce material for SWCDs to use in contacting legislators. We have received calls from legislators that they received their one page fax and will support our efforts in the veto session.
- Oct. 28 – Researched potential grants for the building, programs and staff.
- Oct. 29 – Participated in a conference call to plan two, seventy-five minute sessions for the 2009 Conference on the Illinois River. Part of the Conference will be devoted to a look back at the 1997 Conference where the Integrated Management Plan was presented by then Lt. Governor Bob Kustra. It is expected that Mr. Kustra will be the key note speaker at the 2009 Conference. Several sessions planned for the conference will highlight accomplishments of the 1997 IMP
- Oct. 30 – Jim, Mike and I met with members of the Insurance Committee, Employee Association, Senator John Sullivan and Director Jennings, Steve Chard, Laura Lanterman and Jared Thornley all with IDOA to discuss funding issues.
- Nov. 3 – Worked on allocation priorities for IDOA and Quarterly Board Meeting materials.



STACY STREMSTERFER

December 2008 Quarterly Board Report
AISWCD Education/Envirothon Coordinator
Summary of duties completed for August thru October

*To accomplish great things, we must not only act, but also dream,
not only plan, but also believe." - Author Unknown*

AUGUST'S INFORMATION & ACTIVITIES

VARIOUS ACTIVITIES:

- Created and distributed newsletter covering SC mtg.
- Set up meeting with FDC Enterprises
- Spent time talking to grassland coordinator in Michigan
- Sent out director service photos to SWCDs
- Completed minutes from AISWCD Board & Foundation mtg.
- Spoke with Farm Bureau concerning how they work their Adopt-a-Legislator program
- Spoke with NCNACD on other state's legislative programs
- Completed QB report
- Membership brochure brainstorming & design
- Farm Family
 - Set up interview for family during State Fair with RFD
 - Sent family information to Illinois AgriNews
 - Sent family photos and PR to local SWCDs of Farm Families
 - Made arrangements for yard sign to be completed
 - Sent family information to IDOA for Ag Day presentation
 - Lined up chaperone for farm family
 - Sent farm family information to John Deere
 - Completed invoices for additional FF plaques

ENVIROTHON:

- Checked on scores from Canon Envirothon
- Typed minutes from July's committee meeting
- Checked with Allerton Park on 2009 Envirothon date
- Researched oral presentation materials from different states

SEPTEMBER'S INFORMATION & ACTIVITIES

VARIOUS ACTIVITIES:

- Created and distributed newsletter
- Completed minutes from AISWCD Board & Foundation mtg.
- Membership brochure brainstorming & design
- IEPA 319 grant work on signage for projects
- Updated poster entry form & guidelines for QB meeting
- Typed education minutes
- Research information for workload analysis
- Created workload analysis form for SWCDs
- Created workload analysis database to collect information

OTHER DUTIES:

- E-mail correspondence
- Phone calls and mail
- Completed meeting follow-ups and/or action items
- Compiled expense report for credit card
- Timesheet
- Helped assemble September QB Packet
- Helped mail out QB packet & fire equipment mailing
- Website maintenance
 - Officers, past president, front page, water quality section, Envirothon, SC page, award winners, QB packet, minutes

MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES:

- Weekly staff meetings
- Sangamon/Menard Ag Education Partnership Mtg.
- Teleconference with FDC Enterprises
- Met with new AISWCD officers
- Illinois Ag in the Classroom Program Council
- Funding taskforce mtg.
- Illinois Society of Association Executives networking luncheon
- Met with Hotel to follow up on SC

SEPTEMBER'S INFORMATION & ACTIVITIES, CONT'D

ENVIROTHON:

- Met with Taylorville teacher on improvements for program
- Designed IL Envirothon fact sheet to be utilized when speaking with legislators
- Worked on changing date for 2009 competition

MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES:

- Weekly staff meetings
- September QB Meeting
- ILCAE/ICAE conference call
- Ag Literacy Coordinator's Meeting

OTHER DUTIES:

- E-mail correspondence
- Phone calls and mail
- Completed meeting follow-ups and/or action items
- Compiled expense report for credit card
- Timesheet
- Website maintenance
 - Front page, press releases, awards, Envirothon, QB min.

OCTOBER'S INFORMATION & ACTIVITIES

VARIOUS ACTIVITIES:

- Created and distributed newsletter
- Sent photo winners e-mail concerning new guidelines on photo contest. Worked on getting entry forms put together and sent photo and poster entries into NACD
- Input SWCD info into workload analysis database
- Completed FDC Enterprises Grasslands certification & provided feedback to FDC
- Sent e-mail to Farm Progress Show PIC tent exhibitors
- Gave presentations at Conservation Expo in Livingston Co.
- Worked on entering meeting contacts into Outlook
- Worked on fixing computer update problem
- Researched price information for NACD trip and booked flight
- Website maintenance
 - Envirothon pg, county website, staff pg, added meeting minutes, legislative guide

MARKETING TASKFORCE:

- Reviewed minutes
- Requested info from Mike Hoffmann
- Scheduled a teleconference with taskforce along with preparing all meeting information for this meeting
- Worked on securing a bid from another marketing firm
- Designed SWCD 9-1-1:IL Legislative Veto Mission guide and sent to committee to review, made changes and sent to all SWCDs
- Compiled listing of all 176 legislators home fax numbers
- Sent factsheet to legislators through fax program on computer
- Followed up on the faxes that did not go through, and sent manually. All but one legislator has received the fact sheet!
- Keeping database of legislators contacted by SWCDs.

IEPA 319 GRANT PROGRAM SIGNAGE:

- Researched into on pervious pavement
- Sent sign info out for bid
- Completed first draft of sign layout

ENVIROTHON:

- Worked on researching 5th category

OTHER DUTIES:

- E-mail correspondence
- Phone calls and mail
- Completed meeting follow-ups and/or action items
- Compiled expense report for credit card
- Timesheets
- Id Badges

MISCELLANEOUS:

- Reconciled bank accounts
- Sent monthly financials to all AISWCD board members
- Completed bookwork for AISWCD & insurance accounts
- Completed end of month taxes
- Started updating and requesting info for December QB Packet
- Updated phone system

MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES:

- Weekly staff meetings
- Illinois Ag in the Classroom Program Council teleconference
- Marketing Taskforce teleconference

LOOKING AHEAD:

- Funding Taskforce
- Marketing Taskforce
- December Quarterly Board Meeting
- Envirothon



Jim Nelson, Watershed Liaison Quarterly Report

Quarterly Report- Association of Illinois Soil and Water Conservation Districts
Period February September 1, 2008 through December 1, 2008

Attended the Following Meetings and Conferences:

- AISWCD Mid Executive Committee Conf. call
- AISWCD Quarterly Boards
- IL Urban Manual (IUM) X 2
- IUM conf. call X 5
- Land Use Council 16
- IL Watershed Association conf call
- Ready Mixed Association regarding pervious concrete for AISWCD X over and over again
- Pervious parking lot with highway engineer
- Pervious parking lot with PSI engineer
- Pervious parking lot with IL State Museum Personnel
- Focused Leg Task Force X 2
- Scott Ristau of IEPA
- Meet with consultant for IUM

Completed the Following Documents and Tasks:

- IUM steering committee agendas, minutes, web docs etc
- Worked on invoices for six watershed groups
- Invoice for driveway
- Invoice for parking lot
- Final report for IEPA contracts
- Wrote articles for Conservation Catchall
- Maintained AISWCD website
- Annual report for Grand Victoria Foundation
- Submitted grant extension for GVF
- Revise IUM update list
- Articles on pervious driveway

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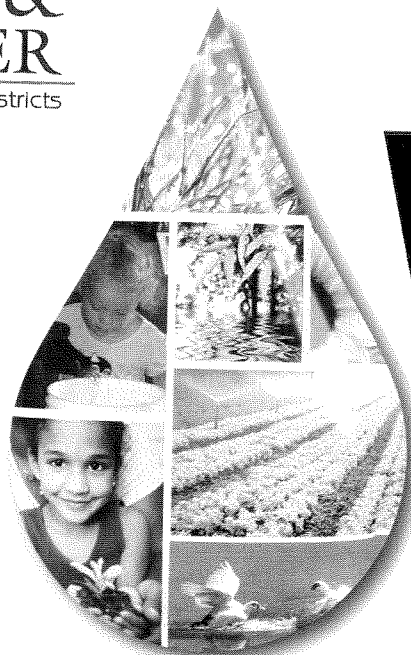
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