

**AISWCD Board Meeting
December Quarterly Board
December 14, 2010
Northfield Inn & Suites – Crystal/Diamond Rooms
8:30 a.m.**

Present

Jim Todd, President, NACD Board Member
Aaron Ferguson, Vice President, NACD Delegate
Darrell Roegge, Area II VP
Kenny Vosholler, Area IV VP
Lonnie Wilson, Council 2
Lee Bunting, Council 3
Terry Davis, Council 4
Van Bitner, Council 5
Randy Molitoris, Council 6
David McCormick, Council 8
Daniel Doedtman
Don Beisiegel, Council 12
Tom Beyers, Council 13
Steve Stierwalt, Alternate for Council
Marie Bunting, President of Auxiliary
Debra Slade, ISWCDEA AC Co-Chair
Rich Nichols, AISWCD
Jim Nelson, AISWCD
Sherry Finn, AISWCD
Mike Hoffman

Absent

Phil Fossler, Treasurer
Jerry Snodgrass, Area I VP
Eric Suits, Area III VP
Tim Keller, Council 1
Jim Bell, Council 7
Terry Monke, Council 9
Emery Oesch, Council 11
Tom Anderson, Council 14
No Rep, Council 15
Don Lloyd, Council 16
Phyllis Mace, ISWCDEA RC Co-Chair
Dean Johnson, ISWCDEA Co-Vice Chair

President James Todd called the meeting to order at 8:20 a.m.
Roll call was completed by Aaron Ferguson.

Approve Agenda

Additions to Agenda:

Reports: SWCD Insurance Update: Debbie Holsapple

New Business: FY '12 Funding Initiative ; NACD Board Member Delegate & Alternate; NACD North Region Meeting; NACD Annual Meeting Donation for Cindy Moon; Phase II Office Site Development; AISWCD Employee Staff Reviews; and Stacy Stremsterfer-pay out employee funds

Motion to approve amended agenda made by Terry Davis and seconded by Lonnie Wilson, MCVV.

PARTNER REPORTS

IDOA –Steve Chard reported about budget items; FY '08 & FY '09 Paperwork due in by Dec. 20, 2010; FY 2010 4th Q Operating funds allocation has been released by Comptroller; No word on the FY 2011 Operating Funds allocations; IDOA working on grant agreements and there are new forms because of the Grant Recovery Act; Health Insurance money has been released; James Brim passed away in November-he was Division Superintendent for Conservation.

FSA – No report given

IEPA – Dick Breckenridge introduced Marcia Wilhite, Bureau of Water Chief and she reported on StormWater Management; Urban Manual-Exemplary leadership; Green Infrastructure; Grants Program; Acknowledged Jim Nelson and the Kane DuPage staff for their hard work; preventing nutrient losses

NRCS-No report given

IDNR – No report given

ISWCDEA – Debra Slade reported their Winter Training was a huge success-The Theme was “Staying Alive”; they had 134 attendees on the 1st Day and 87 attendees on the 2nd Day; 37 Service Awards including Outstanding Employee for each Region and an overall State Employee; first meeting for 2011 will be in February with the officers and committee and doing a past year review; commented wanted to keep open communication with the AISWCD staff and Board Members-this is a key component for protecting SWCDS and putting conservation practices on the ground.

NCDEA – No report given

NACD North Central Region-No report given

NACD – Jim Todd reported he and Aaron Ferguson would be attending the Annual Meeting in Nashville, Tn.
NACD Delegates – Motion to have Jim Todd as Delegate and Aaron Ferguson as Alternate made by Lee Bunting and seconded by Lonnie Wilson, MCVV.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee –Jim Todd reported receiving e-mail request from former employee Stacy Stremsterfer asking for 96 hours of time not paid for; discussion followed regarding personnel policy and how time paid is left up to the discretion of the Executive Director; questions asked if policy was given to employee; employee duties and performance; dollar amount of hours; and disagreements. Feeling was policy was in place and need to back Executive Director. **Motion to reimburse 96 hours of personal time to Stacy Stremsterfer made by Lee Bunting and seconded by Darrell Roegge, MFVV. President asked for a show of hands (count)- (3) to pay and (11) not to pay.**

Forestry Committee – Terry Davis reported there were no new actions; DNR expressed appreciation for AISWCD still promoting Forestry; Marion County is hosting Forestry Management and chain saw safety courses; talk of workshops for timber burns.

Auxiliary – Marie Bunting reported they would be attending NACD Annual Meeting and looking forward to Annual Meeting poster and photo contest winners; Sherry Finn presented Auxiliary, ISWCDEA and Envirothon with their checks from Annual Meeting Auction.

Insurance Committee – Debbie Holsapple reported turnover continues to be a problem for Districts; 22 Districts working with only one employee; 23 Districts have reduced hours; there are 4 participants in COBRA-2 in ARRA; waiting to hear from IRS on their 501 c 3 status; payroll audit completed-as expected payrolls dropped 5% from 2009; the insurance allocation is posted on Comptroller’s website, but a warrant has not been issued.

Mississippi & Illinois River Coordinating Council Reports – Lee Bunting reported on Illinois River Council with the dredging out of Peoria lakes; face-to-face with Il. Lt. Governor; word of Federal Money-Environmental and CREP Program; problems with Asian Carp. Rich Nichols reported for the Mississippi River Council stating Pam Peters was the representative and gave a hand out with info provided by Pam.

FOCUS AREA COMMITTEE REPORTS

Communications – report given by Steve Stierwalt for Eric Suits; stated Districts need to make sure to get letters out to the Governor about Funding Initiative for the Power of 10 to work; broaden our appeal base; find common ground with Green Partners; need to have a push for the AISWCD/SWCD Sponsorship; and to try to come up with ideas for funding directions

Education-report given by Jim Nelson for Jerry Snodgrass; Awards for the Annual Meeting will be available on the AISWCD website; IDNR has environmental literacy (EL for IL); Steve Stierwalt added there is and Il Ag in the classroom

Financial Management –report given by Terry Davis for Phil Fossler; **Motion to accept Financial Reports made by Don Beisiegel and seconded by Tom Beyers, MCVV.**

Financial Management Continued-Terry Davis stated delinquent notices were sent to this committee and action was taken to send delinquent notices to District Chairman and put names of Delinquent Districts in the meeting minutes. **Motion to send delinquent dues notices to District chairman and place delinquent Districts in the meeting minutes made by Terry Davis and seconded by Lee Bunting, MCVV.** FY 2011 Draft Budget was amended and presented to Board. **Motion to accept amended (revised) FY 2011 Budget made by Kenny Vosholler and seconded by Steve Stierwalt, MCVV.** Committee recommends to place Rich Nichols and Sherry Finn back on full-time status along with putting Mike Hoffman back to his original amount. Committee felt cost of living raises not available at this time. **Motion to place Rich Nichols and Sherry Finn back on full-time status and place Mike Hoffman at his original amount (\$24,000 a year) made by Terry Davis and seconded by Tom Beyers, MCVV.** Committee recommended hiring Grundy Countys' AC and RC as Co-Coordiators for the Illinois Envirothon (their bid \$9400); discussion about contract amendment to be for 18 months instead of 12 months and prorate the bid. Rich Nichols was asked to follow up with Grundy County to confirm this would be acceptable. **Motion to hire Grundy County SWCDs AC and RC for a prorated bid amount for 18 months as Illinois Envirothon Co-Coordiators made by Terry Davis and seconded by Lee Bunting, MCVV.** Committee discussed the purchase of a tractor for the FY 2010 Farm Family Winner. **Motion to purchase a lawn tractor for the FY 2010 Farm Family and not to exceed \$3000 made by Terry Davis and seconded by Lee Bunting, MCVV.** President, James Todd was asked to make the purchase and the arrangements to have tractor delivered. Committee discussed adding a line for the Legislative Day to the FY 2011 Budget. **Motion to add a Legislative Day line item to the FY 2011 Budget made by Lee Bunting and seconded by Lonnie Wilson.** Committee recommended to give \$250 Christmas Bonuses to staff employees and \$750 performance bonus to Sherry Finn. **Motion to give Rich Nichols, Jim Nelson, and Sherry Finn \$250 Christmas Bonuses and \$750 performance bonus to Sherry Finn made by Terry Davis and seconded by Lee Bunting, MCVV.**

Legislative- Aaron Ferguson reported how important it was to get PAC 10 letter to Governor for new funding; Rich Nichols is in need of 500 seedlings for the II Legislative Day in March; it was discussed about Chapin Rose as Legislator of the Year; talk continued about Soil and Water license plate. Mike Hoffman reported it was important to have IDOA work on FY 2011 vouchers and checking with Governor about permanent funding; reported 97 General Assembly is still under Democrat control; Mike Madigan is still speaker of the House; John Cullerton is speaker of the Senate; Governor's 2011 Budget comes out in 2nd week of February; New money in income tax revenue; lost a great advocate of SWCDs in Rich Meyers.

Planning-Jim Todd reported action items will be discussed in the Old and New Business

Urban Community and Conservation-Jim Nelson reported about bumper stickers with stop erosion.org; CBS channel 2 Grant; Conducted USARNG Training session regarding environmental issues; IUM update and presentations being made at NACD Annual Meeting in Nashville, TN.

Executive Director's Report-Rich Nichols reported employee reviews had been completed and the staff had met and exceeded expectations; again encouraged Districts about the funding initiative and using the sample letter he had sent with the PAC 10 request to be sent to the Governor to include it in his budget.

AREA VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORTS

Area I V.P. - Jerry Snodgrass absent

Area II V.P. - Darrell Roegge had no comment

Area III V.P. - Eric Suits absent

Area IV V.P. - Kenny Vosholler had no comment

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve June Quarterly Board minutes made by Tom Beyers and seconded by Dan Doedtman, MCVV.

OLD BUSINESS

Dues/Funding Issues – Sherry Finn reported invoices have been sent out for third and fourth quarters; 5 Districts have not paid any dues; 5 Districts have paid 2 quarters; 1 District has paid ½ of 3 Quarters; 77 Districts have paid 3 Quarters; and 10 Districts have paid all 4 Quarters

FY 2011 Budget Update-has already been approved

Sponsorship Update - Motion to have AISWCD send renewal notices to FY 2010 sponsors made by Lee Bunting and seconded by Terry Davis, MCVV.

FY 2010 & 2011 EPA 319 CREP Grant projects update- Rich Nichols reported the FY 2011 319 CREP Grant had been applied for but no response had been received; Sherry Finn reported the FY 2010 319 CREP Assistant Grant had been extended until December 2010.

FY 2011 Quarterly Board Meeting Format/Expenses-Sherry Finn reported the 2011 QB dates had been confirmed but the March format had not been decided upon. Discussion about how to handle one day format. **Motion to contract Northfield Hotel from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m., have the Executive meeting prior to the QB date, and have FAC meetings in the a.m. and Foundation and AISWCD Board meeting in the p.m. made by James Todd and seconded by Lonnie Wilson, MCVV.**

No other old business.

NEW BUSINESS

AISWCD Board Secretary Replacement- Jim Todd reported the AISWCD office had received the resignation letter from John Beckhart; Jim Todd recommended Lonnie Wilson from Stark County to replace John Beckhart and Aaron Ferguson seconded the recommendation. Dan Doedtman moved to close nomination. Lonnie Wilson introduced himself; stated he ran a trucking company and a family farm; was married and had children and was looking forward to representing the AISWCD as their Board Secretary. **Motion was made for Lonnie Wilson to be the AISWCD Board Secretary by James Todd and seconded by Aaron Ferguson, MCVV.**

AISWCD Education Coordinator-No action taken at this time.

Illinois Envirothon Coordinator Position-Action taken during Financial Management Report.

AISWCD Farm Family Tractor-Action taken during Financial Management Report

AISWCD 2011 Annual Meeting (Date and Location)-Held date with Hilton Hotel scheduled for Monday July 25th through Wednesday, July 27, 2011. **Motion to have 63rd AISWCD Annual Meeting on July 25th through July 27, 2011 at the Hilton Hotel in Springfield, Illinois made by Darrell Roegge and seconded by Terry Davis, MCVV.** Discussion about registration deadline and registration fee. **Motion to have June 30, 2011 as the registration deadline and \$40 for the registration fee for the 2011 Annual Meeting made by Lee Bunting and seconded by Lonnie Wilson, MCVV.**

FY 2011 Legislative Day (lobbying)-Aaron Ferguson reported there will be a conference call regarding this matter. No action taken. Discussion about looking at EPA, DNR or IDOA as parent agency suggested by Ryan Croke at Governor's office; encourage funding initiative.

FY 2011 Draft Budget- No action taken; amendments already approved prior.

AISWCD Delinquent Notices to Districts-No action taken; already approved prior.

NACD Annual Meeting-No action taken; already nominated and approved prior.

NACD President's Auction Item-discussion to have President take care of his own item. **Motion to have President Jim Todd take care of his own auction item made by Lee Bunting and seconded by Jim Todd, MCVV.**

FY 2012 EPA 319 CREP Grant-Rich Nichols stated this grant has been applied for and have no response for approval or denial yet.

AISWCD Christmas Card-No action taken; already approved prior.

Accept Financial Reports-No action taken; already approved prior.

Accept Written Reports-**Motion to accept written reports made by Terry Davis and seconded by Don Beisiegel, MCVV.**

No other new business.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Darrell Roegge and seconded by Terry Davis, MCVV. Adjourned at 12:01 p.m.

Minutes taken by Sherry Finn