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AISWCD DECEMBER QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING: DOT POINT HIGHLIGHTS - COMMUNICATION UPDATE:

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The AISWCD December Quarterly Board Meeting was held Monday & Tuesday, December 10 & 11, 2012 at the Northfield Inn Conference Center with 13 LUC representatives, 4 Officers, 3 Area Vice Presidents, 2 ISWCDEA Co-Chairs, the Auxiliary President and 4 AISWCD staff present for the Foundation & Board Meetings; there were 3 Officers, 3 Area VPs, the Past President, 4 AISWCD staff and 4 others present for the Executive Meeting.

ITEMS:

Partner Reports:

Steve Chard gave the report for IDOA.

Ivan Dozier was present on Monday for NRCS.

FSA sent a written report that was in the December QB Packet and Rick Braden was on hand on Tuesday to present the report.

IEPA report was presented by Christine Davis.

IDNR did not submit a written report or have someone present to report.

ISWCDEA: Betty Buckert spoke on behalf of the ISWCDEA.

SWCD Insurance: Annyce Winters introduced Melissa Cauble as the new SWCD Insurance administrator to replace Debbie

Holsapple. Melissa reported with the November updated information; the October information is in the December QB Packet.

NCDEA: Cindy Moon reported.

NACD North Central Region: Jerry Snodgrass reported.

NACD Delegate: Jim Todd and Lonnie Wilson reported.

Committee Reports:

Executive Committee: Lonnie Wilson reported and noted there were action items from the Executive Meeting that would be handled by the FACs that were assigned.

Forestry Committee: David McCormick reported they would like to invite partners for an informational meeting; **this was voted on and approved by the Board**; reported the Forestry committee would like feedback on the Forestry Committee's role regarding partners and discussion followed.

AISWCD Auxiliary: Marie Bunting reported that she would be stepping down as NACD Auxiliary President after this year's Annual Meeting in San Antonio, Texas. She also noted her brother, Gene Schmidt, would be stepping down as NACD President. She said there would be a quilt again this year and passed around an envelope for the sale of tickets.

Mississippi and Il River Coordinating Councils: Lee Bunting and Rich Nichols reported.



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Communications: Steve Stierwalt reported on how to better utilize Land Use Councils and what is proper use of Land Use Councils. The AISWCD is looking into software such as "Go to Meeting" to use for meetings; need to make LUC meetings important enough for Directors to want to attend; possibly have director training at LUC meetings; come up with agenda items to be discussed at LUC mtgs and then voted on and brought to the AISWCD Board Meeting each time; discussion about how to get Farm Bureau back as Partner and to give support for District funding; suggestions to ask each County to make contact with their local Farm Bureau office to seek a resolution through Farm Bureau policy, this needs to include Extension, 4-H, County Fairs, etc. Action was to have Steve Stierwalt and Tom Beyers to prepare a resolution to send out to counties and discuss with LUCs.

Education: Jerry Snodgrass reported there is still a few kinks in the FFA participation in the II Envirothon; they want more participation in the Teacher of the Year application process and were reviewing the application to update the contents so that the AISWCD could have a teacher for the elementary and the high school to be winners. Valerie Keener, Education spokesperson, for IDNR will make up a draft notice and once it is approved by the committee send it out to schools. **This was voted and passed by Board.**

Financial: Kenny Vosholler reported the financial FAC reviewed 4 bids and selected Westworks' bid for website re-design for \$1600.00, **Board approved;** reviewed 3 audit bids and selected Pehlman & Dold for a 3 year contract-FY '12-\$4500; FY '13-\$4,650; FY '14-\$4,800-**Board approved;** reported \$4,000 to be added to a line item to FY 2013 Budget for \$2500 for AISWCD President expenses and \$1500.00 for Vice President expenses, **Board approved;** reported \$1000 to add to budget line item for Vehicle maintenance for AISWCD Van repairs, **Board approved;** reported AISWCD staff bonuses with no raises at this time, **Board approved bonuses;** to increase Kelly Thompson, IUM program coordinator 3% to be discussed at March 2013 QB meeting. **Board approved updated AISWCD FY 2012 & 2013 Budgets & December Financials.**

Legislative & Resolutions: Tom Beyers reported funding will be the priority with progress in getting the word out to Legislators; still working on getting support from co-hearts about prevailing wage waiver; discussion about Farm Bureau support and working with Steve Stierwalt from Communication FAC to go through the Resolution process to send up the line for Lonnie at their Annual Meeting next year to garner their support and we need to stress that it is not a gaming bill but a funding bill that includes others such as Extension, County Fairs, and others; still push to present this to the local Farm



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Legislative & Resolutions (continued): Bureau at the District levels; Lonnie asked Steve & Tom to work on resolution and ask Farm Bureau for assistance in drafting it; regarding Strategic Planning goals, we are on target; Resolutions from 2012 Annual Meeting, 2012-1 is now mute since Lab was shut down; other Resolutions were reported on and will have updated information at each QB meeting until FY 2013 Annual Meeting and will possibly have session on the progress of the updates; the by-laws change did not go through but was changed to dues variance and all Districts have that update; talking points to Districts about Farm Bureau as partner; discussion about new money stream ideas and the committee will follow up on this after the veto session is completed.

Planning: Van Bitner was absent from FAC meeting so Tom Beyers reported the FY 2013 Annual Meeting date and location had been selected by the Planning & Awards Taskforce committee and it will be held on July 22 and 23, 2013 at the Northfield Inn, Suites & Conference Center. Reporting from the December FAC meeting, the committee had selected the theme to be: "Can you hear us now?" and the logo would use a photo depicting the dust bowl from which we were established and a current photo of how conservation has evolved; **Board approved.**

Urban Community & Conservation: Jerry Snodgrass reported he was going to turn the update over to Kelly Thompson; she reported on the IUM updates and the workgroups. Her official report was handed out to members.

Executive Director Report: Rich Nichols stated for everyone to see the handout.

Area V.P. Reports:

The 3 AREA VPs present did not have anything to report.

June '12 Board Meeting Minutes: were approved by Board.

Old Business:

Dues/Delinquent Dues Status: Sherry Finn reported there were ten (10) Districts "not in good standing" for FY 2012 as of December 7, 2012. Four (4) Districts that have not paid any FY 2012 Dues and they are Gallatin, Pope-Hardin, Randolph, and Scott; One (1) District that has not paid the 2nd half of dues and that is Adams; Four (4) Districts that have not paid the remainder of 3rd Quarter and all of 4th Quarter dues and they are Boone, Greene, Hamilton, and Jefferson. One (1) District paid \$300-Pike. The total dues outstanding for FY 2012 are \$9,545.13. Sherry Finn reported the first allocation of operating funds for FY 2013 had been paid to Districts on November 8, 2012 and the amount was \$12,041.00;



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Dues/Delinquent Dues Status (continued): Dues invoices had been sent out on November 30, 2012 via e-mail to all Districts for \$361.23 to be paid by December 30, 2012; there is no word on when the next allocation will be available. FY 2013 Delinquent notices for Nov. dues invoice will not go out until the middle of January 2013.

AISWCD President Appointed Taskforce for SWCD Dues Structure and District Funding Update: Terry Davis reported there was no official recommendation at this time and President Lonnie Wilson suspended the taskforce committee until funding is determined.

FY 2012-2013 EPA Grant updates: Rich Nichols reported Wade Louis, Acting CREP Program Manager was at the Executive Committee meeting on Monday to give a presentation about the new CREP contracts and CREP Resource Specialists and noted the program is trying to get the biggest bank for the grant bucks. Rich reported the AISWCD has hired five (5) CREP Resource Specialists that started November 1, 2012 and are being housed in IL River Basin Districts (Brown, LaSalle, McDonough, Peoria & Schuyler) with a sixth one to begin work on January 1, 2013 and housed in Sangamon County. Rich also noted that the Great Rivers Research and Education group had a contract with IDNR & IEPA for the Kaskaskia River Basin to hire four (4) CREP Resource Specialists to be housed in DeWitt, Fayette, Madison and Sangamon Counties. There will be CREP training for Districts and the new CREP Resource Specialists on December 18, 2012 at the Springfield Conference Room at IEPA. Everyone is encouraged to attend that is a District with a CREP contract with IDNR.

AISWCD Website Bids: reported and voted on during Financial FAC report.

AISWCD Area IVP Alternate Replacement: LUCs 1, 2 & 16 voted on Chuck Hanley from Livingston County. Board accepted.

AISWCD Plan of Work: reported on during Legislative FAC report.

AISWCD New Money/Revenue Stream Ideas: reported on during Legislative FAC report.

FY 2013 State Budget: Rich Nichols reported nothing was happening at this time until Legislators make all the changes; but we are off the GRF line of the state budget.

FY 2012 64th AISWCD Annual Meeting Resolutions

Update/Variance: reported on during the Legislative FAC report.

AISWCD FY 2013 Quarterly Board Meeting:

Dates/Location/Expenses: the board will meet for a one day meeting in March (Tuesday, 3-12-13) at the Northfield starting at 9:00 a.m. with the Executive Committee meeting on March 11, 2013 at the IDOA Conference Room 1 at 1:00 p.m.; June QB meeting will be two days (Monday-6-10-13 & Tuesday-6-11-13) at the Northfield Inn; September meeting will only take place if needed; December QB meeting will be two days (Monday, 12-9-13 & Tuesday-12-10-13) at the Northfield Inn;



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Dates/Location/Expenses (continued): only the meals will be paid for the members, all other expenses are the members responsibility.

New Business:

NACD Annual Mtg-San Antonio, Texas: No national resolutions will come from Illinois; AISWCD is receiving Director Training Certification award again this year (will be a pin-plaque was received last year); photo (3 youth and 4 adult) and poster (5) entries have been submitted; Kenny Vosholler will be the Annual Meeting scholarship attendee this year; Lonnie Wilson asked all Districts and/or LUCs to submit a small item to him (that represents their area) for submission for the auction; and the Board approved Lonnie Wilson as delegate and Tom Beyers as Alternate Delegate for the meeting.

NACD North Central Meeting-Chicago, IL: Lonnie Wilson and Tom Beyers will be attending this meeting in January for the AISWCD.

AISWCD Driveway Maintenance: pervious driveway at the AISWCD office is cracking and breaking up in a couple of spots; Rich Nichols was told by the Board to contact the contractor and see what our options are for repair.

AISWCD Van Maintenance Bids: there were two (2) bids and the decision for the repairs was made during the Financial FAC report.

AISWCD FY 2012-2014 Auditor Bids: there were fifteen (15) auditors contacted for bids and only three (3) submitted bids. The selection was made during the Financial FAC report.

Approval FY 2012 AISWCD Updated Budget; FY 2013 AISWCD

Budget & December AISWCD monthly financials: this was reported on and approved by Board during the Financial FAC report.

The meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.