

NRCS Report for AISWCD Quarterly Board Meeting, December 2013

Budget

- Illinois NRCS just received the budget for FY 2014.
- The budget we have has sequestration accounted for, but there are still several unknown associated with the passage of a new Farm Bill.

Farm Bill

- The Farm Bill expired at the end of September.
- We still have authority to conduct sign-ups in EQIP and CStP.
- EQIP is underway and we had good response for the first batching period. As soon as we actually get the budgeted funds we will begin making funding decisions.
- We recently heard there will be a sign-up for CStP. The sign-up started immediately and we will have a batching period on January 17.
- We are making payments on prior year CStP and CSP contracts.
- We can service prior year WRP, GRP, and CRP contracts but nothing new because the authorities for those programs expired with the Farm Bill.
- If we don't get a new or extended Farm Bill by the end of December then we revert to the permanent law of the 40's.
- Right now House and Senate have still not reconciled their differences on the new law. Latest speculation is we might have a 1 month extension.

Reorganization

- NRCS continues to move forward on reorganization efforts required by the Secretary.
- Soils reorganization has met with delays but should be complete by the end of the Calendar Year. (MLRA offices and employees supervised regionally)
- Administrative reorganization being implemented. Pilot teams are in place for fleet management, contracting, and HR. Expect full implementation by the end of CY 14.
- Public Affairs pilot teams are in place.
- No one is being involuntarily relocated or losing their job as part of these efforts.
- State NRCS leadership team is working on additional reorganization ideas. We do not anticipate field office closures as a result of our state efforts.
- Pilot project is underway for administrative services eventually required as part of CDSI.



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ISSUE: Title II Sec. 1240B. (f) of the current Farm Bill directs the Secretary, through NRCS, to allocate 60% of available Environmental Quality Incentives Program(EQIP) funding towards practices relating to livestock production.

Rationale: The NRCS State Conservationist, with input from their respective State Technical Committees, should have the authority to direct available funding towards their resource concerns in each State. Though this is a "national" goal, the last two years, it has been mandatory for NRCS in each State to meet this goal. It would be much more efficient and effective for each State to decide their priorities in address resource concerns and issues.

Rodney Davis, Congressman from Illinois' 13th Congressional District, currently is a conferee on the Farm Bill Conference Committee. Please contact him to voice your concern on this issue.

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**SWCD of Illinois Insurance
Plan Administrator's
Report to AISWCD
November 2013**

COBRA – As of November 30, we have one participant in COBRA, but her cancellation is pending. No COBRA initial notices or election notices were sent.

Administration – Administration included:

1. Completing monthly reports and bank reconciliations
2. Updating of salaries in Admin Ease through The Standard: This was caused by implementation of the new employee contracts which began on September 1
3. Assisted Kent Reeves, CPA with the FY 2013 audit of the Insurance books
4. Completed a new, short newsletter to distribute insurance items of interest. My plan is to do one every couple of months, or as necessary
5. Processed and deposited the last of the October 2013 invoices
6. Added two new employees to the insurance, and there were no departing employees
7. Kept in contact with Diann Reed at CMS so that she would know the status of our outstanding payments
8. Travelled to Carrollton to pick up the check for ½ of the FY 2014 allocation and deposited it at the US Bank in Carlinville
9. Updated the January invoices and sent them out. I added them to the website as well
10. Worked on a presentation for Winter Training
11. Reconciled Standard and CMS statements

Financials – Income for November was \$688,960.73, with expenses totaling \$139,779.36, resulting in a net income of \$549,181.37. The checkbook balance in the insurance account as of November 30 was \$782,962.23. Billings have been received and paid as follows for December:

CMS (Oct, Nov, Dec)	\$ 399,220.00
The Standard	\$ 4,536.02
Kent Reeves, CPA	\$ 2,000.00
Kendall Co. SWCD (refund)	\$ 145.06

After payment of these bills, the balance on 12/06/2013 was \$378,188.60, which is enough to cover January, February and March of 2014.

Sincerely,
Melissa Cauble
Montgomery County SWCD

3:39 PM
12/06/13
Accrual Basis

SWCD OF ILLINOIS INSURANCE Profit & Loss Budget Performance November 2013

	Nov 13	Budget	Jul - Nov 13	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense					
Income					
AISWCD Life-LTD Premiums	285.39	0.00	571.66	574.00	1,148.00
COBRA Paid Premiums	0.00	843.45	3,374.16	4,217.25	4,217.25
Employee Paid Own Premiums	873.00	0.00	126,727.50	149,375.00	298,125.00
Interest	7.16	50.15	16.00	131.92	391.51
Miscellaneous Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
State Allocation					
Allocation Audit Expense	0.00	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Allocation D & O Liability	0.00	500.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
Allocation Health Ins Premiums	0.00	1,300,044.00	0.00	1,300,044.00	1,300,044.00
Allocation Ins Admin Wages	0.00	10,673.00	0.00	10,673.00	10,673.00
Allocation Life Premiums	0.00	6,570.72	0.00	6,570.72	6,570.72
Allocation LTD Premiums	0.00	9,234.00	0.00	9,234.00	9,234.00
Allocation Mileage/Lodging	0.00	850.00	0.00	850.00	850.00
Allocation Postage	0.00	350.00	0.00	350.00	350.00
Allocation Supplies	0.00	50.00	0.00	50.00	50.00
Allocation Website	0.00	120.00	0.00	120.00	120.00
Allocation Workmen's Comp/Liab	0.00	43,500.00	0.00	43,500.00	43,500.00
State Allocation - Other	686,946.00	0.00	686,946.00	0.00	0.00
Total State Allocation	686,946.00	1,373,891.72	686,946.00	1,373,891.72	1,373,891.72
STD Insurance	819.33	0.00	11,287.77	14,612.00	29,224.00
Voluntary Life Insurance	29.85	0.00	4,845.63	5,000.00	10,000.00
Total Income	688,960.73	1,374,785.32	833,768.72	1,547,801.89	1,716,997.48
Expense					
Administrator Expenses					
Administrator Wages Reimbursed	0.00	0.00	4,528.90	2,668.25	10,673.00
D & O Liability Expense	0.00	500.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
Mileage/lodging	0.00	0.00	0.00	212.50	850.00
Postage	0.00	0.00	0.00	67.50	350.00

SWCD OF ILLINOIS INSURANCE

Balance Sheet Prev Year Comparison

As of November 30, 2013

	Nov 30 2013	Nov 30, 2013	\$ Change	% Change
ASSETS				
Current Assets				
Checking/Savings				
AISWCD - Illinois Funds	782,962.23	1,222,722.36	-439,760.13	-35.97%
Total Checking/Savings	<u>782,962.23</u>	<u>1,222,722.36</u>	<u>-439,760.13</u>	<u>-35.97%</u>
Accounts Receivable				
Accounts Receivable	-12.48	-0.11	-12.37	-11,245.46%
Total Accounts Receivable	<u>-12.48</u>	<u>-0.11</u>	<u>-12.37</u>	<u>-11,245.46%</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>782,949.75</u>	<u>1,222,722.25</u>	<u>-439,772.50</u>	<u>-35.97%</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>782,949.75</u></u>	<u><u>1,222,722.25</u></u>	<u><u>-439,772.50</u></u>	<u><u>-35.97%</u></u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY				
Liabilities				
Current Liabilities				
Accounts Payable				
Accounts Payable	267,871.00	2,928.47	264,942.53	9,047.13%
Total Accounts Payable	<u>267,871.00</u>	<u>2,928.47</u>	<u>264,942.53</u>	<u>9,047.13%</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>267,871.00</u>	<u>2,928.47</u>	<u>264,942.53</u>	<u>9,047.13%</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>267,871.00</u>	<u>2,928.47</u>	<u>264,942.53</u>	<u>9,047.13%</u>
Equity				
Retained Earnings	418,016.48	388,243.01	29,773.47	7.67%
Net Income	97,062.27	831,550.77	-734,488.50	-88.33%
Total Equity	<u>515,078.75</u>	<u>1,219,793.78</u>	<u>-704,715.03</u>	<u>-57.77%</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>782,949.75</u></u>	<u><u>1,222,722.25</u></u>	<u><u>-439,772.50</u></u>	<u><u>-35.97%</u></u>