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AISWCD DECEMBER QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING – 12-10-13 DOT POINT HIGHLIGHTS - COMMUNICATION UPDATE:

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The AISWCD December Quarterly Board Meeting was held Monday & Tuesday, December 9 and 10, 2013 at the Northfield Inn, Suites & Conference Center. All officers were present and one Area VP was present-David McCormick, Area II; Jerry Snodgrass, Steve Stierwalt, and Carlyn Light were absent; James Todd past President was present as well as all AISWCD Springfield Office staff in addition, ISWCDEA RC Co-Chair, Kara Downin and LUC 1 Representative Barb Klinger, LUC 11 Representative Steve Fulling and LUC 16 Representative Gerard Fabrizio for the Executive Meeting; for the Foundation and AISWCD Board Meeting all members were present except Jerry Snodgrass, Carlyn Light, Joe Rothermel, Darrell Roegge, Mark Roth, Tom Anderson and Dale Shumaker; Marie Bunting, President of Auxiliary, Sondra Baker and Kara Downin of the ISWCDEA, Rich Nichols, Sherry Finn, Kelly Thompson and Gina Bean of the AISWCD were all present.

ITEMS:

Agenda: Board approved agenda

Partner Reports:

IDOA-Steve Chard reported (see report in December QB packet pages 50-51).

NRCS-Ivan Dozier reported (see report attached to Highlights info).

FSA-Rick Graden reported (see report in December QB Packet –page 52).

IEPA-Dick Breckenridge did not have anything to report, but wished everyone Happy Holidays.

IFA-Bill Gradle reported (see attachments)

IDNR: No one was present and no report submitted.

ISWCDEA: Sondra Baker and Kara Downin reported (see report in December QB packet page 55); received check from AISWCD for the live Auction receipts.

NCDEA: Cindy Moon reported (see report in QB Packet page 53).

NACD North Central Region Report: Lonnie Wilson reported that he and Tom Beyers would be attending the meeting in Chicago in January.

NACD Delegate/Alternate: Lonnie Wilson reported Tom Beyers, Gerard Fabrizio (scholarship recipient) and Lonnie Wilson would be attending the NACD Annual Meeting in Anaheim, CA in February.



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Committee Reports:

Executive Committee: Lonnie Wilson reported Executive Meeting went well and all action items were sent out to their appropriate committees; notified Board he had appointed a taskforce (Lonnie Wilson, Tom Beyers and Jerry Snodgrass) to look into hiring a new Executive Director; Rich Nichols will be retiring Sept 1, 2014.

Forestry Committee: David McCormick reported the "Call before you Cut" had been handed out at Annual Meeting and Winter training and discussion about the new Best Management Practices and Post Logging; also reapplying for the Workshops/Grants for the Forestry Development Council.

AISWCD Auxiliary: Marie Bunting reported on Annual Meeting funds, the NACD Annual Meeting raffle of quilt (sold tickets at meeting) and received check from AISWCD for live auction.

SWCD of IL Insurance Group: Melissa Cauble reported (see October report in the QB Packet pages 31-34 and November as attachment); also noted was working on a short newsletter.

IL River Coordinating Councils: Lee Bunting reported the Councils were to be combined, but that fell through; problems with pipes sticking up on the Wabash; upgrades on the Lock and Dams.

Motion to approved the committee reports passed.

Focus Area Committee Reports:

Communications: Steve Stierwalt reported for the Communications FAC meeting discussed the addition of the roles of LUCs (Rich is looking into this); Farm Bureau Resolution Update-support permanent funding for SWCDs; Social Media during Government shutdown-Kelly Thompson, AISWCD keeps everything updated; Affiliate Memberships were discussed, have a few members, hoping to add more; Board approved to order \$300 worth of lapel pins (approximately 100 count)

Motion to approve the Communications FAC report was passed.

Education: Lonnie Wilson reported discussion on an MOU with the AISWCD and FFA and it was decided that if there is an MOU completed then the FFA should be a member of the Envirothon Taskforce; asked to move the Teacher of the Year Award Ceremony to the Planning Committee to be a part of the Farm Family Banquet-**passed**; Envirothon grant possibilities thru IDNR; discussion Envirothon Coordinator replacement and bids. **Motion to approve the Education FAC report was passed.**



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Financial: Kenny Vosholler reported the committee voted to approve AISWCD Financials and SWCD Insurance Financials; Dues update was given and 9 Districts did not pay part or all of FY 2013 dues totalling \$8,969.77; Annual Budget for 2013 left in VP Travel was recommended to transfer \$1000.00 to Envirothon Bridge Fund and \$500 to Gerard Fabrizio for NACD Annual Meeting Expenses-**passed**; recommend creating Affiliate Membership Account under the Foundation Account-**passed**; recommended spending \$300 for lapel pins for Affiliate Membership-**passed**; recommended to spend up to \$25,000 for a new vehicle for AISWCD-**passed**; new 604B (IUM) grant for 30 months has been approved-\$12,100 has been approved for travel-plus enough money for salary increase for Kelly Thompson-recommend salary increase for Kelly Thompson; recommend salary increase for Gina Bean; and recommend increase for Sherry Finn; recommend bonuses for AISWCD staff-**passed**; discussion about paying mileage for Board Members in FY 2014-**did not pass-5 for and 10 against**. **Motion to approve the Financial FAC report was passed.**

Legislative & Resolutions: Tom Beyers reported discussion on Farm Bureau resolution for dedicated funding for SWCDs; MOU has been updated by District Employees and NRCS and is ready for approval-**Board approved**; Legislative Action group update-12 Director e-mails and 6 Director phone numbers have been submitted; FY 2014 NACD Annual Meeting in Anaheim, CA-Judy & Tom Beyers, Lonnie Wilson and Gerard Fabrizio will be attending; Envirothon Day Resolution-plans are being made to approach Legislators to ask for a proclamation for IL State Envirothon Day also have Governor sign at State Envirothon; discussed Envirothon Bridge Fund; recommended to move the March QB meeting to Tuesday March 4 and Wednesday March 5 to have Legislative Day at the same time and have Legislative Reception the evening of March 4 at the State House Inn or Floyd's downtown (there was a conflict with LICA on those dates, so an alternate date in February is being considered. **Motion to approve the Legislative AC report was passed.**

Planning: Van Bitner reported discussed surveys from Annual Meeting, themes and logo were discussed and there will be two teleconference calls in January with the Annual Meeting Taskforce; recommend LUC delegates poll their Districts about having Farm Family Banquet in alternate years for LUCs and/or District or LUC spotlight-**passed**; recommendation to let ISWCDEA move their Outstanding District Employee to Winter Training and have the AISWCD provide two meal tickets for the Recognition Luncheon at the following year Annual Meeting and provide two meal tickets for the Scholarship winner at Annual meeting-**passed**; recommended date-location-registration for FY 2014 Annual Meeting to be held July 28 and 29, 2014 at the Northfield Inn with early bird registration April 15- May 15-\$40, May 16-June 30-\$45; and July 1-July 8, \$55-**passed**;



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Planning (continued): recommendation to let Annual Meeting Taskforce decide the scheduling, sessions, etc. for all decisions-**passed. Motion to approve the Planning FAC report was passed.**

Urban Community & Conservation: Gerard Fabrizio reported there were no action items; Rich received call from IDNR regarding a new IGIG grant-deadline is December 13, 2013-will have more info after application is submitted; 319 IUM Update-current grant concludes Feb 2014-next grant is 604B with IEPA begins where 319 ends-no lapse; IUM is at printer-contact Megan Andrews at Kendall County about receiving copy; new Legislative Tour is in the works for 2014 in North Eastern part of IL; Gerard Fabrizio would like into an adopt a Legislator program; Kara Downin from Knox County SWCD sells Landscape Soil Testing Kits. **Motion to approve the Urban FAC report was passed.**

Executive Director Report: Rich Nichols noted his report was handed out (see attachment).

Area V.P. Reports:

Area I VP-Jerry Snodgrass was absent; no report.

Area II-David McCormick noted there was nothing to report.

Area III-Steve Stierwalt noted there was nothing new to report.

Area IV-Carlynn Light was absent; no report.

June Meetings Minutes were approved.

Old Business:

Dues/Delinquent Dues Status: reported in Financial Information.

FY 2013 Grant Updates: reported in Urban information.

Memorandum of Understanding/Outreach Update: reported in Legislative information.

Natural Area Guardians/Burns Update: nothing new to report-no District wants to take on the task.

Soil Health Update: nothing new to report.

2013 Farm Progress Show- Sherry Finn reported all bills had been paid and invoices sent out to Partners; cost \$6, 121.57 and divided among partners.

Break taken for Trevor Sample- IL EPA presented a nutrient strategy slide show. (Moved up in the agenda)

New Business:

NACD Annual Meeting-Anaheim, CA: already discussed in Legislative report; Scholarship Recipient: Gerard Fabrizio; NACD Auction Items: Civilian Conservation Corps Signed Book and IL River Book; Lonnie Wilson was confirmed at NACD Delegate and Tom Beyers, NACD Alternate; NACD North Central Region Meeting in Chicago will be attended by Lonnie Wilson and Tom Beyers.

Meeting adjourned.