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DOT POINT HIGHLIGHTS-AISWCD JUNE QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING 6-10-2014 @ NORTHFIELD INN CONFERENCE CENTER

ATTENDANCE: 4 Officers, 3 Area VPs (David McCormick absent), 12 Council Members (Dan Duval, Darrell Roegge, Jason Anderson, & Tom Anderson absent), Past President, 4 AISWCD Staff, 2 ISWCDEA Reps, and 3 AISWCD Auxiliary Members.

AGENDA: Approved with an update to add Cost Savings Report, New Hire, Computer, and Personnel Policy.

PARTNER REPORTS: IDOA (Steve Chard); NRCS (Dave Dornbush); IFA (Bill Gradle); IEPA (Dick Breckenridge); ISWCDEA (Kara Downin); SWCD Insurance (Melissa Cauble); NACD North Central and Delegate Report (Lonnie Wilson)

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Lonnie Wilson reported 2015 Envirothon Contract & Bridge Fund account had been given to the Education FAC, the Direct Deposit, change of banks for Grant Acct, and the 2015 Quarterly Board Expenses had been sent to the Financial FAC; the 2014 Resolutions and the By-Law Amendmt had been given to Legislative FAC; the 2015 Quarterly Board Meeting Date, location, and planning along with the 2015 Annual Meeting date & location had been given to Planning FAC; President Wilson also reported a new hire, by the name of Matt Hanauer from Indiana, had been given the new Program Coordinator position to replace Kelly Thompson for the 604B Grant and would start his duties on July 1, 2014 part-time and come aboard full-time August 1. Kelly Thompson will be leaving on July 20, 2014 for maternity leave and coming back on September 15, 2014 as the new Executive Director for the AISWCD.

FORESTRY REPORT: Terry Davis reported for David McCormick that Matt Peterson from Schuyler County had been selected for the Outstanding Forestry Award; Selling Timber brochures will be available at the Annual Meeting; and Announced about Forestry Workshops in the state.



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AUXILIARY REPORT: Marie Bunting reported on the Country Store, Raffle, Sessions (Herb Craft and Jewelry & Scarves), along with the Recognition Luncheon with Poster and Photo Winners along with the Soil Stewardship Luncheon. She invited everyone to visit the silent auction and to also donate an item.

IL River Coordinating Council: Lee Bunting reported they had met 3 times since he last reported; discussed Asian Carp, close of Lockport Area for barge hauling; drainage problems.

Nominations: Terry Davis asked for a short recess for the Board to discuss the slate of officers; when they returned the following slate of officers was presented:
President: Gerard Fabrizio; VP: Tom Beyers; Sec: Van Bitner; Treas: Kenny Vosholler.

COMMUNICATION: Steve Stierwalt reported his committee would like to see Thank you letters for dues sent by e-mail and not mailed and Quarterly Board Packets sent by e-mail and not printed out for Directors to pick up at the mtg; this was voted on and accepted; Steve also reported that the Farm Bureau had made a recommendation for support of SWCDs, but the proposed Resolution had not come before their Annual Meeting Delegates; Roles of SWCDs and LUCs was discussed.

EDUCATION: Jerry Snodgrass reported there were two teacher of the year Awards to be presented-K-8 & 9-12 – keeping them a surprise until letters go out to award winners and Districts; Sondra Baker is still working on the FFA MOU-it is almost done-FFA guidelines in Envirothon packet; Envirothon Bridge Fund will be spent towards the Regional Stewardship Challenge (this was voted on and accepted). IL State Envirothon Proclamation for May 1, 2014; DeWitt County was approved to serve as 2015 IL Envirothon Coordinators (this was Approved). Approval to pay the Regional Fee and Team Fee for the State Envirothon team was approved.



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FINANCIAL: Kenny Vosholler reported the Audit Summary & Report had been submitted to the AISWCD Executive Committee and copies had been handed to the entire Board (voted to accept audit); Kenny requested that the Grant Account be set up with another bank so we would have insurance coverage and to set up electronic-Direct Deposit for the AISWCD Staff (this was voted on and approved); request to look into 2015 Budget for Directors compensation for rooms and mileage; Lonnie Wilson reported there would be an Executive Mtg by teleconference call later this month.

LEGISLATIVE: Tom Beyers asked for support and funding for NE IL Legislative Tour hosted by Kane-DuPage SWCD on September 15, 2014 in St. Charles, IL From 9-12:30; funding was approved for \$2000.00; Tom reported the 2014 Legislative Day with visits and reception had been a huge success and wants to continue for next year; discussed past Resolutions; policy book; having May 1 as the adopted day for the IL Envirothon Day Proclamation every year.

PLANNING: Van Bitner reported the plans for the 2014 Annual Mtg are finalized and reservations are coming in; request for hospitality room and Sherry Finn will take care of this; 2015 Annual Meeting will take place at the Northfield on July 27 & 28, 2015 (this was approved); 2015 Quarterly Board Mtg dates will be the 2nd Monday & Tuesday in June and December and the September Date will be the 2nd Tuesday (a one day meeting only, if needed). The March QB will be a three day event (two for Board Meeting & one for Legislative Day) in February, if possible (this was approved).

URBAN COMMUNITY: Gerard Fabrizius reported Northern IL Legislative Tour will take place on September 15, 2014 with the IL Field Moms helping out The Kane-DuPage SWCD; invitations will be going out soon; New hire for Kelly Thompson position-Matt Hanauer.

All reports were approved

Executive Director: Rich Nichols reported on Nutrient Reduction Management Strategy-gave hand out e-mailed to il.all; applying for new grant this fall (2014).



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AREA VP REPORTS:

AREA I: Jerry Snodgrass had nothing to report

AREA II: David McCormick absent; no report

AREA III: Steve Stierwalt did not have anything to report.

AREA IV: Glen Bowers, Alternate, did not have anything to report.

Old Business:

Dues: Sherry Finn reported there were 8 Districts that have not paid any dues; 4 Districts that still owe the second installment and two districts that have paid a portion of their dues.

CREP Staffing: Sherry Finn reported that Russell Blogg had taken a position with IDNR and the AISWCD has advertised for his position and will have Interviews on June 19, 2014 for his replacement in LaSalle County SWCD.

604B Grant: New Hire-Matt Hanauer-starts part-time in July and comes on full-time in August. Kelly and Matt will be on 604B Grant payroll until Kelly takes over Executive Director duties on September 15, 2014; Kelly Thompson will be off from July 20, 2014 until September 15, 2014 for maternity leave.

FY 2015 State Budget: Rich Nichols reported at this time there is level funding for SWCDs with the Capitol Bill being passed with Cost Share funds.

MOU: Sondra Baker and Kara Downin have received no information since Dec. Waiting on farm bill; should document should be available soon; Ivan is working on legal information and the farm bill.

Policy Book Update: Rich Nichols and Jerry Snodgrass are trying to fine tune the information; hope to have the document ready by Summer Conference.



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NEW BUSINESS:

NACD Legislative Conference-Indiana-Already ready discussed

Regional Stewardship Challenge: Lonnie reported contract has been signed; Spring Duffey has been doing an outstanding job along with the McHenry-Lake SWCD staff; the event takes place August 3-5, a Sunday through Tuesday and there are 9 states involved. Co-Coordination for the event are Gina Bean, Sondra Baker, Spring Duffey and SWCD staff.

FY 2015 AISWCD QB Mtg Dates: already discussed in Planning.

FY 2014 AISWCD Resolutions and By-Laws Amendment: see attachment.

FY 2013 AISWCD/Foundation Audit: already discussed and accepted.

Computer Budget: Set for \$1,000

Cost Savings Report: Already discussed

AISWCD Board Membership accepted all reports-written and financial.