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VOTING

Director's Forum - Annual Business Meeting
(district voting delegates & alternates)

Monday, July 28th 4:15 - 5:15 p.m.
Onyx Room

DELEGATE

Annual/Foundation Business Meeting
(district voting delegates & alternates)

PACKET

Tuesday, July 29th 9:00 a.m.—Noon
Crystal/Diamond/Emerald Rooms

66th Association of Illinois Soil & Water Conservation Districts Annual Meeting & Illinois Land and Water Resources Conference

July 28-29, 2014 — Northfield Inn — Springfield, IL

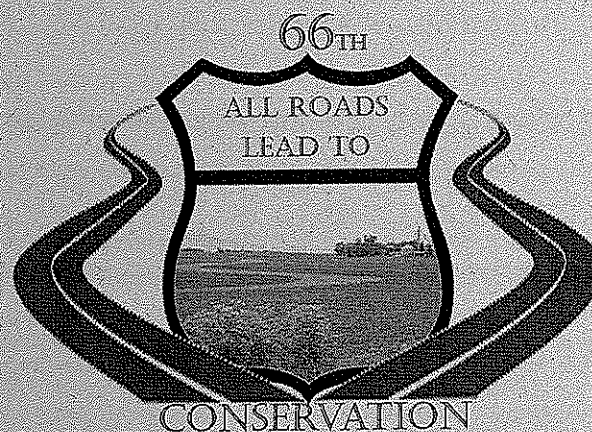


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**Welcome to the 66TH Annual Meeting
of the Association of Illinois Soil and Water
Conservation Districts and Illinois Land and
Water Resources Conference.**

**We hope you enjoy the two day conference.
Thank you for your efforts in supporting and
conserving our natural resources.**



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Agendas & AISWCD

Rules of

Business Meeting

**Preliminary Rules Governing
AISWCD 2014
Annual Business Meeting**

**Tuesday, July 29, 2014
9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Northfield Inn, Springfield, Illinois
Crystal/Diamond/Emerald Rooms**

1. SWCD Voting Delegates and Alternates will be seated at the front of the room by Councils and Areas. Each Member District will have two seats available in the delegate section, one for a delegate and one for an alternate delegate.
2. Any Delegate wishing to be recognized must present their District's sign and state their name.
3. Each District that has paid their 2014 dues based on 3% of funds received prior to July 28, 2014 is entitled to one vote on each item of business to come before the meeting.
4. Voting Delegates must be a District Director appointed by their district governing body.
5. Motions and Seconds will be accepted from only the voting delegates who are seated in the delegate section.
6. Votes will be counted from the delegates seating area only one for each district.
7. Any Delegate holding the floor may yield the floor to any person for technical information pertaining to the issue before the House.
8. Discussion on any issue will be accepted from the floor microphones only, with a maximum time allotment of two minutes.
9. Resolutions, which were submitted to the resolution Chairperson prior to the June Board Meeting and approved by their Council, will be brought before the Annual Meeting. Resolutions not submitted by the June Board Meeting may be brought before the voting delegates and must receive a 75% favorable response of voting delegates present in order to bring the resolution on the floor for discussion.
10. A time limit of five minutes (per speaker) will be imposed on any one resolution.

Director's Forum
Monday, July 28, 2014
4:15 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. - Onyx Room
Northfield Inn - Springfield, Illinois

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks – Lonnie Wilson, President
2. Introductions and Roll Call – Van Bitner, Secretary
 - By Member Districts
3. Approve District Voting Delegate Rules – Van Bitner, Secretary
(pg. 1 - Preliminary Rules & pgs. 26 thru 28 - Constitution)
4. Membership Dues – Kenny Vosholler, Treasurer
(page 39)
5. 2013 Audit Review – Kenny Vosholler, Treasurer
(pages 29-32)
6. FY 2015 Proposed AISWCD Budget – Kenny Vosholler, Treasurer
(pages 33-35)
7. Resolutions – Tom Beyers, Vice President
(pages 64-67)
8. Procedure for Election of Officers – Howard Heavner, Parliamentarian

President	- Two Year Term
Vice-President	- One Year Term
Secretary	- One Year Term
Treasurer	- One Year Term
9. Introduction and Presentations from Candidates Running for Office – Terry Davis, Nominations Chairman
 - Other Candidates for Office
10. Procedure for Area (2 & 4) Vice-Presidents and Alternates Election
 - Tom Beyers, Vice-President

Current:

Area 2 Vice-President: David McCormick (Brown County)

Alternate: Amy Hardwick-(Cass County)

Area 4 Vice President: Carlyn Light-(Union County)

Alternate: Glen Bowers-(Washington County)

11. Other Business
12. New Business
13. Adjournment

66th Annual Meeting Agenda The Association of Illinois Soil and Water Conservation Districts

Tuesday, July 29, 2014
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (Noon)
Northfield Inn, Springfield, Illinois
Crystal/Diamond/Emerald Rooms

1. Call to Order – 9:00 a.m. – Lonnie Wilson, President
2. Invocation – Van Bitner, Secretary
3. Pledge of Allegiance – Tom Beyers, Vice-President
4. Roll Call – Van Bitner, Secretary
 - By Member Districts
5. Introductions – Lonnie Wilson, President
 - Parliamentarian
 - AISWCD Officers
 - AISWCD Staff
 - Others
6. Approve District Voting Delegate Rules
(pg. 1 - Preliminary Rules and pgs. 26-28- Policies/Constitution)
7. Approval of 2013 Annual Meeting Minutes (pgs. 5-10)
8. Approval of 2013-2014 Board Meeting Minutes (pgs. 11-25)
9. Second Roll Call – Van Bitner, Secretary
10. Partner Reports
(Submitted written reports will be included in Delegate Packets)
 - AISWCD Auxiliary
 - IL SWCD Employees Association Report (pg. 42)
 - IL Department of Agriculture (pg. 41)
 - IL Department of Natural Resources
 - IL Environmental Protection Agency
 - Natural Resource Conservation Service
 - National Association of Conservation Districts
 - North Central NACD
 - Farm Service Agency
 - National Conservation District Employees Association

11. Resolutions & By-Law Amendment – Tom Beyers, Vice President (pgs. 64-67)

12. Old Business

13. New Business

- Any new resolutions to come before the Voting Delegate Body

14. Election of Officers – Terry Davis, Nominating Committee Chairman

- President Two-Year Term
- Vice-President One-Year Term
- Secretary One-Year Term
- Treasurer One-Year Term

15. Area Vice-Presidents & Alternate Elections – Tom Beyers, Vice President

- Area 2 Election
- Area 4 Election

Current:

Area 2: David McCormick (Brown Co.)

Alternate: Amy Hardwick (Cass Co.)

Area 4: Carlyn Light (Union Co.)

Alternate: Glen Bowers (Washington Co.)

16. Confirmation- Board of Directors

17. Future Annual Meeting Date and Location – Van Bitner, Secretary (pg. 39)

17. Officers Reports

(Submitted written reports will be included in Delegate Packets)

President: Lonnie Wilson (pg. 36)

Vice President: Tom Beyers

Treasurer: Kenny Vosholler (FY 2015 Draft Budget-pgs. 33-35)

Secretary: Van Bitner

Executive Director: Rich Nichols (pgs. 37-38)

18. Comments from Focus Area Committee Chairpersons

(Submitted written reports will be included in Delegate Packets.)

Communications: Steve Stierwalt (pg. 39)

Education: Jerry Snodgrass (pg. 40)

Executive: Lonnie Wilson

Financial Management: Kenny Vosholler (pg. 39)

Forestry: David McCormick

Legislative: Tom Beyers

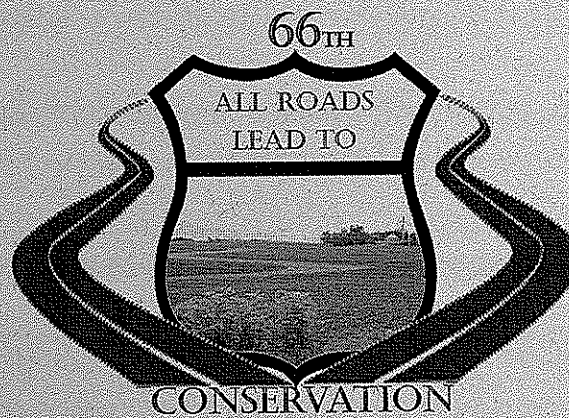
Planning: Van Bitner (pg. 39)

Urban Comm. & Conservation: Jerry Snodgrass & Gerard Fabrizio

19. Financial Report – Kenny Vosholler, Treasurer

- Membership Dues-FY 2014 (pg. 39)
- Acceptance of FY 2013 Audit (pgs. 29-32)-Pehlman & Dold, PC. firm reporting
- FY 2015 Proposed AISWCD Budget-(pgs. 33-35)

20. Adjourn For ISWCDF Meeting (pg. 43)



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AISWCD Board Minutes
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Policies/Constitution

Association of Illinois Soil & Water Conservation Districts

65th Annual Business Meeting

Tuesday, July 23rd, 2013

9:00 am – 12:05 pm

Northfield Inn & Conference Center

Springfield, Illinois

Meeting was called to order by AISWCD President, Lonnie Wilson at 9:00 am. The **Invocation** was given by AISWCD Secretary Van Bitner. Attendees then recited the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Tom Beyers.

Roll Call

Secretary Van Bitner gave the first roll call. The following eight counties were absent and ineligible to vote: **Adams, Gallatin, Greene, Jefferson, Pike, Pope-Hardin, Randolph, Scott.** Absent from the initial roll call were voting delegates from the following eligible counties: **Bond, Boone, Bureau, Calhoun, Cass, Clay, Douglas, Fayette, Fulton, Grundy, Hamilton, Iroquois, Jasper, Jersey, Johnson, Kendall, Knox, Logan, Macon, Massac, McHenry/Lake, Monroe, Moultrie, North Cook, Shelby, Stark, Vermilion, Williamson.** Van Bitner reported there was a quorum.

Introductions

Howard Heavner, introduced himself as Parliamentarian, and announced to the group the meeting would follow the guidelines set forth in Roberts Rules of Order. President Wilson introduced the AISWCD officers.

Auction Proceeds

Kenny Vosholler, Treasurer, reported the auction proceeds from Monday night's auction totaled \$6,182.00.

Introduction of AISWCD Staff

Rich Nichols, AISWCD Executive Director introduced the AISWCD staff, and their roles.

Approve District Voting Delegate Rules

Motion to approve the rules governing the meeting outlined in the delegate packet made by Macoupin County, seconded by Wayne County. MCVV.

Approval of Minutes

President Lonnie Wilson asked the voting delegates to approve the 2012 Annual Meeting Minutes listed on page 5-9 in the voting delegate packet. Motion was made by Sangamon County, seconded by Henderson County to approve the 2012 Annual Meeting Minutes. MCVV.

Approval of 2012-2013 Board Meeting Minutes

President Lonnie Wilson asked the voting delegates to approve the 2012-2013 Board Meeting Minutes listed on pages 10-33 in the voting delegate packet. **Motion was made by Montgomery County, seconded by DeKalb County to approve the 2012-2013 Board Meeting Minutes. MCVV.**

Roll Call

Second Roll Call was completed by Secretary Van Bitner. The following eight counties were absent and ineligible to vote: **Adams, Gallatin, Greene, Jefferson, Pike, Pope-Hardin, Randolph, Scott.** Absent from the second roll call were voting delegates from the following eligible counties: **Bond, Boone, Bureau, Calhoun, Clay, Douglas, Fayette, Fulton, Grundy, Hamilton, Jasper, Jersey, Johnson, Kendall, Knox, Logan, Macon, Massac, McHenry/Lake, Monroe, North Cook, Shelby, Stark, Vermilion, Williamson.** There were 64 voting delegates in attendance.

Partner Reports

IEPA – Marcia Willhite, Chief of Bureau of Water of IEPA, gave the report. Marcia talked about how IEPA has worked in partnership together for many years. Marcia reiterated how many Soil & Water Conservation Districts had been key partners in many of the Section 319 grants. These are very often used to demonstrate best management practices in rural and urban areas. Marcia talked about the recent tour that was held for over 300 people in Livingston County. She also touched on the 319 Grant with AISWCD in providing Crep Resource Specialists for different LUC counties. Marcia thanked SWCD's for all they do to help the environment and particularly their part in IEPA sponsored projects.

ISWCDEA – Betty Buckert and Kara Downin, ISWCDEA Co-Chairs, gave the report. Betty reported the ISWCDEA currently represent approximately 177 employees from 97 districts. All regional representative positions on the ISWCDEA board have been filled. Betty talked about working in conjunction with AISWCD on the Legislative Day, the upcoming Farm Progress Show, sessions being held at Summer Conference, and upcoming Winter Training. An online Employee Handbook will be unveiled soon. Kara Downin urged everyone to buy a 50/50 raffle ticket, if they have not already. The raffle sponsors the ISWCDEA scholarship. Kara reported the ISWCDEA will soon be selling plastic license plate frames. Kara expressed the directors for their support and involvement.

IDOA – Jared Thornley gave the report for IDOA. Jared shared information on the budget and funding. The Illinois General Assembly and the Governor approved the budget for 3 million dollars for district operations, and 4.5 million for cost-share projects for fiscal year 2014. IDOA also provided a written report which is on page 55 of the AISWCD delegate packet.

IDNR – Jim Herkert, Director of the office of Resource Conservation gave the report. Jim showed a flow chart for DNR/Office of Resource Conservation and presented a slide presentation of accomplishments on different programs and talked about those programs, including the Crep Program. Jim thanked the districts for their work, and looks forward to working with them in the future.

NRCS – Ivan Dozier, NRCS State Conservationist, gave the report. Ivan gave program numbers for some of the different programs, but reminded those in attendance the total figures would not be in until the end of the fiscal year. Ivan reported he was a little disappointed in the Mississippi River Basin Initiative. NRCS has also provided a written report which is on pages 58-59 of the AISWCD delegate packet.

Auxiliary - Marie Bunting gave the report. Marie ask attendees to come out to the silent auction table during the break and bid on items, and also buy raffle tickets and snacks. Marie stated the Auxiliary needs to perk up. She asks the districts to please go back, talk to their directors, and get the spouses involved. Marie announced a new officer, Judy Beyers. Marie stated there were only four people who showed up on Monday for the Mary Kay demonstration. There was very poor turnout at the childrens activities. She asked the directors to bring their spouses along to the next Summer Conference. Marie thanks AISWCD for all they do.

NACD and NACD North Central - Tim Palmer, Executive Board Member from Iowa, and the North Central Representative for NACD gave the report. Tim reported there would be a North Central meeting next July in Indianapolis. Tim reported he was elected in February, and looked forward to the chance to follow in the footsteps of some of the leadership from Illinois, and to work with those relationships he has built over the last few years. Tim stated he understood Earl Garber had given a pretty thorough report yesterday on NACD. Tim touched on the Farm Bill. Tim gave some background on himself and his experience as a commissioner in Iowa.

FSA - No Report.

NCDEA - No Report.

Resolutions

Vice President Tom Beyers announced the resolutions as presented on pages 88 - 89 in the AISWCD voting delegate packet. Vice President Beyers reviewed each resolutions approval to the delegate body.

2013-1 Policy Book

Discussion - Champaign County - At the directors' forum it was pointed out that the policy as proposed, with changes made on the screen, the last line, "the Policy Book will guide staff and directors each year, and it will further resolve that the task force made to examine the AISWCD's Bylaws be charged with the task of developing a process whereby existing resolutions that are no longer applicable can by resolution of the body be rescinded." Champaign County also reported, Piatt County, who submitted the resolution is on board with the change. **Motion to get resolution on the floor was made by Champaign County, seconded by Dewitt County. MCVV.**

Further Discussion - Washington County spoke in favor of the resolution as amended.

DeKalb County questioned if the name should be Policy Book. They felt it should be call Resolution Book. **Motion from DeKalb County to amend resolution to strike the word policy and replace it with resolution, second by Henry County.** Discussion of proposed amendment - Champaign County spoke in opposition of the amendment. Henry County - Gave input in favor of name change amendment: To avoid confusion between resolution and policy, most of the resolutions have to do with legislation; the name change to resolution book would be less confusing for everyone. Warren County - Once a year, we review our annual plan of work without adopting a new set of rules such a policy book. Wayne County- They don't really think the AISWCD is trying to change policy when they make a resolution. **A vote was taken on the amendment only, to change the name from policy to resolution book. MCCV, 52 voting yes. The amendment passed. The resolution will now be called the Resolution Book. A vote was taken on the resolution itself, as amended. MCCV.**

2013-2 Sales Tax Relief for Cover Crops Resolution

Discussion – Tom Beyers reported they had taken the liberty to change the word crap to crop in the next to the last paragraph, last sentence, since it was a typographical error. Unanimous consent was given for the correction of the spelling. **Motion was made by Montgomery County, second by Christian County to pass the resolution as amended with correct spelling.** Warren County – **Made a motion to amend the resolution to change the word relief to exemption, seconded by Christian County.** Vice President Beyers called for the question on the amendment only. MCCV. Discussion on amended resolution – none. Vice President Beyers called for the question on the amended resolution – MCCV.

Vice President Beyers called for any resolutions from the floor. There were none.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

There was no new business.

Election of Officers

President Lonnie Wilson, ask Terry Davis, Warren County, and Nominating Committee Chairperson, to come forward and submit the slate of officers for 2013-2014 year. Terry Davis presented the slate as follows:

Tom Beyers, Marion County, to serve a one year term as Vice-President. There were no nominations from the floor. The Nominating Committee Chair ask that Tom Beyers name be on the slate for the office of Vice-President. Van Bitner, Mason County, to serve a one year term for Secretary. There were no nominations from the floor. The Nominating Committee Chair ask that Van Bitner's name be put on the slate for the office of Secretary. Kenny Vosholler, Perry County, to serve a one year term for Treasurer. There were no nominations from the floor. The Nominating Committee Chair ask Kenny Vosholler's name be put on the slate for the office of Treasurer. **A motion was made by Marion County, seconded by Stephenson County, to cast a unanimous vote for the above slate. MCVV.**

Area Vice President Elections

Vice President Tom Beyers stated Area 1 and Area 3 have elections in odd years. Areas met to hold elections, results were as follows:

Area 1 – Jerry Snodgrass (Henry County)

Alternate – Chuck Hanley

Area 3 – Steve Stierwalt (Champaign County)

Alternate – Kenny Hawthorne (Ford County)

Audit Report

The Audit Report was given by Tim Cravens, auditor. The audit report can be found on page 39-40 of the AISWCD Delegate Packet. **Motion by Sinclair County, second by Macoupin County to accept auditors report. MCVV.**

Officers Reports

President – President Lonnie Wilson gave his report. He felt the officers had done a great job this year. Goals were set, and met. President Wilson touched on Legislative Day, and its success. Crep CRS positions were discussed. The President's written report can be found on pages 44-45 of the AISWCD Delegate Packet.

Vice President - Vice-President Tom Beyers gave his report. He re-emphasized how well the Sunday afternoon tour was received and complimented Terry Nichols and Sangamon SWCD for all their great work. Vice-President Beyers stressed the importance of weighing in on a bill electronically. He touched on legislative awareness and NACD, and ask for the districts backing of NACD, who work on securing NRCS funds. Beyers also discussed Nutrient Management.

Treasurer – Treasurer Kenny Vosholler gave the report and reviewed pages 41-43 in the AISWCD Delegate Packet. **A motion was made by Sinclair County, seconded by Effingham County to approve the AISWCD budget. Discussion – None. MCVV. A motion was made by Livingston, seconded by Montgomery to approve the financial management report. MCVV.**

Secretary – Van Bitner ask everyone to fill out their conference surveys. Lonnie ask for a motion to approve the Planning Committee Report as part of Van Bitner's report. **A motion was made by Morgan County, seconded by Henderson County to approve the Planning Committee Report. MCVV.**

Executive Director – Rich Nichols, Executive Director, reported his written report is on pages 46-47 of the AISWCD Voting Delegate Packet. Rich impressed on the importance of partners. Rich urged attendees to let legislators know that soil conservation is an important issue and that you support funding, and you support programs, and that you would ask for their votes in supporting these things.

Comments from Focus Area Committee Chairpersons

Communications – Steve Stierwalt gave the report, and also impressed upon contacting legislators. Steve touched on the email list for directors and also the new AISWCD website. Communications report is on page 48 of the AISWCD Delegate Voting Packet. **Motion by Christian County, second by Macoupin to approve report. MCVV.**

Education - Jerry Snodgrass gave report. Jerry urged district directors to promote the "Teacher of the Year Award." Education report on pages 49-51 of AISWCD Voting Delegate Packet. **Motion by Sinclair County, second by Sangamon County to approved Education Report. MCVV.**

Executive – Submitted reports are in the AISWCD Voting Delegate Voting Packet. **Motion was made by Montgomery County, second by Effingham County to approve the Executive Reports as submitted with Quarterly Board Minutes in the AISWCD Voting Delegate Packet. MCVV.**

Financial – Approval submitted with Treasurer's Report (see above).

Forestry – David McCormick announced the “Call Before You Cut” packets are available in the hall for pickup, along with two posters. David also reported there would be a tour at the Ray Herman farm around the 1st of October. Forestry reports are on pages 63-69 of the AISWCD Voting Delegate Packet. **Motion to approve forestry report was made by Marion County, second by Wayne County. MCVV.**

Legislative - Tom Beyers reported everything was covered in his Vice-President Report, and Quarterly Board reports included in the AISWCD Voting Delegate Packet. **Motion to approve the Legislative Reports was made by Coles County, seconded by Effingham County. MCVV.**

Planning – Written report can be found on page 48 of AISWCD Voting Delegate Packet. **Motion to approve the report was made by Effingham, second by Morgan. MCVV.**

Urban Community & Conservation – Gerald Fabrizio gave the report. Detailed report can be found on Page 54 of the AISWCD Voting Delegate Packet. **Motion by Cumberland County, seconded by Henderson County. MCVV.**

Adjournment

Motion made by Morgan County to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Henderson County. MCVV.

The meeting adjourned at 12:05 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Cindy Moon, McDonough County SWCD &

Sherry Finn, AISWCD Administrative Assistant

**AISWCD Board meeting
JUNE Quarterly Board
June 10, 2014 @ 8:30 a.m.
Northfield Inn & Suites**

Present

Lonnie Wilson, President
Tom Beyers, Vice President
Van Bitner, Secretary
Kenny Vosholler, Treasurer
Jerry Snodgrass, Area I VP
Steve Stierwalt, Area III VP
Glen Bowers, Area IV VP Alternate
Barb Klinger, Council 1
Terry Bogner, Council 2
Lee Bunting, Council 3
Terry Davis, Council 4
Dan Duval, Council 5
Joe Rothermel, Council 7
Darrell Roegge, Council 8
Mark Roth, Council 9
Dan Doedtman, Council 10
Steve Fulling, Council 11
Don Beisiegel, Council 12
Roger Johnson, Council 13
Dale Shumaker, Council 15
Gerard Fabrizio, Council 16
Kara Downin, ISWCDEA RC Co-Chair
Rich Nichols, AISWCD
Sherry Finn, AISWCD
Kelly Thompson, AISWCD
Gina Bean, AISWCD
James Todd, AISWCD Past President

Absent

David McCormick, Area II VP
Dan Duval, Council 5
Jason Anderson, Council 9
Tom Anderson, LUC 14
Mike Hoffman, Lobbyist
Sondra Baker, ISWCDEA

Call to Order

Lonnie Wilson, AISWCD President called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Roll Call

Roll call was taken by Secretary Van Bitner.

Approve Agenda

The agenda was reviewed. Lonnie Wilson would like the agenda to be updated with the Cost Savings Report, New Hire, Computer, and Personnel Policy. **Motion to approve updated agenda made by Gerard Fabrizio, seconded by Tom Beyers; MCVV.**

Partner Reports

Partner reports were given by Steve Chard, IDOA; Dave Dornbush, NRCS; Bill Gradle, IFA; Dick Breckenridge, IEPA; Kara Downin, ISWCDEA; Melissa Cauble, SWCD Insurance; Lonnie Wilson, NACD Delegate & North Central Region.

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 Financial FAC; the 2014 Resolutions and the By-Laws Amendment had been sent to the Legislative FAC; the 2015 Quarterly Board Meeting Date, location, and planning along with the 2015 Annual Meeting date & locations had been given to Planning FAC; President Wilson reported a new hire by the name of Matt Hanauer from Indiana, had been given the new Watershed-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.

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, closing of Lockport Area for barge hauling and drainage problems.

Nominations: Terry Davis reported they would take a break and all members would stay and discuss nominations. Slate of officers:

President: Gerard Fabrizius

VP: Tom Beyers

Secretary: Van Bitner

Treasurer: Kenny Vosholler

Communication: Steve Stierwalt reported his committee would like to see thank you letters for dues sent by e-mail and not mailed; Quarterly Board packets sent by e-mail and not printed out for Directors; Kelly Thompson will look into postage scale and on-line postage (current postage machine at office cancelled); Kelly and Rich are looking into new phone lines-possibility of ring central-cost is cheaper; **Motion to accept recommendations made by Dan Doedtman and seconded by Barb Klinger; MCVV.** 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. **Motion to accept report for Communications made by Steve Stierwalt and seconded by Tom Beyers; MCVV.**

Education: Jerry Snodgrass reported there were two teacher of the year awards to be presented-K-8 and 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. **Motion to use Envirothon Bridge Funds towards Regional Stewardship Challenge made by Lee Bunting and seconded by Barb Klinger; MCVV.** IL State Envirothon proclamation for May 1, 2014 was completed after the Envirothon; trying to get proclamation started earlier for 2015; **Motion to have DeWitt County Staff serve as 2015 IL Envirothon Coordinators was made by Barb Klinger and seconded by Roger Johnson; MCVV.** **Motion made by Steve Fulling and seconded by Terry Bogner to pay the Regional Stewardship Challenge Regional fee-\$800 and Team fee-\$900 for Illinois Team; MCVV.** **Motion to accept Education report was made by Steve Stierwalt and seconded by Randy Molitoris; MCVV.**

Financials: Kenny Vosholler reported Audit Summary and report had been submitted to the AISWCD Executive Committee and copies had been handed out to the entire Board. **Motion to accept the audit report for 2013 was made by Glen Bowers and seconded by Tom Beyers; MCVV.** **Motion to move Grant Account to a different bank and to set up payroll as electronic payment was made by Lee Bunting and seconded by Barb Klinger; MCVV.** Discussion followed on 2015 AISWCD Budget to look into compensation for Board Members rooms and mileage; Lonnie Wilson reported there would be an Executive Meeting teleconference call later in the month and this would be on the agenda. **Motion to accept Financials' report was made by Dan Doedtman and seconded by Tom Beyers; MCVV.**

Legislative: Tom Beyers asked for support and funding for the NE IL Legislative Tour hosted by Kane-DuPage SWCD on September 15, 2014 in St. Charles, IL from 9-12:30. **Motion made by Tom Beyers and seconded by Roger Johnson to dedicate funding for up to \$2000 for the NE IL Legislative Tour; MCVV.** Tom reported the 2014 AISWCD 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 Proclamation every year. **Motion to accept Legislative Report was made by Don Beisiegel and seconded by Lee Bunting; MCVV.**

Planning: Van Bitner reported the plans for the 2014 Annual Meeting are finalized and reservations are coming in; request for hospitality room-Sherry Finn will take care of this; 2015 Annual Meeting was proposed for the Northfield Inn, Suites and Conference Center for July 27 and 28, 2015. **Motion to have the 2015 Annual Meeting July 27 and 28, 2015 at the Northfield Inn was made by Van Bitner and seconded by Steve Fulling; MCVV.** Van also said 2015 AISWCD Quarterly Board meeting dates were scheduled for the second Monday and Tuesday of the months of March, June, and December. The September Board meeting is only used if needed. There was discussion about the March meeting being in February again, but as a three day meeting with one for Legislative Day and two for Quarterly Boards. **Motion to have the second Monday and Tuesday meeting for June and December 2015 and second Tuesday in September 2015 for Executive Meeting made by Van Bitner and seconded by Dan Doedtman; MCVV.** **Motion to have flexible dates in February/March 2015 for Legislative Day and March QB was made by Van Bitner and seconded by Lee Bunting; MCVV.** **Motion to accept planning committee report made by Tom Beyers and seconded by Glen Bowers; MCVV.**

Urban: Gerard Fabrizio reported on the Northern IL Legislative Tour that will take place on September 15, 2014 with the IL Field Moms helping and the Kane-DuPage SWCD staff with invitations going out soon; spoke about new hire, Matt Hanauer for Kelly Thompson's position. **Motion to accept Urban report was made by Steve Stierwalt and seconded by Don Beisiegel; MCVV.**

Executive Director Report: Rich Nichols reported on the Nutrient Reduction Management Strategy and gave hand out that had been e-mailed to ila.ill; applying for new grants this fall (2014).

Area VP Reports:

Area I: Jerry Snodgrass had nothing to report.

Area II: David McCormick absent; sent no report.

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

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

Motion to approve March Quarterly Board Meeting minutes was made by Tom Beyers and seconded by Roger Johnson; MCVV.

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 2 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 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 December; waiting on Farm Bill; Ivan Dozier from NRCS is working on legal information and waiting on farm bill.

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

New Business:

NACD Legislative Conference-Indiana: Lonnie Wilson will be attending for the AISWCD.

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

FY 2014 AISCD Resolutions and By-Laws Amendment:

Resolution 1: Illinois Certainty Program; motion to support as submitted was made by Roger Johnson and seconded by Glen Bowers; MCVV.

Resolution 2: Nutrient Reduction Strategy; motion to not support as proposed with a request for a friendly amendment was made by Terry Davis and seconded by Dan Doedtman; MCVV.

Resolution 3: Soil Health; motion to not support as proposed with a request for a friendly amendment was made by Lee Bunting and seconded by Don Beisiegel; MCVV.

By-Laws Amendment: motion to support By-Laws amendment made by Tom Beyers and seconded by Jerry Snodgrass; MCVV.

Motion to accept written report submitted made by Lee Bunting and seconded Steve Fulling; MCVV.

Computer Budget: Motion to allow \$1000 Budget for new computer for Kelly Thompson as Executive Director made by Kenny Vosholler and seconded by Dan Doedtman; MCVV.

Personnel Policy Update: Lonnie Wilson reported policy needs to be updated with new terminology regarding full time, part time, immediate classifications; also new conceal carry medical marijuana and persons able to drive AISWCD vehicle. Rich Nichols is going to update and send the policy out to Districts so they can update their policies as well.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn meeting at 12:13 p.m. was made by Terry Davis and seconded by Barb Klínger; MCVV.

Minutes taken & transcribed by:

Sherry Finn

**AISWCD Board meeting
March Quarterly Board
February 26, 2014
Northfield Inn & Suites**

Present

Lonnie Wilson, President
Tom Beyers, Vice President
Van Bitner, Secretary
Kenny Vosholler, Treasurer
Jerry Snodgrass, Area I VP
David McCormick, Area II VP
Steve Stierwalt, Area III VP
Barb Klinger, Council 1
Terry Bogner, Council 2
Lee Bunting, Council 3
Terry Davis, Council 4
Dan Duval, Council 5
Joe Rothermel, Council 7
Darrell Roegge, Council 8
Mark Roth, Council 9
Dan Doedtman, Council 10
Steve Fulling, Council 11
Don Belsiegel, Council 12
Roger Johnson, Council 13
Dale Shumaker, Council 15
Gerard Fabrizius, Council 16
Sondra Baker, ISWCDEA AC Co-Chair
Rich Nichols, AISWCD
Sherry Finn, AISWCD
Kelly Thompson, AISWCD
Gina Bean, AISWCD
James Todd, AISWCD Past President

Absent

Carllyn Light, Area IV VP
Randy Molitoris, Council 6
Tom Anderson, Council 14
Mike Hoffman, Lobbyist
Marie Bunting, AISWCD President
Kara Downin, ISWCDEA RC Co-Chair

Call to Order

Lonnie Wilson, AISWCD President called the meeting to order at 1:18 pm.

Roll Call

Roll call was taken by Secretary Van Bitner.

Approve Agenda

The agenda was reviewed. Lonnie Wilson would like the agenda to be updated with the Envirothon report from DeWitt County to be added to new business. **Motion to approve updated agenda made by Darrell Roegge, seconded by Van Bitner; MCVV.**

Partner Reports

IDOA –Steve Chard reported.

ISWCDEA – Sondra Baker reported; see written report on page 49.

No other reports were given due to no other representation.

Committees/FAC/Taskforce Reports:

Executive –Business Items included Resolution Policy Manual and discussion on how to eliminate some Resolutions; there needs to be a By-Law Amendment; President Wilson appointed a taskforce to look into this; Envirothon Bridge Fund account was appointed to the Education FAC; the Legislator of the Year and Friend of Conservation were appointed to the Legislative FAC; Personnel changes were made-the Executive Committee wants to change Sherry Finn's title to Administrative Specialist and Kelly Thompson's title to Executive Director when Rich retires in September. Since Sherry is taking care of the CREP and the Pilot Program-**Motion was made by Jerry Snodgrass for change to Sherry Finn's title from Administrative Assistant to Administrative Specialist when Rich retires in September and seconded by Dan Duval; MCVV.**

Motion was made by Jerry Snodgrass to promote and make offer to Kelly Thompson from Program Coordinator to Executive Director when Rich retires in September and this was seconded by Gerard Fabrizio, MCVV.

IUM-Grant replacement-Lonnie appointed a taskforce consisting of Tom Beyers, Jerry Snodgrass and Gerard Fabrizio to hire a replacement and advertise for the position of Program Coordinator and wants the board to approve the committee and give them power to hire a new replacement. **Motion for the above proposal was made by Roger Johnson and seconded by Dan Duval; MCVV.**

Communications- Steve Stierwalt reported on Director Training and LUC Roles and Responsibilities as a session for the 2014 Annual Meeting; **Stierwalt made the motion and Dan Doedtman seconded to have the session at the 2014 Annual Meeting; MCVV.** Discussion followed about teleconferencing which many felt had good advantages-one being the Partners and AISWCD participation and disadvantages-not being face-to-face.

Education- Jerry Snodgrass reported; Jerry took the time to thank everyone for their well wishes while he was absent; the Director training pin was received from NACD; Prairie Garden (Rain Garden) at AISWCD office will be done by Lanphier High School; Envirothon event has been contracted to DeWitt County SWCD Staff; Teacher of the Year applications are due by May 16, 2014; Bridge fund account raised \$1,540 with another \$1,000 match by AISWCD-holding funds until National Envirothon Event determined; would like the Board to contribute up to \$150 for plaques for the Teacher of the Year winners to be presented at Ag Day at the State Fair-**Motion to spend up to \$150 for Teacher of the Year plaques to be presented at Ag Day at the State Fair was made by Roger Johnson and seconded by Barb Klinger; MCVV.**

Financials- Kenny Vosholler reported the auditors for the FY 2013 will be at the AISWCD office in Mid-April to conduct the audit; new van has been purchased and handouts with information are with your packet materials; the AISWCD Budget will be reworked.

Legislative- Tom Beyers reported on current bills-Prevailing Wage, Nutrient Taskforce, and Shell bills; discussed Envirothon Resolution/Proclamations-no progress yet; wants Board to accept Legislative of the Year nominee-US Representative Rodney Davis; **Motion made by Lee Bunting and seconded by Steve Fulling to have US Representative Rodney Davis as the 2014 AISWCD Legislator of the Year; MCVV.** Tom Beyers also asked the Board to approve the Meijer Corporation as the Friend of Conservation nominee. **Motion made by Dan Doedtman and seconded by Jerry Snodgrass to have the Meijer Corporation serve as the 2014 AISWCD Friend of Conservation; MCVV.** Gerard Fabrizio had proposed information to the Legislative FAC for a Chicago based Legislative Tour-still in the working stages-for a 1 day event with transportation and lunch; support provided by Ag Moms.

Planning- Van Bitner reported committee would like to change the 2014 AISWCD Annual Meeting theme to "All Roads lead to Conservation" with a new logo to include the Route 66 sign; **Motion made by Van Bitner to change the 2014 AISWCD Annual Meeting theme and logo and the motion was seconded by Darrell Roegge; MCVV.** Van noted that the Farm Family application possible update for 2015 has an appointed taskforce of Van Bitner, Steve Fulling, Terry Davis, and Sherry Finn.

Urban Community & Conservation- Gerard Fabrizio reported that the Kelly Thompson and Megan Andrews presented at the NACD Annual Meeting in Anaheim, CA; Technical steering committee has hard copies of updates; Kelly, Megan and Gerard attended the RPG session at the NACD annual meeting. Gerard asked that the Board to consider having a soil health session at the 2014 AISWCD Annual Mtg with information about the Indiana Conservation Cropping Initiative which includes Urban practices and presented by the Indiana Assoc of SWCDs. **Motion was made by Lee Bunting to have a Indiana Conservation Cropping Initiative Session which was seconded by Dan Doedtman; MCVV.** Gerard would also like the Board to approved a legislative tour for North Eastern IL Legislators to be a half day event (8:30-lunch) in September-October with Field Moms (Linda Olsen, President) as supporters. **Motion to host a NE IL Legislative Tour was made by Lee Bunting and seconded by Barb Klinger; MCVV.**

AISWCD Auxiliary – Lee Bunting reported the auxiliary is looking for a speaker for the Soil Stewardship luncheon and speakers for sessions.

Forestry-David McCormick reported about grant proposals; noted the Forestry Development committee has cancelled meetings twice due to inclement weather; David would like the Board to approve to send a letter to IDNR requesting they fill the State Forester position. **Motion was made by David McCormick and seconded by Barb Klinger to send a letter to IDNR requesting the State Forester position be filled; MCVV.**

SWCD Insurance – Melissa Cauble reported on the handout that was presented to members with their packets. **Motion to accept all reports was made by Tom Beyers and seconded by Barb Klinger; MCVV.**

Area VP Reports:

Area 1 – Jerry Snodgrass –Jerry Snodgrass reported LUC 16 will have three (3) Resolutions to submit and they will include Soil Health, Nutrient Reduction, and Certainty.

Area 2 – David McCormick had nothing to report

Area 3 – Steve Stierwalt had nothing to report

Area 4 – Carlyn Light was not present to report

Old Business

SWCD Dues Update –Sherry Finn reported there were fifteen (15) Districts unpaid at this time for the FY 2014 AISWCD Dues first installment amount of \$764.52.

FY2014 EPA Grant and CREP Staffing Update –Sherry Finn reported there are six (6) full time CREP Resource Specialist on staff at this time and Administration fees for 2013 were almost \$26,000.00.

FY 2014 IUM Grant Update – Kelly Thompson asked the Board to see her hand out with their packet materials and noted the new IUM Grant is a 604B grant which includes more outreach and AISWCD does not have a match.

MOU – Lonnie Wilson reported that NRCS has the final draft and Ivan Dozier, NRCS, is happy with the language but will need to insert some new farm bill legalities.

Affiliate Membership – Gina Bean reported there are seven (7) paid members – one (1) District, four (4) individuals, one (1) Corporate, and one (1) Lifetime Member; pins have not been ordered yet because Gina and Kelly Thompson are reworking them; email has been put together and Kelly and Gina will forward and update in the Conservation Catchall.

FY 2014-State Budget-Rich Nichols noted there was nothing to report at this time; they have a hearing meeting.

Resolution/Variance/Policy Book Update – 1st Draft Proposal was handed out, but the AISWCD By-Laws do not have direction on how to handle Resolutions that are completed so discussion followed and it was decided to exam how this plays out in By-Laws as well as check with Parliamentarian and come back in June to see if it can be done; By-Law change on how to handle dissolved Resolutions and have updated Policy Booklet

NACD North Central Region Mtg in Chicago – Lonnie Wilson reported that he and Gerard Fabrizio attended the meeting in Chicago; resolutions were presented for approval to the NACD delegates; new North Central Region chair is Lonnie Wilson; Vice Chair is Ian Cunningham; Gerard learned a lot and observed the inner workings; have a Farm Bill with added sections for Urban and River Issues.

NACD Annual Meeting in Anaheim, CA – Lonnie Wilson reported National Envirothon has been cancelled in Georgia due to lack of funding and no sponsor (Canon has pulled funding); Lonnie and Tom Beyers are working on a goal to establish the event or have a North Central Region event; Kelly Thompson and Megan Andrews presented on the IUM and were very impressive.

Envirothon Bridge Fund Update- This has already been reported on.

New Van Status-Lonnie Wilson asked everyone to look over the handout with their packet materials.

New Business:

IL Envirothon Coordinators Contract-DeWitt County SWCD-Sondra Baker, AC from DeWitt County SWCD reported and thanked everyone for trusting DeWitt County SWCD staff. Registration and Volunteer Packets with 5th Category are completed and on the AISWCD Website; T-Shirt design is done and cost for T-shirts is \$4.75 each; this is 10 cents cheaper than last year's shirts; they have sixteen (16) judges secured, three (3) presenters, and have purchased winning trophies – three (3) of them for \$283.12; U of I Campground contract is secured; Brown Bag Menu with new vegetarian options has been completed; Oral Presentation buckets are completed except for the new batteries ordered for the stop watches and calculators; Prairie Farms is donating the ice cream for the social; Pheasants Forever contacted for donation; and new evening games for students will be glow in the dark kick ball.

National Envirothon Update – Lonnie Wilson reported the AISWCD has a taskforce appointed and we are moving forward with a possible event; deadline date is scheduled for 3/14/14 with funding and location or possibly having a North Central Region event in place of National event.

Legislator of the Year and Friend of Conservation - Was already covered. See Legislative Committee report

Accept Written Reports –Motion to accept all repots was made by Kenny Vosholler and seconded by Barb Klinger; MCVV

Accept Financial Reports – Motion to accept all financial reports was made by Kenny Vosholler and seconded by Barb Klinger; MCVV.

Approve December 2013 Board Meeting Minutes –Motion to approve December 2013 AISWCD Board Meeting Minutes was made by Dan Doedtman and seconded by Darrell Roegge; MCVV.

Adjournment –Motion made to adjourn meeting was made by Darrell Roegge and seconded by Don Beisiegel; MCVV. The meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Minutes taken & transcribed by:

Sherry Finn

December Quarterly Board
December 10, 2013
Northfield Inn & Suites, Springfield, Illinois

Present

Lonnie Wilson, President
Tom Beyers, Vice President
Van Bitner, Secretary
Kenny Vosholler, Treasurer
David McCormick, Area II VP
Steve Stierwalt, Area III VP
Barb Klinger, Council 1
Terry Bogner, Council 2
Lee Bunting, Council 3
Terry Davis, Council 4
Dan Duval, Council 5
Randy Molitoris, Council 6
Daniel Doedtman, Council 10
Steve Fulling, Council 11
Don Beisiegel, Council 12
Roger Johnson, Council 13
Gerard Fabrizius, Council 16
Marie Bunting, Auxiliary President
Sondra Baker, ISWCDEA AC Co-Chair
Kara Downin, ISWCDEA RC Co-Chair (Left Early)
Rich Nichols, AISWCD
Sherry Finn, AISWCD
Kelly Thompson, AISWCD
Gina Bean, AISWCD

Absent

Jerry Snodgrass, Area 1 VP
Carlyn Light, Area IV VP
Joe Rothermel, Council 7
Darrell Roegge, Council 8
Mark Roth, Council 9
Tom Anderson, Council 14
Dale Shumaker, Council 15
Mike Hoffman, Lobbyist

Call to Order

Lonnie Wilson, AISWCD President called the meeting to order at 8:25 am.

Roll Call

Roll call was taken by Secretary Van Bitner.

Approve Agenda

The agenda was reviewed. **Motion to approve agenda was made by Tom Beyers, seconded by Dan Duval. MCVV.**

Partner Reports

IDOA (Steve Chard) -- Steve Chard reported the National No-Till Conference would be held in Springfield at the Hilton Hotel January 15 – 18, and passed around a copy of the agenda to board members. Steve reported there will be Conservation Cropping Seminars throughout the state on January 28, February 27, and March 13. The 1st & 2nd Quarter of District Operations funds should have been received in all district offices. Steve complimented the employees on a successful Winter Training held the week before. Steve touched on the numerous energy projects that are going through Illinois without any benefit to Illinois, and the concern that is happening within the agriculture community. IDOA written report on page 50-51 of Quarterly Board packet and is attached to the minutes.

NRCS— Report was given by Ivan Dozier, State Conservationist. Ivan touched on the shutdown. He reported they were caught up on pretty much everything except Labor Relations Union meeting that was scheduled for December 10, but was cancelled. Ivan brought up the budget for FY14, which he received last week. Right now there is no authority to work on contribution agreements because there is no work on CRP. The Farm Bill expired the end of September. We are approaching deadlines for some of the price support issues that are coming up at the end of the month that could affect the prices of milk, etc. NRCS written report is attached to these minutes.

FSA — Rick Graden gave the FSA report. Illinois FSA is struggling with the staffing level. The current ceiling 416 employees. Illinois will be twenty people under that at the end of January, and they are in a hiring freeze. Illinois, Iowa, and Nebraska are the most understaffed. FSA written report on page 52 of the Quarterly Board packet and is attached to the minutes.

IEPA - Dick Breckenridge has nothing other than to wish everyone a merry Christmas. IEPA will be giving a slide presentation at the end of the board meeting.

IFA — Bill Gradle gave a report on behalf of the Illinois Forestry Association of which he is now President. Bill introduced a Purple Paint Sign (No trespassing). The IFA will donate one to the AISWCD Auction. Bill explained you could paint the perimeter of the trees entering the property with a purple strip that could be used also. He directed the board towards the IFA website for more information or to buy a sign (information attached). Bill passed out a handout of the Illinois Forestry Association directory to board members. Bill touched on the Farm Bill and Title 11 Sec 124OB of the current Farm Bill, which 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 decide their priorities in address resource concerns and issues.

DNR — No report.

ISWCDEA — Sondra Baker and Kara Downin, ISWCDEA Co-Chairs, gave the report. Sondra and Kara talked about Winter Training, which has 150 attendees. ISWCDEA written report is on page 55 of the packet and is attached to the minutes. Kenny Vosholler presented the Employee Association with their share of the proceeds from the AISWCD auction.

NCDEA — Cindy Moon reported in observance of time she would forego giving an oral report, and directed board members to her written report on page 53 of the packet.

NACD & NACD North Central –Lonnie Wilson gave a brief report. Lonnie reported there would be a meeting in Chicago in January and would be presenting a bylaw amendment on the election cycle rules for NACD. There are no resolutions that Lonnie knows of yet. Lonnie ask for input or concerns. **A motion was made by Gerard Fabrizius, second by Terry Bogner to carry a resolution forward to North Central that states to recommend that the artificial ratio established in the 2008 Farm Bill be abandoned and replaced with language that will allow the NRCS state Conservationist with the advice of the state technical committee determine the state's priorities for utilizing available EQIP dollars to achieve the most effective and efficient means of protecting the state's natural resources based on the USDA survey required by Federal law. MCVV.**

Discussion was held on delegate /alternate appointments . **A motion was made by Terry Davis, seconded by Don Beisiegel to affirm the appointments of Lonnie Wilson as delegate, and Tom Beyers as alternate for the North Central NACD. MCVV.**

Committee Reports:

Executive – Lonnie Wilson reported. Most of the items have been pushed into the committee reports. Lonnie reported they talked about EQIP, pension reform, different grants. Lonnie appointed a task force to take on the issue of hiring an AISWCD Executive Director. The current Executive Director has made a decision to retire around September 1, 2014. The task force consists of: Lonnie Wilson, Tom Beyers, and Jerry Snodgrass. The task force will make a recommendation and take it to the Executive Committee. It will then be taken to the AISWCD board for confirmation of that position hopefully in March. Lonnie felt that decision fit within the bylaws, and ask for feedback. **Motion to approve process was made by Roger Johnson, seconded by Dan Duval. MCVV. Motion to approve Executive report was made by Barb Klinger, seconded by Dan Doedtman. MCVV.**

Forestry – David McCormick gave the report. There were several discussions going on, including logging contracts getting best management practices (bmp) which would include loggers taking care of trails where damage was made to the forest floor. Chainsaw safety classes were discussed. Discussion was held on polling districts which have a lot of forestry to see if they would have any board members interesting in being on the Forestry Committee. Discussion was held on asking Wayne Kinney to be a speaker at Summer Conference. The forestry council will be taking grants again. Last year, one of the two the committee submitted was accepted. They would like to submit the one that did not get accepted again this year, which is to hold forestry workshops throughout the state. **Motion by Dave McCormick to reapply for four forestry workshops throughout the state, seconded by Randy Molitoris. MCVV. Motion to approve Forestry Committee report was made by Barb Klinger, seconded by Dan Doedtman. MCVV.**

AISWCD Auxiliary – Marie Bunting gave the report. Marie and Judy Beyers will be traveling to Anaheim to the NACD Conference. They will be taking things for the country store, silent auction, and door prizes. The auxiliary will be sponsoring the poster and photo contests again this year. Marie is selling quilt tickets for the quilt to be given away at the NACD Annual Meeting. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6/\$5.00. Marie gave everyone an opportunity to buy tickets. Kenny Vosholler presented Marie with a check for the auxiliary's share of the proceeds of the AISWCD auction.

Insurance – Melissa Cauble gave the insurance report, which is attached to the minutes.

IL River Coordinating Councils - Lee Bunting gave the report. Lee reported that in his June report, he had told the board the council was defunct, but that did not go through. There are still three different councils. The Illinois Governors River Council held their conference in Peoria. All AISWCD employees attended and the conference was successful. Lee discussed pipes sticking up out of the Wabash River. There are all kinds of river issues that Lee said he never knew existed before becoming a member of the council.

Focus Committee Reports

Communications – Steve Stierwalt gave the report. Steve was not present for the Communications Committee meeting on Monday, but gave the report based on Kenny Vosholler's notes, who chaired the committee. Discussion was held on the role of Land Use Councils and director training modules, and Rich Nichols is going to be working on that. The Farm Bureau resolutions process was also discussed. Social media discussed in regard to the government shutdown. Tom Beyers ask Steve Stierwalt to expand on what went on at the Farm Bureau Conference. There were no action items. **Motion by Barb Klinger to approve the report, seconded by Randy Molitoris. MCVV.**

Education – Lonnie Wilson gave the report in Jerry Snodgrass's absence. Grant opportunities will be published on the AISWCD website. Envirothon Coordinator bidding is currently out for application. The MOU between FFA and AISWCD for the Envirothon was discussed. The Education Committee would also like to have the FFA to be a member of the Envirothon Task Force; Jerry Snodgrass participated in the Education Committee meeting by phone on Monday and he was ask to take on the task of asking FFA to become a member of the task force. There was a recommendation to move the Teacher of the Year Award to the same time as the Farm Family Award and move that to the Annual Meeting Task Force for approval. **Lonnie withdrew the motion. The Annual Meeting Task Force will take the recommendation into consideration.** Steve Chard will check into getting the Teacher of the Year Award on the Agenda for presentation on Ag Day at the State Fair. **Motion by Barb Klinger to approve Education Committee report, seconded by Don Beisiegel. MCVV.**

Financial Management - The financials were reviewed by the board. **Motion by Lee Bunting, second by Barb Klinger to approved the financial reports. MCVV.** The budget was discussed. **Motion by Lee Bunting to amend the budget to reflect \$11,000 in order to pay mileage to the AISWCD board to Quarterly Board meetings, seconded by Terry Davis.** Lee wanted to go on record as saying the 24 directors are taking time out of their schedules to come to Springfield to the meetings, they have been paying for their own rooms and mileage since 2008, and he thinks the board should at least get paid mileage, and they deserve it. **Motion was aye – 5, opposed – 10. Motion did not carry.** It was a recommendation that the Financial Committee will revisit this, the budget will be reviewed and a new budget presented to see if Lee's request can be done based on any new information available. **Motion to approve the budget was made by Steve Stierwalt, second by Barb Klinger. MCVV.** The following recommendations were made as amendments to the budget:

- Lapel pins for affiliate membership – up to \$300.00 for pins – The board meeting was recessed so that a Foundation meeting could be called to order to discuss this since it is a Foundation matter (See foundation notes) **with a motion by Terry Davis, second by Steve Fulling.** The AISWCD board meeting reconvened, Kenny Vosholler continued with the budget discussion.
- **Motion to buy a van for the AISWCD spending up to \$25,000 made by Van Bitner, second by Roger Johnson. MCVV.**
- The 604B grant has been approved for \$220,000.00. Admin total for the grant is \$22,000 over thirty months. In the grant is money allocated for \$12,100 for travel for Kelly, and also money to increase Kelly's salary from \$36,000 to \$40,000. **A motion was made by Gerard Fabrizio, seconded by Dan Duval to recommend increasing Kelly's salary to \$40,000. MCVV.**

- Gina Bean has met the recommended requirements for job performance when she was hired. At that time Gina was promised a raise when those requirements were met. **A motion was made by Barb Klinger, seconded by Dan Duval to recommend raising Gina's salary 2% in 2014. MCVV.**
- **A motion was made by Roger Johnson, seconded by Dan Duval give Christmas bonuses in the amounts of: Sherry Finn - \$750.00; Rich Nichols - \$500.00; Kelly Thompson - \$250.00; Gina Bean - \$250.00. MCVV**
Motion to recommend raising Sherry Finn's salary an additional \$2,000 per year was made by Roger Johnson, seconded by Barb Klinger. MCVV.
A motion to approve the Financial Management Committee report was made by Barb Klinger, seconded by Dan Doedtman. MCVV.
- **Legislative & Resolutions** – Mike Hoffman was in attendance at the Legislative Committee meeting to give a legislative update on Monday. There were no current bills to take action on. The committee went over the three 2012 resolutions that still remain active. Two resolutions were adopted at the 2013 Summer Conference. One of the resolutions dealt with sales tax relief on cover crop seed, which has been researched and a request has been sent to the Department of Treasury to consider that. The Policy Book was the other resolution. A three ring binder has been assembled with the resolutions and the committee is discussing how they are going to handle that at next year's conference. A suggestion was made to post the resolutions on the website. The dues variance resolution has been completed. The legislative tour at Peoria was cancelled due to lack of interest. It was suggested the AISWCD approach legislators and ask for a resolution to declare one of the days of the State Envirothon as State of Illinois Envirothon Day. This would be a no cost issue for the legislators. Rich added he had talked with Mike Hoffman and they had come up with an idea to contact the Governor's office for a proclamation of May 1st, and could possibly get him there to sign it at the luncheon during the Envirothon, which would be in addition to the resolution process with the legislators. **Motion was made by Tom Beyers on behalf of the Legislative Committee to continue with pursuing the resolution process with the legislators and the proclamation process with the Governor for declaring State of Illinois Envirothon Day on May 1st, 2014, seconded by Steve Fulling. MCVV.** Legislative Day was discussed, and the possibility of hosting a reception on Legislative Day. The suggestion was to visit the legislators during the day like always, and then that evening host a reception, perhaps the State House Inn, or Floyd's. It was also suggested one of the better dates to consider would be March 4th. The committee felt perhaps this could be coincided with March Quarterly Board. **Motion to approve the process and leave the Quarterly Board meeting dates alone, and let Mike Hoffman, in concurrence with partners come up with a date was made by Gerard Fabrizius, seconded by Barb Klinger. MCVV.** **Motion to approve the Legislative Committee Report was made by Steve Fulling, seconded by Barb Klinger. MCVV.**
- **Planning** – Van Bitner gave the report. The 2013 Summer Conference was discussed. The auction proceeds totaled \$6,182.00. The Auxiliary are happy with the figures for the Soil Stewardship Luncheon. Complaints were made on Director Training; there was no microphone system, and no disk for the training at the morning session. Chairman Bitner ask committee members to think of themes, the task force will be having a conference call in January. The possibility of revising the Farm Family Award application was discussed. The possibility of perhaps awarding a Farm Family award only every other year and having another venue in the off year was discussed. Another scenario would be two groups of eight Land Use Councils (odds and evens) would submit entries every other year. The information needs to go back to the Land Use Councils to get there feedback on this. Whatever the outcome, the changes wouldn't be effective until 2015. Marie Bunting stressed the Farm Family must be recognized more than they were in 2013. After traveling to Springfield, the winners should not just be recognized on the screen. Opening Ceremonies went way too long, thus throwing other sessions behind. The outstanding employee will be awarded at Winter Training, and recognized again the following summer at Summer Conference. There will be no one recognized at the 2014 Summer Conference, since there was award given at the 2013 Winter Training. The scholarship winner, which is sponsored by the ISWCDEA, will be awarded during Summer Conference. **A motion was made by Lee Bunting, seconded by Barb Klinger, that AISWCD provide two luncheon tickets for the Outstanding Employee when applicable, and also for the scholarship winner. MCVV.**

- **Motion from Van Bitner, second by Dan Doedtman the conference date for 2014 will be July 28 & 29, at the Northfield Inn in Springfield, Illinois and that registration be as follows:**
 - Early Bird Registration April 15 – May 15 -- \$40.00
 - Registration May 16 – June 30 -- \$45.00
 - Registration July 1 – 8 -- \$55.00
- MCVV.**

The planning committee on behalf of the Annual Meeting Task Force asked the board for permission to give the Annual Meeting Task Force permission to make any scheduling decisions, etc regarding Summer Conference. **A motion to give Annual Meeting Task Force authority to make any addition decisions regarding the 2014 Summer Conference was made by Van Bitner, seconded by Steve Fulling. MCVV. A motion to approve the Planning Meeting Committee report was made by Barb Klinger, seconded by Dan Doedtman. MCVV.**

Urban Community & Conservation – Gerard Fabrizio gave the report. There were no action items. Gerard touched on a grant written by DNR, wanting the AISWCD to administer the grant. Copies are available of the field manual. **Motion to approve the report was made by Tom Beyers, second by Dan Doedtman. MCVV.**

Executive Directors Report – Attached to the packet for the boards review. **Motion to accept report was made by Tom Beyers, seconded by Don Beisiegel. MCVV.**

Area VP Reports:

- Area 1 – No Report
- Area 2 – No Report
- Area 3 – No Report
- Area 4 – No Report

Approve Minutes of June 2013 Board Meeting– Motion by Tom Beyers to approve the June 2013 Board Meeting Minutes, seconded by Barb Klinger. MCVV.

Old Business

SWCD Dues Update – – Five districts that did not pay any dues for 2013: Adams, Gallatin, Pope-Hardin, Randolph and Scott , which is a total of \$7224.15. Three did not pay remaining 4th quarter 2013 – Greene, Pike, Macon, with a total of \$1,023.21. One district, Jefferson County only paid ½ and that was a total of \$722.41. This is a total of \$8969.77 in outstanding dues for 2013. Invoice notices for FY14 dues were sent out to all districts as of December 4 for the 3% dues of the money that has been received (not quite ½).

Grant Update – Was given by Kelly Thompson. AISWCD has been awarded a new grant, the 604B, which will take effect as soon as the 319 concludes in February. Rich touched on the CREP grant. A 6th person has been hired. He will start in Schuyler County on January 1st. Rich received an email from IDNR asking if they would administer an IGIG grant they are writing for the fairgrounds, AISWCD has agreed to do this.

IEPA Presentation – Trevor Sample, a representative from IEPA gave a slide presentation on Illinois Nutrient Management Strategy.

Memorandum of Understanding/Outreach Update – In the packets is a copy of the final Memorandum of Understanding . Lonnie thanked employees for being a part of the task force, by taking the lead on this. This is a base document. The document has the language of today, not 1968. It is something for the districts to use (document attached to minutes). **A motion was made by Tom Beyers, seconded by Barb Klinger to approve the AISWCD to publish the document as something the districts can use. MCVV.**

Natural Area Guardians/Burns Update – No action.

Soil Health Update – No action.

Farm Progress Show Final Report – Lonnie said the AISWCD broke even, the costs were split with all the partners, and everyone has been paid.

NACD Legislative Conference – Washington, DC Update – Lonnie reported he and Tom went to all but three offices on the congressional side. They did focus on the ag and appropriations committee.

Executive Director's Conference – Flagstaff, AZ – Rich reported he went to Flagstaff, Arizona the first week of September. Rich appreciates the opportunity to attend the event and the opportunity to network with other Executive Directors.

New Business

NACD Annual Meeting – Anaheim, CA – Gerard Fabrizio is hopefully getting help on attending with a scholarship from NACD. Sherry reported the auction item was two signed books. Lonnie is also taking 2 dozen rolls of embroidered toilet paper.

NACD North Central Region – This was covered in the NACD North Central Report above.

Written reports from partners – **A motion to approve the written reports was made by Barb Klinger, seconded by Dan Doedtman. MCVV.**

Motion to adjourn made by Barb Klinger.

The meeting adjourned at 12:40 pm.

Minutes taken & transcribed by:

Cindy Moon

Approved by:

Signature

Date

CONSTITUTION AND POLICIES OF THE ASSOCIATION OF ILLINOIS SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

CONSTITUTION:

Section #1. Name. This Association shall be known as the Association of Illinois Soil and Water Conservation Districts. The official abbreviation of its name shall be A.I.S.W.C.D.

Section #2. Purposes. To Advance the conservation and orderly development, management, improvement, and multiple use of natural resources of the State of Illinois through serving Soil and Water Conservation Districts as the state Association of Illinois Soil and Water Conservation Districts by:

Working toward achieving the maximum administrative and technical efficiency in the operating of Soil and Water Conservation Districts in the State, through facilitating an interchange of advice and experience among them, and through keeping the directors of all districts informed of the activities and experiences of other Districts.

Creating a Statewide awareness of the urgency of meeting the demands of a changing economy and population.

Convincing all who use or manage renewable natural resources that Illinois's future well-being depends on using each acre within its capabilities and treating each acre according to its needs.

Working impartially with private and public organizations and groups of all political affiliations, to prevent the conservation of natural resources from becoming a partisan political issue. To this end, the Association will function as an independent, non-profit, non-partisan organization.

Assisting Soil and Water Conservation Districts in the State in securing technical, financial, educational and scientific service from both public and private sources, that are required to enable Districts to achieve universal adoption of conservation methods on both private and public lands.

Encouraging and facilitating close and effective cooperation between the Soil and Water Conservation Districts of the state and all Federal, State and Local Public agencies, both rural and urban, and all private organizations, who are concerned in any manner in carrying out the national policy for the conservation and development of soil, water, and other renewable natural resources.

Seeking to gain full public understanding and support of the essential role of soil and water conservation in the protection and development of underground water, water quality and quantity in the State of Illinois.

Encouraging SWCD Directors to be advocates of the retention of prime farmland from unnecessary conversion to other uses.

Encouraging SWCD Directors to become involved in efforts to bring about effective reclamation of abandoned mined land and newly mined land.

Encourage SWCD Directors from adjoining Districts to work together in multi-county efforts, such as Resource, Conservation and Development, to help bring about economic development and social well being of Illinois citizens through the conservation and development of natural resources.

Section #3. Incorporation. This Association was incorporated as a non-profit corporation under the laws of Illinois on the 9th of December, 1948, under the name of the Association of Illinois Soil Conservation Districts. Its corporate name was changed to the Association of Illinois Soil and Water Conservation Districts on the 1st of February, 1962.

POLICIES:

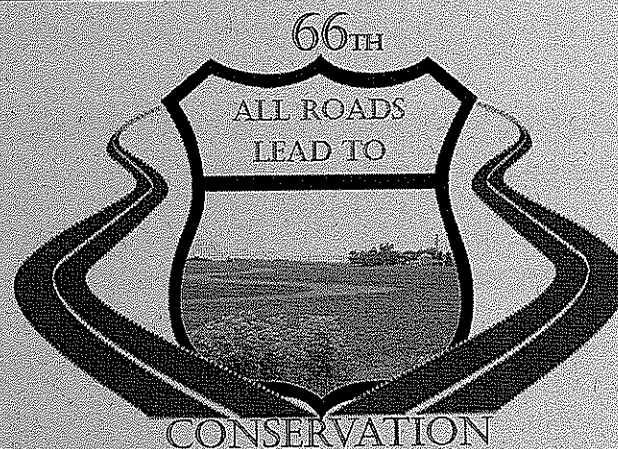
The basic policies of the Association are:

1. To insure the officers and directors of Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Councils of the Districts, and State Association Officers to the full acceptance of their responsibilities for leadership.
2. To strengthen the basic American principle that the function of government is to serve and not to dominate or control.
3. To seek public assistance for the application of proper land use and resource conservation measures which are in the public interest.
4. To provide Soil and Water Conservation Districts with facilities and suggestions for making their objectives and democratic methods known.
5. To seek effective support for Soil and Water Conservation Districts wherever it may be found, in government, industry, labor, commerce; in farm, civic, conservation and other organizations; among educators, the media, the clergy; and in all other segments of American society.
6. To supply reliable information concerning the purposes and activities of Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Councils, and the state Association to the press, radio, and television; to national and state legislators, local bodies, farm organizations, agricultural leaders, and all other responsible organizations and leaders concerned with these purposes and activities.
7. To assist all public agencies concerned with the conservation, development, improvement, management and multiple use of renewable natural resources, to render more effective service to the people of this state.
8. To encourage and assist Districts to assume and carry out appropriate local responsibilities under all existing federal and state authorities.

9. To expressively reject any and all partisan political affiliations, to intervene in any political campaigns on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for elections to public office, National, State or Local.
10. To assist Districts to analyze and gain full public understanding of conservation needs; evaluate current programs and their effectiveness; and develop needed new programs.
11. To encourage districts to establish priorities for the use of technical and financial assistance priority areas.
12. To contribute in the event of the death of a Past President, current Executive Committee Member or current member of the Board of Directors, a Memorial gift of \$25.00 (twenty-five dollars) to the IFSWCD Endowment Fund.
13. To encourage each Council to be responsible for paying contest judging expenses according to their own policy of reimbursement.
14. To consider, as a common practice, asking the immediate past President to continue for one year as Councilman to NACD.
15. To cooperate with agencies and organizations that work with people on an equal basis without regards for race, religion, sex, or national origin. The Association encourages minorities and female participation on county SWCD Boards and committees.

Revised and Approved July 28, 1986

Revised January 13, 1989



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May 12, 2014

To the Board of Directors
Association of Illinois Soil and Water Conservation Districts and Related Entity
Springfield, Illinois

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

We have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of Association of Illinois Soil and Water Conservation Districts and Related Entity (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the consolidated statements of assets, liabilities, and net assets – modified cash basis as of December 31, 2013 and 2012, and the related consolidated statements of support, revenue, and expenses – modified cash basis for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with modified cash basis of accounting as described in Note 1; this includes determining that the modified cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statements in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances; but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the assets, liabilities, and net assets of Association of Illinois Soil and Water Conservation Districts and Related Entity as of December 31, 2013 and 2012, and their support, revenue, and expenses for the years then ended in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting as described in Note 1.

Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 of the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statements are prepared on the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to that matter.

Respectfully submitted,

DRAFT

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ASSOCIATION OF ILLINOIS SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF AUDIT REPORT
MODIFIED CASH BASIS

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
Revenues		
Dues and grants	\$573,036	\$364,610
Program services	54,724	155,049
Investment income	605	3,151
Meeting and other	<u>32,010</u>	<u>27,965</u>
Total Revenues	<u>660,375</u>	<u>550,775</u>
Expenses		
Grants and similar	199,789	84,897
Salaries and benefits	397,937	170,987
Other administrative and program	<u>227,962</u>	<u>217,317</u>
Total Expenses	<u>825,688</u>	<u>473,201</u>
Revenue Over (Under) Expenses	<u>\$(165,313)</u>	<u>\$ 77,574</u>
Balance Sheet		
Assets:		
Cash and equivalents	\$166,200	\$320,450
Net fixed assets	<u>219,367</u>	<u>231,806</u>
Total Assets	<u>385,567</u>	<u>552,256</u>
Liabilities:		
Accrued expenses	6,518	7,894
Notes payable	<u>---</u>	<u>---</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>6,518</u>	<u>7,894</u>
Net Assets	<u>\$379,049</u>	<u>\$544,362</u>

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF AUDIT REPORT
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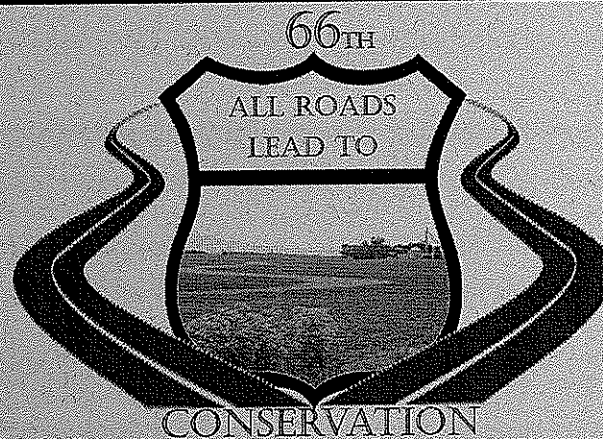
FOUNDATION ACTIVITY

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
Revenues		
Contributions and grants	\$ 3,270	\$ —
Investment income	120	132
Other	<u>640</u>	<u>—</u>
Total Revenues	<u>4,030</u>	<u>132</u>
Expenses		
Program expenses	4,020	—
Other	<u>403</u>	<u>—</u>
Total Expenses	<u>4,423</u>	<u>—</u>
Revenues Over (Under) Expenses	\$(<u>393</u>)	\$ <u>132</u>
Balance Sheet		
Assets:		
Cash and equivalents	\$ <u>37,227</u>	\$ <u>37,620</u>
Total Assets	<u>37,227</u>	<u>37,620</u>
Liabilities:	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>
Net Assets	\$ <u>37,227</u>	\$ <u>37,620</u>

CHART OF ACCOUNTS	FY 2015 AISWCD BUDGET		BUDGET
	INCOME		
4000	DUES		
4001	MEMBERSHIP DUES (Proposed 97 Districts Level Funding)		149,085.00
4100	GRANT REVENUE		
4120	604 B Grant-Program Coordinator		9,500.00
4115	GRANT REVENUE-CREP Resource Specialist		38,000.00
4200	ANNUAL MEETING REVENUE		
4201	ANNUAL MEETING REGISTRATION		22,000.00
4202	ANNUAL MEETING AUCTION		6,500.00
4400	OTHER REVENUE		
4402	MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE (Insurance-pass through)		42,504.00
4403	EARTH STEWARDSHIP DAY REVENUE-(pass through)		3,200.00
4404	FARM PROGRESS SHOW (pass through)		6,200.00
4500	INTEREST INCOME		
4503	INTEREST INCOME-OTHER (GENERAL FUND)		250.00
	TOTAL BUDGETED REVENUE		277,239.00

CHART OF ACCOUNTS	EXPENSES	BUDGET
5000	PAYROLL	
5001	SALARIES (GROSS)	100,050.00
5002	FICA/MEDICARE EXPENSE	7,503.75
5003	FUTA EXPENSE	126.00
5004	SUTA EXPENSE	225.00
5100	EMPLOYEE HEALTH INS.	
5101	EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE (Exec. Dir.)	5,362.92
5105	EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE (ADMIN. ASSISTANT)	5,231.64
5112	EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE (Office Assistant)	5,113.92
5200	INSURANCE	
5202	INSURANCE-DIRECTORS & OFFICERS	498.00
5203	INSURANCE-BUILDING	42,006.00
5300	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	
5301	PUBLIC AFFAIRS COORDINATOR	24,000.00
5305	Other	250.00
5400	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	
5401	REGULAR AUDIT	4,800.00
5500	TRAVEL	
5501	EMPLOYEE MILEAGE	1,000.00
5502	EMPLOYEE TRAVEL	2,000.00
5600	ANNUAL MEETING	
5603	ANNUAL CONF-AWARDS	1,200.00
5604	ANNUAL CONF-MEALS	20,000.00
5605	ANNUAL CONF-TRAVEL & LODGING	1,500.00
5606	ANNUAL CONF-AUCTION	2,000.00
5700	QUARTERLY BOARD MEETINGS	
5701	BOARD MEETINGS-LODGING	500.00
5702	BOARD MEETINGS-MEALS	5,500.00
5703	BOARD MEETINGS-TRAVEL	500.00
5800	COMMITTEE MEETINGS	
5801	COMMITTEE EXP-OTHER	50.00
5802	COMMITTEE EXP-TRAVEL	50.00
5803	COMMITTEE EXP-MEALS	50.00
5804	COMMITTEE EXP-LODGING	70.00
5900	LEGISLATIVE	
5901	LEGISLATIVE-AWARDS	300.00
5903	LEGISLATIVE DIRECTORIES	300.00
5904	LEGISLATIVE DAY	2,000.00
5910	LEGISLATIVE-TOUR	2,000.00

CHART OF ACCOUNTS		BUDGET
6000	AISWCD OFFICER(S) EXPENSE	
6001	AISWCD OFFICER(S) TRAVEL EXPENSE (PRES-2500; VP-1500)	4,000.00
6200	OFFICE NEEDS	
6201	OFFICE SUPPLIES	2,000.00
6202	EQUIPMENT	1,000.00
6203	PRINTING	500.00
6204	COPIER LEASE	1,008.00
6205	POSTAGE/DELIVERY	1,000.00
6300	BUILDING EXPENSES	
6303	SNOW REMOVAL/LAWN CARE	1,100.00
6305	ELECTRIC	1,000.00
6306	PROPANE	2,160.00
6307	MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT	600.00
6310	SECURITY SYSTEM	500.00
6311	GARBAGE	219.00
6313	TELEPHONE	2,000.00
6400	MEMBERSHIPS/REGISTRATIONS	
3401	MEMBERSHIPS/REGISTRATIONS	750.00
6600	VEHICLE	
6601	VEHICLE LOAN	4,232.64
6602	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	300.00
6603	VEHICLE-INSURANCE	1,174.00
6604	VEHICLE-STICKER/REGISTRATION	101.00
6700	INTERNET/WEBSITE	
6702	INTERNET/WEBSITE SERVICE	1,000.00
6800	NACD EXPENSES	
6801	NACD MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES	8,000.00
6900	OTHER EXPENSES	
6903	ANNUAL REPORT FILING FEES	500.00
6904	FARM PROGRESS SHOW EXPENSES	6,200.00
6905	EARTH STEWARDSHIP DAY EXPENSES	3,200.00
	TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENSES	276,731.87
	BUDGETED NET INCOME	507.13



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**AISWCD
Annual Report
from
Committee Chairpersons
& Partners**

President's Report to Members
July 29, 2014
Lonnie E. Wilson

I am happy to report that the past year has been a very active and productive year for the AISWCD. To support that statement, let me highlight just a few of our successes.

We began shortly after last year's Annual Meeting with the Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy Policy Work Groups meetings. Those meetings occurred monthly up to May of this year. The strategy plan is currently being reviewed by IEPA to incorporate comments from the members of the Work Group prior to releasing the document for public comment. The AISWCD worked hard for you during this entire process to make sure that the SWCDs were included as the local organization to assist landowners in meeting loss reduction goals.

At the NACD Annual Meeting in Anaheim, we learned that the North American Envirothon was cancelled for 2014. The AISWCD chose to take a position that we would not let the competition end at the state level. With support and assistance from the North Central NACD Region states, we have planned and will host a regional event August 3rd through 5th at the Loyola University Environmental Center near Woodstock. I want to congratulate the AISWCD staff as well as SWCD staff from McHenry, DeWitt and several other SWCDs for their diligence and hard work in putting the event together. Organizing this event in the very short time span available to us was not an easy thing to do and I am very pleased that we have been able to provide a higher level of competition to the students who have worked so hard to achieve the honor of representing their state at such a competition.

The AISWCD has worked successfully with NRCS to develop and conduct a pilot program to test the feasibility of SWCDs performing contract management duties for NRCS. The intended outcome of the pilot is to allow NRCS staff more time in the field working with clients who want to put more conservation on the land and to assist the SWCDs with funding issues.

The AISWCD again hosted a very successful legislative day event with many directors and SWCD staff attending. We believe that we continue to make ourselves known and respected through these kinds of events and I hope they will continue in the future. We also believe the Legislative Day proved to be beneficial to the SWCDs in terms of the FY 2015 Budget. While many funding lines in the final budget were reduced, the SWCDs were able to retain level funding which is very encouraging considering the State's fiscal condition.

The AISWCD helped Representative David Reis successfully shepherd a bill through the General Assembly to exempt landowners doing work on their own cost share projects from the requirements of the Prevailing Wage Act. The victory is a very small one but it does set precedent which may allow us to follow up with efforts to exempt the entire cost share program.

These highlights are but a few examples of the work the Association has performed on your behalf. As we move forward AISWCD employees are working on grant opportunities and programs that will benefit the SWCDs through increased technical assistance and funding opportunities which will also help provide funding for the AISWCD to make sure we will have sufficient resources to continue working for all of you.

I have chosen not to run for another term as your president. As you select your new leadership team, please remember that you are the Association. As a grass roots organization we can do nothing without your support. Your dues and your guidance through your Council Delegate on the Board of Directors help determine how successful we can be and ultimately how prosperous Illinois' Soil and Water Conservation Districts will become.

**AISWCD 2014 Annual Meeting
Executive Director's Annual Report
July 29, 2014**

This year, as I prepare my annual report to the members of the AISWCD, I look back to the many things that have been accomplished this past year, none of which by itself is particularly significant, but taken as a whole, will likely have significant impacts on the SWCDs and their programs for some time to come.

Of the things your Association accomplished this past year, I believe that two are particularly important to the future of the SWCDs

I'm primarily speaking of the Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy Plan that AISWCD participated in helping to develop. The plan is, as of this date, still not available for public comment but should be soon. The challenge to reduce nutrient losses by 45% overall will be significant and will need every tool at our disposal to achieve. Illinois' soil and water conservation districts are the front line organization that will have the opportunity to make the biggest difference. You are the only organization that has the infrastructure in place to work with landowners and producers to help them meet reduction goals. I think you are up to the challenge, I hope you agree,

The second accomplishment made this past year was to exempt landowners who work on their own state cost shared conservation practices from the requirements of the Prevailing Wage Act. In and of itself, the amendment didn't accomplish much at all but it did educate a number of lawmakers concerning the reduction in available funds for conservation work created by the Prevailing Wage Act requirements. It will now be up to all of you and the next Executive Director and the Association's leadership team to take this small success and build on the foundation already laid to exempt the entire state cost share program from the Prevailing Wage Act requirements.

Most of you know that I am retiring September 15th. When I leave the AISWCD office for the last time as your Executive Director, I will have ended a career that has spanned 40 years of working to help soil and water conservation districts become what the Act always has intended them to be. During that time span, I have been blessed with the opportunity to work with some of the finest people anywhere and I have also had the privilege of being witness to many changes over those 40 years - most, I believe, have been for the better.

When I began working with the Department of Agriculture in 1974, the SWCDs were each receiving about \$2,400 per year in the form of reimbursements for expenses. All of the SWCDs had a secretary. Most were full-time and many were paid from the proceeds of fish and tree sales and, occasionally, directly from the pockets of the district directors. I'm not suggesting that we go back to those days but there was a sense of dedication that somehow doesn't seem as strong today. The pace of activity was a bit slower then and, without the aid of computers, cell phones, fax machines, copiers and other electronic gadgets, office work was much less productive in terms of volume than today.

Those and other electronic office gadgets have allowed most of us to accomplish in a day what would have taken three or four days forty years ago. I guess getting more done in much less time is good but we also have less time to get to know the people we deal with and I'm not so sure that is good. Even so, the districts have come a long way in those forty years. Advancing from a single employee whose primary duties were typing and filing, most districts now have

qualified administrative and technical staff who are highly trained, competent and well respected by the people they serve.

There really is nothing keeping soil and water conservation districts from assuming the role of local leader in the quest to protect, conserve and improve Illinois' abundant natural resources. Our technology has improved, our knowledge of how to apply that technology to provide maximum benefits has improved and our ability to address natural resource problems continues to increase on a continuing basis.

I'm not convinced that the 97 soil and water conservation district have become everything they can be but you've come a long way, and I am proud and humbled to have been able to play a small part in that process.

As we move forward please accept my very best wishes for continued growth, for greater prosperity through more stable funding sources and program opportunities and for continuing to become the universally recognized leader in managing Illinois land and water resources.

Communications Focus Area Committee Report

Submitted by Steve Stierwalt & Sherry Finn

Dot Point Highlights: The Dot Point Highlights have continued to keep the lines of communication open between the SWCDs, Partners and the AISWCD Board and staff. The highlights were implemented in 2012 and continue to update everyone about current issues and status of Quarterly Board Meetings, conference calls and events.

Financial Management Focus Area Committee Report

Submitted by Kenny Vosholler & Sherry Finn

FY 2014 SWCD Dues Status: As of 7/21/2014, there are ten (10) Districts that are listed as "not in good standing"; of those Districts, eight (8) have not paid any dues for FY 2013 and two (2) have paid only a partial amount. The total outstanding dues for SWCDs is \$14,481.02. All FY 2014 operating funds have been issued to SWCDs.

Planning Focus Area Committee Report

Submitted by Van Bitner & Sherry Finn

FY 2015 Annual Meeting Date/Time/Locations: The FY 2015 Annual Meeting/Summer Conference has been set for Monday and Tuesday, July 27-28, 2015 at the Northfield Inn, Suites and Conference Center in Springfield, IL with a guaranteed hotel room rate of \$70.00 and 20% gratuity rate. The committee plans to have discussion about the Farm Family application.

2014 Illinois Envirothon



Illinois Envirothon 2014 Update

We are so happy to have had the opportunity to coordinate the Illinois Envirothon this year! We had a wonderful event with an awesome group of teams and volunteers. We are VERY excited to announce the winning teams for the 2014 Illinois Envirothon!

- 1st Place – Midland HS (Marshall/Putnam)
 2nd Place – Glenbrook South Hs (North Cook)
 3rd Place – Altamont HS (Effingham)
 Oral Presentation – Midland HS (Marshall/Putnam)

Top Scores for FFA

- 1st Place – Prairie Central FFA (Livingston)
 2nd Place – Mahomet Seymour FFA (Champaign)
 3rd Place – West Richland FFA (Richland)

Category High Scores:

Aquatics

Sandoval HS (Marion)

Forestry (Tie score)

Midland HS (Marshall/Putnam)
 and Altamont HS (Effingham)

Soils

Altamont HS (Effingham)

Wildlife (Tie score)

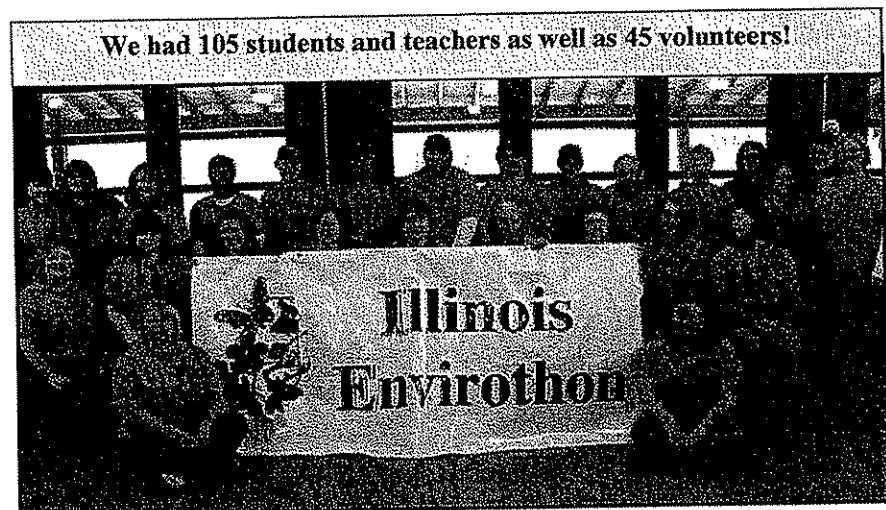
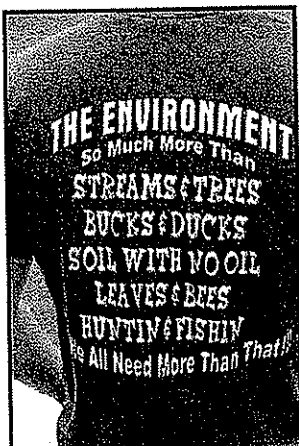
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 and Paris HS (Edgar)

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Altamont HS (Effingham) and
 West Richland HS (Richland)

Thank you to all of our awesome volunteers.
 We could not do this without you!!

Sincerely,
 Team Dewitt:
 Sondra Baker
 Tara Miller



ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE REPORT 66TH AISWCD ANNUAL MEETING

FY 2015 District Allocations

As you know, the Illinois General Assembly recently approved the State's new budget for Fiscal Year 2015. The Department's FY 15 budget contains level appropriations for SWCD funding, \$3,000,000 for operations and \$4,500,000 for cost-share. Governor Quinn has signed the Department's budget and grant agreements will be sent to all SWCDs with their allocations specified. As in FY 14, there are no General Revenue Funds in the Department's budget for SWCDs.

Partners for Conservation Fund FY 15 Guidelines

The FY 15 PFC Implementation Guidelines for the CPP, Sustainable Ag and Streambank Stabilization and Restoration Program are completed and shown on DARTS.

Cover Crop Initiative Grants

As part of the Department's Cover Crop Initiative, grants were awarded to 9 SWCDs in 2013 to help promote the uses and benefits of utilizing cover crops to the public through the use of on-farm demonstration and/or research plots, tours and meetings. The grants are funded through the Sustainable Agriculture Grant Program. The Department also offered additional grants to SWCDs in FY 2014. Fourteen SWCDs submitted requests to the Department to hold cover crop plots in their District and all applications were approved. These 14 new plots will be in addition to the ones from last year to bring the total District plots up to 23. The list is below for the 2013 and 2014 plots.

2013 Grant Applications – Champaign #1, Coles, Clark #1, Clark #2, Cumberland, Jefferson, McHenry, Vermillion #1, Washington.

2014 Grant Applications – Calhoun, Champaign #2, Ford, Fulton, Henry, Iroquois, Jasper, Kane-DuPage, Macon, Rock Island, Sangamon, Vermillion #2, Williamson #1, Williamson #2.

New Farm Bill

The new Farm Bill is offering numerous conservation opportunities through its conservation title. In particular, the new Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) could possibly bring some badly needed dollars to Illinois for new conservation work on a very large scale. The Department and its partners submitted 2 project pre-proposals (one-water quality focus and the other-soil health focus) to USDA on Monday, July 14. In addition, at the behest of the Upper Mississippi River Basin Association, the Department, along with the states of Missouri, Minnesota, Wisconsin and Iowa prepared a multi-state project pre-proposal seeking funds from RCPP to accomplish conservation work and submitted it to USDA. The Department will await word from USDA as to whether the pre-proposals have been approved. If so, the Department and its partners will prepare full proposals for submission to USDA.

Illinois Conservation Partnership 2012 Annual Report

The recently released 2012 Annual Partnership Report has been placed on DARTS. The information in the report outlines all of the broad accomplishments of Districts and our partners in conserving our natural resources. This information is provided to policy makers and the public at various conferences, etc. It is also used to help secure sustained funding for Districts. Please take time to review the report. We believe you will find the contents to be very interesting. The 2013 report is currently being compiled.

Farmland Conversion Annual Report

The FY 2013 Farmland Conversion Annual Report has been released and is posted on the Department's web page. The Farmland Preservation Act requires this report to be produced annually and it identifies the number of acres of land purchased, converted or possessing the potential to be converted from agricultural uses as a result of state agency actions.

Energy Projects

The Department and SWCDs worked jointly on numerous pipelines, electric transmission line and wind farm projects to ensure compatibility with the agricultural community during the year. A number of Agricultural Impact Mitigation Agreements between the Department and utility companies have been signed to ensure that affected agricultural land is properly restored.

Illinois Soil & Water Conservation District Employees Association

AC Co-Chair – Sondra Baker

AC Co-Vice Chair – Spring Duffey

Secretary – Meghan Polacek

RC Co-Chair – Kara Downin

RC Co-Vice Chair – Keith Livesay

Treasurer – Vicki Heath



REGION 1 REPRESENTATIVES

Kara Downin
Sharon Matson
Shannon Pence
Lorna Chezem

REGION 2 REPRESENTATIVES

Sondra Baker
Spring Duffey
Thad Eshleman
Vicki Heath

REGION 3 REPRESENTATIVES

Jane Brangenberg
Betty Buckert
Cindy Moon
Abbie Sperry

REGION 4 REPRESENTATIVES

Tara Hopkins
Stephen Miller
Renee Weitekamp
Cindy Poppenhager

REGION 5 REPRESENTATIVES

Keith Livesay
Meghan Polacek
Jodi Hawkins
Carla Barnes

ISWCDEA Report—AISWCD Annual Meeting July 28-29, 2014

The ISWCDEA has only seen a small change in representatives and officers this past year. We are grateful to still maintain a full board of 20 representatives from across the state that support 180 IL SWCD employees. Per the Insurance Committee, of those 180 employees; 41 are Part-Time, 139 are Full-Time and 31 single-staff Districts.

Our mission remains unchanged, *"to provide quality information, communication, education, training, and representation to all district personnel...and...we will further promote legislative contact and continue cooperation with our partners."*

Since the last AISWCD Annual Meeting, the ISWCDEA has continued the work of "TEAM CONSERVATION" through all of our activities;

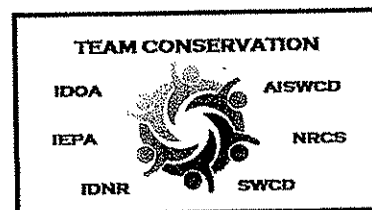
- ◆ Continued work on NRCS/SWCD MOU updated document (first draft under NRCS review)
- ◆ Involvement at Farm Progress Show; cover crop booth
- ◆ Compilation of Employee Email List with IDOA
- ◆ Organized and completed 2013 Winter Training event with three weeks less of planning time due to federal shutdown/office lock-out. Had 150 in attendance.
- ◆ Coordinate Employee Service Awards
- ◆ Researched options for state-wide employee email host and IMRF retirement possibilities
- ◆ Organized and assisted AISWCD during Legislative Day in Springfield
- ◆ Support the State Envirothon event
- ◆ Creation of a Grievance Guide as a 'flow chart' for employees and Directors
- ◆ Updated Outstanding District Employee Award application and process
- ◆ Fundraisers to cover Winter Training and Scholarship costs; 50/50 raffle, license plate frames, pre-ordered t-shirts
- ◆ Annual \$500 scholarship to SWCD employee or immediate dependent
- ◆ Participate on AISWCD Summer Conference planning committee and organized four sessions for 2014
- ◆ Maintain online Employee Handbook for easy reference
- ◆ Contribute monthly articles to the AISWCD Conservation Catchall

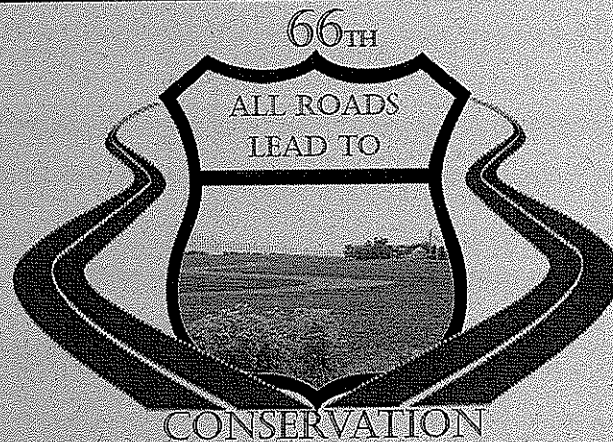
Overall, we are proud of the excellent employee involvement on the ISWCDEA and sub-committees. We appreciate Directors allowing staff to participate and attend these events. We support those who promote getting conservation on the ground.

Respectfully submitted,

Sondra Baker Kara Downin

Sondra Baker, AC Co-Chair & Kara Downin, RC Co-Chair





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AISWCD **Foundation** **Agenda** **&** **Minutes**

**Illinois Soil and Water
Conservation Districts Foundation
34th Annual Meeting
Agenda**

**Tuesday, July 29, 2014
11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Northfield Inn
Crystal/Diamond/Emerald Rooms**

1. Call to order – Lonnie Wilson, President
2. Roll Call – Van Bitner, Secretary
 - By Member Districts
3. Approval of 2013 – 33rd Annual Meeting Minutes (pg. 44)
4. Approval of 2013-2014 Foundation Meeting Minutes (pgs. 45-50)
5. Old Business
6. New Business
 - Election of Board of Directors
 - Other
7. Adjournment

Association of Illinois Soil and Water Conservation Districts
33rd Annual Foundation Business Meeting
Tuesday, July 24, 2013
11:30 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.
Northfield Inn –Crystal/Diamond/Emerald Rooms

Meeting was called to order by AISWCD President Lonnie Wilson at 12:07 P.M.

Roll Call-Van Bitner, Secretary gave the Roll Call by Member Districts.

Approval of 2012 32nd Annual Meeting Minutes

President Lonnie Wilson asked the voting delegate body to examine the 2012 Annual Foundation Meeting minutes located on page 64 in the Voting Delegate Packet. A motion was made by Livingston County and seconded by Carroll County to approve the minutes as presented, motion carried.

Approval of the 2012-2013 Foundation Meeting Minutes

President Lonnie Wilson asked the voting delegate body to examine the 2012-2013 Foundation Meeting minutes that appear on pages 65-69 in the Voting Delegate Packet. A motion was made by St. Clair County and seconded by Wayne County to approve the minutes as presented, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business was brought forth.

NEW BUSINESS

Election of Board of Directors

President Lonnie Wilson asked for a motion to approve the AISWCD Board Members to serve as Board Members for the Foundation also. A motion was made by Marion County and seconded by Sangamon County to approve the AISWCD Board Members for the Foundation Board Members, motion carried.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Morgan County and seconded by Stephenson County to adjourn at 12:11 P.M., motion carried.

Minutes Submitted by:

Sue M. Davis- AC, Christian County

AISWCD Foundation Meeting Minutes
AISWCD Quarterly Board
Northfield Inn, Springfield, IL
June 10, 2014

Lonnie Wilson, President
Tom Beyers, Vice President
Van Bitner, Secretary
Kenny Vosholler, Treasurer
Jerry Snodgrass, Area I VP
Steve Stierwalt, Area III VP
Glen Bowers, Area IV VP Alternate
Barb Klinger, Council 1
Terry Bogner, Council 2
Lee Bunting, Council 3
Terry Davis, Council 4
Dan Duval, Council 5
Joe Rothermel, Council 7
Darrell Roegge, Council 8
Mark Roth, Council 9
Dan Doedtman, Council 10
Steve Fulling, Council 11
Don Beisiegel, Council 12
Roger Johnson, Council 13
Dale Shumaker, Council 15
Gerard Fabrizius, Council 16
Kara Downin, ISWCDEA RC Co-Chair
Rich Nichols, AISWCD
Sherry Finn, AISWCD
Kelly Thompson, AISWCD
Gina Bean, AISWCD
James Todd, AISWCD Past President

David McCormick, Area II VP
Dan Duval, Council 5
Jason Anderson, Council 9
Tom Anderson, LUC 14
Mike Hoffman, Lobbyist
Sondra Baker, ISWCDEA

Chairman Lonnie Wilson called the meeting to order at 8:17 A.M. Van Bitner did the Roll Call.

Approve the Agenda- Lee Bunting made a motion, seconded by Tom Beyers to approve the agenda with the addition of Affiliate Memberships under Old Business, motion carried.

Approve the February 26, 2014 Foundation Meeting Minutes- A motion was made by Terry Davis and seconded by Steve Fulling to approve the February 26, 2014 Foundation Meeting Minutes as presented, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

McKibben Scholarship Review Committee Report-Jerry Snodgrass reported that there were 4 McKibben Scholarship applications received. A winner was chosen yesterday in the Legislative Focus Area Committee Meeting and the \$500 is available for the Scholarship this year.

Affiliate Memberships-Kelly Thompson reported on the Affiliate Memberships and ordering pins.

NEW BUSINESS

FY 2013 AISWCD Foundation Audit Summary-Directors got a copy of the Audit Summary and it will be handed out at the Annual Meeting. It was thought the Auditors would be there to explain it if there are any questions. A motion was made by Lee Bunting and seconded by Tom Beyers to accept the Foundation Audit Report as given, motion carried.

A motion was made at 8:29 A.M. by Barb Klinger and seconded by Don Belsiegel to adjourn, motion carried.

Submitted by: Sue M. Davis
AC, Christian County SWCD

AISWCD Foundation Meeting Minutes
AISWCD Quarterly Board
Northfield Inn, Springfield, IL
February 26, 2014

Present:

Lonnie Wilson, President
Tom Beyers, Vice President
Van Bitner, Secretary
Kenny Vosholler, Treasurer
Jerry Snodgrass, Area I VP
David McCormick, Area II VP
Steve Stierwalt, Area III VP
Barb Klinger, Council 1
Terry Bogner, Council 2
Lee Bunting, Council 3
Terry Davis, Council 4
Dan Duval, Council 5
Joe Rothermel, Council 7
Darrell Roegge, Council 8
Mark Roth, Council 9
Daniel Doedtman, Council 10
Steve Fulling, Council 11
Don Biesiegel, Council 12
Roger Johnson, Council 13
Dale Shumaker, Council 15
Gerard Fabrizius, Council 16
Sondra Baker, ISWCDEA AC Co-Chair
Rich Nichols, AISWCD
Sherry Finn, AISWCD
Kelly Thompson, AISWCD
Gina Bean, AISWCD

Absent:

Carlyn Light, Area IV VP
Randy Molitoris, Council 6
Tom Anderson, Council 14
Marie Bunting, Auxiliary President
Kara Downin, ISWCDEA Co-Chair
Mike Hoffmann, Lobbyist

Chairman Lonnie Wilson called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m. Van Bitner did the Roll Call.

Approve the Agenda-A motion was made by Dan Doedtman and seconded by Tom Beyers to approve the Agenda as presented, motion carried.

Approve December 10, 2013 Foundation Meeting Minutes- A motion was made by Tom Beyers and seconded by Barb Klinger to approve the December 10, 2013 meeting minutes as presented, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS-NONE

NEW BUSINESS

Questions on Foundation Financial Reports-No reports were submitted, it was said there was no activity in January.

Approve Financial Reports submitted-No report to approve. It was asked if there was enough for the McKibben Scholarship to be presented this year and it was said yes. There had been donations from the family.

A motion was made by Barb Klinger and seconded by Gerard Fabrizius to adjourn, motion carried.

Minutes submitted by: Sue M. Davis
AC, Christian County SWCD

**AISWCD Foundation Meeting Minutes
AISWCD Quarterly Board
Northfield Inn, Springfield, IL
December 10, 2013**

Present

**Lonnie Wilson, President
Tom Beyers, Vice President
Van Bitner, Secretary
Kenny Vosholler, Treasurer
David McCormick, Area II VP
Steve Stierwalt, Area III VP
Barb Klinger, Council 1
Terry Bogner, Council 2
Lee Bunting, Council 3
Terry Davis, Council 4
Dan Duval, Council 5
Randy Molitoris, Council 6
Daniel Doedtman, Council 10
Steve Fulling, Council 11
Don Beisiegel, Council 12
Roger Johnson, Council 13
Gerard Fabrizius, Council 16
Marie Bunting, Auxiliary President
Sondra Baker, ISWCDEA AC Co-Chair
Kara Downin, ISWCDEA RC Co-Chair
Rich Nichols, AISWCD
Sherry Finn, AISWCD
Gina Bean, AISWCD**

Absent

**Jerry Snodgrass, Area I VP
Carlyn Light, Area IV VP
Joe Rothermel, Council 7
Darrell Roegge, Council 8
Mark Roth, Council 9
Tom Anderson, Council 14
Dale Shumaker, Council 15
Mike Hoffman, Lobbyist**

Chairman Lonnie Wilson called the meeting to order at 8:10 A.M. Van Bitner did the Roll Call.

Approve the Agenda-A motion was made by Dan Doedtman and seconded by Don Beisiegel, motion carried.

Approve June 2013 Minutes-A motion was made by Tom Beyers and seconded by Gerard Fabrizius to approve the June 11, 2013 meeting minutes as presented, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS -NONE

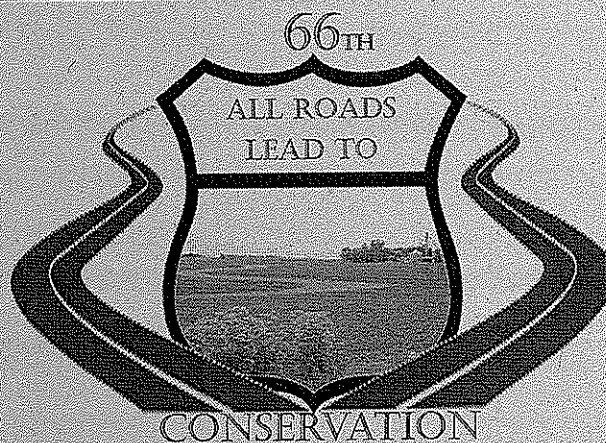
NEW BUSINESS

Affiliate Membership Account-Kelly Thompson reported that there are 5- \$35 members and 1 Corporate Member to date.

Questions on Financial Reports- Discussion about the McKibben Scholarship to make sure there is enough for the \$500 Scholarship to be given out next year. It was stated there would be enough for the Scholarship this year. Sherry stated that if need be they would get sponsors to do this. A motion was made by Don Beisiegel and seconded by Lee Bunting to approve the Financial Reports as given, motion carried.

A motion was made by Barb Klinger and seconded by Terry Davis to adjourn, motion carried.

Minutes submitted by: Sue M. Davis
AC, Christian County SWCD



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By-Laws of the Association of Illinois Soil and Water Conservation Districts

ARTICLE #1

Authority - Purpose - Power - Place of Business - Membership - Dues

Section #1: **Authority.** The final authority in the direction and control of the affairs of this Association shall rest in the membership. All Illinois Soil and Water Conservation Districts are eligible to be members of this organization.

Section #2: **Purposes.** The purposes of the Association are stated in the constitution and policies of the Association of Illinois Soil and Water Conservation Districts, including to advance the conservation and orderly development, management, improvement, and multiple use of natural resources of the State of Illinois through serving Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

In accordance with Internal Revenue Code (hereinafter I.R.C.) 501(c) (4), the Association is not organized for profit, but operated exclusively for the promotion of social welfare and the net earnings of which are devoted exclusively to charitable, educational or recreational purposes.

No part of the net earnings of the Association shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, directors, officers, employees, or other private persons, except that the Association shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth herein.

Income for each taxable year will be distributed at such time and in such manner as not to subject the Association to tax under I.R.C. 4942, and the Association shall not engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in I.R.C. 4941 (d), or retain any excess business holdings as defined in I.R.C. 4943 (c), or make any investments in such manner as to subject the Association to tax under I.R.C. 4944 and make any taxable expenditures defined in I.R.C. 4945 (d).

Upon dissolution and in accordance with Article 6, Section 2 below, any assets remaining after all expenses and obligations are fully satisfied, shall be distributed evenly to the eligible member Soil and Water Conservation Districts formed under 70 ILCS 405/1 in good standing at time of dissolution.

Section #3: **Power.** The State Association shall have power to employ such personnel and to acquire and own such equipment as may be necessary for carrying out the objectives of the Association. The Association shall represent the Soil and Water Conservation Districts in the State of Illinois. The Association Board shall elect a board member and alternate to the National Association of Conservation Districts. The NACD Board member and Alternate shall be an elected director from a District in good standing. The Association shall have the power to enter into agreement with interested groups and agencies as may be necessary to carry out the purpose and objectives of the organization.

Section #4: **Offices.** The Association shall have and continuously maintain in this State a registered office and a registered agent whose office is identical with such

Section #4: Qualifications. The qualification for voting delegates shall be that they must be District Directors appointed by a District Governing Body.

Section #5: Quorum. A majority of the Active Voting Delegates shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any regular or special meeting of the members. In the absence of a legal quorum, those present may conduct the business of the Association, with all actions so taken being subject to approval by the delegate body at a time when a quorum is declared.

Section #6: Resolutions. Resolutions to be brought before the Annual Meeting must be sent to the Resolutions Chairperson (see Article 5, Section 2 c), before the June Board Meeting prior to the Annual Meeting. Resolutions brought to the Resolution Chairperson before the June Board Meeting must receive a simple majority for passage. Resolutions not submitted to the Resolution Chairperson before the June Board Meeting must be brought before the voting delegates and receive a seventy-five percent (75%) favorable response of voting delegates present in order to bring the resolution to the floor for discussion. Following discussion these Resolutions must receive a simple majority for passage. Resolutions can be initiated by any District in good standing, Association committees, Association Board of Directors, and Councils in good standing. Councils with a majority of their Districts as active voting members shall be considered as in good standing.

Section #7: Amendments of By-Laws. By-laws may be amended, repealed or altered at the Association Annual Meeting by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the eligible districts present. At least thirty (30) days prior to the Annual Meeting, notice of the proposed amendment(s) shall be given to the membership. Amendments become effective immediately upon passage. Resolutions that deal with by-law changes shall include the Article and Section amended, repealed or altered by the resolution.

ARTICLE #3

Board of Directors - Officers - Executive Committee - Organization Units - Personnel

Section #1: Board of Directors. The business, property and affairs of this Association shall be controlled by a Board of Directors composed of a Director or Alternate Director from each Council hereinafter known as Association Director or Alternate Association Director and the Executive Committee. The Association Directors or Alternate Association Directors, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Area Vice Presidents shall have voting rights, with the President only voting to break a tie. The immediate past president of the AISWCD if currently serving as a duly elected member of a governing body of an Illinois Soil and Water Conservation District in good standing, NACD Board member and Alternate, NACD Officer and President of the Auxiliary and Co-Chairs of the Illinois Soil and Water Conservation District Employees Association elected by their body serve with voice participation but without voting rights on both the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee (Article 3, Section 1, C).

A. Qualification for Board of Directors: They must be duly elected and currently serving as members of a governing body of an Illinois Soil and Water Conservation District in good standing. Directors of the Association shall be confirmed at the Annual Meeting. Alternate Directors shall qualify and be elected in the same manner as Directors, and shall serve only in the case of inability of the duly elected Director. The President of the Auxiliary and Co-Chairs of the Illinois Soil and Water

ARTICLE #4

Eligibility - Term of Office - Compensation - Duties

Section #1: Eligibility.

A. Eligibility for Officers: In order to become eligible for nomination and election to the Board of Directors, Officers or Executive Committee of this Association, a candidate must be a duly elected member of the governing body of a local Soil and Water Conservation District in good standing.

B. Eligibility for Association Directors and Alternates: They must be duly elected members of a governing body of a Soil and Water Conservation District in good standing at the time they are elected. Council Directors shall be elected by respective Councils. Alternates shall serve only in the case of absence of the duly elected Director.

C. Eligibility for Area Vice Presidents: In order to become eligible as an Area Vice President, they must be District Director in good standing and be nominated and elected by the Area membership in which their District belongs at the State Association Annual Meeting.

D. Eligibility for Committee Membership: Only District Directors and the ISWCDEA appointed district personnel from a district in good standing shall be eligible to serve as a voting member on any of the Association committees. They shall be recommended for an appointment by the committee chairperson appointed by the President of the Association and approved by the Board of Directors of the Association.

E. Eligibility for NACD Board member and Alternate: Board member and alternate to be elected biannually at December Quarterly Board meeting by Association Board of Directors. NACD Board members and Alternate shall come from a district in good standing. The newly elected NACD Board Member and Alternate will take office immediately upon being elected and shall serve until their replacement is elected.

Section #2: Term of Office. The term of the President shall be for two (2) years. The president is eligible for election to a consecutive two-year term. The Vice President and the Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected annually. Should the President be unable to complete the term, the Vice President shall complete the unexpired term and is then eligible for election to 2 two-year terms as President. Newly elected officers and Directors of the Association shall take office at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting and Summer Conference activities.

A. Term of Office for Area Vice Presidents: The term of office for Area Vice Presidents shall be two (2) years and they shall be elected by the delegate body at the Annual Meeting. Area 1 and Area 3 shall elect in the odd-numbered years, and Area 2 and Area 4 shall elect in the even-numbered years.

B. Term of Office to the Board of Directors: An Association Director shall be elected for a two-year term. The Councils designated in Article #7 with an odd number shall elect in the odd years, and the Councils designated in Article #7 with an even number shall elect in the even years.

C. Term of Office for Councils: Council Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected for a two (2) year term by

assist with the preparation of a budget for each of the Committees, the Executive Committee, and General Budget of the Association. The Treasurer shall conduct an annual evaluation of insurance coverage to be reviewed annually. The Treasurer shall maintain an inventory of equipment, furniture, and furnishings as well as agreements and contracts to be reviewed annually.

E. Duties of the Executive Committee: It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to assess the goals and assemble information concerning matters of importance to the Board of Directors. The Executive Committee shall direct and guide the Association personnel toward accomplishment of the Association goals as identified in the Association's Annual Plan of Work. They shall review annually the By-Laws of the Association. They shall review resolutions submitted through the Association.

F. Duties of the Executive Director: It shall be the duty of the Executive Director to carry out the goals and objectives of the Association of Illinois Soil and Water Conservation Districts as outlined in the Association's Annual Plan of Work. The President of the Association and the Executive Committee will determine the priority of duties to be assigned.

G. Duties of the Area Vice President: It shall be the duty of the Area Vice Presidents to assist the President in carrying on the business of the Association in the respective areas from which they are elected. It shall also be the duty of the Area Vice President to contact and meet with each Council in the Vice President's Area at least once in each fiscal year. They shall serve on the Executive Committee and shall submit Area wide concerns.

H. Duties of the Association Director: It shall be the duty of the Association Directors to give direction, information and input to the Board of Directors and Executive Committee from their respective Council. They shall vote on issues brought before the Board of Directors at regular Board meetings or special meetings. They shall report results of Board meetings to Council meetings for local review, discussion and appropriate action. They shall serve on committees of the Association as directed by the President and/or Committee Chairperson. They shall attend their Council Meetings, Association Board Meetings, Association Annual Meeting, Association Committee Meetings, and other meetings deemed necessary by the President.

I. Incapacity of Officers: A vacancy in any office (with the exception of the office of President) because of death, resignation, removal, disqualification, or otherwise, shall be filled by the Board of Directors for the unexpired portion of the term.

ARTICLE #5

Board of Directors

Section #1: Board Meetings. The Board of Directors composed of the Association Directors and Executive Committee members shall meet at least three (3) times a year or as often as the business of the Association requires. Regular scheduled Board Meetings will be held in the months of March, June and December. Each member of the Board of Directors is entitled to one (1) vote on all business to

ARTICLE #6

Finance - Service - Sundry Provisions

Section #1: **Depository.** The funds of this Association shall be kept in a Federally Insured Bank designated by the Executive Committee. Such a depository should be convenient and readily accessible to the Treasurer.

A. **Signatures:** The signature of the President, Treasurer and the Treasurer's designee (Executive Director), and one other employee as may be deemed necessary and designated by the President shall be on file with the designated depository. The signature cards on file at the depository shall so designate.

B. **Bond:** The Treasurer shall be required by the Board of Directors to give bond for the faithful discharge of duties in such sum and with such surety as may be determined by the Board of Directors. The premium on any corporate fidelity bond so required shall be paid out by the Association.

Section #2: **Distribution of Assets.** No distribution of the property of this Association shall be made until all debts are fully paid, and then only upon its final dissolution and surrender of organization and name, and as otherwise provided by law; nor shall any distribution be made except by majority vote of the members of the Association at any regular or special meetings, and only after due notice has been given as prescribed by these by-laws as regards special meetings. However, this prohibition shall not operate to prevent the Association, while acting, from receiving and distributing or disbursing any funds as prescribed by these by-laws. In case of final dissolution of the Association, any funds remaining after all expenses and obligations are fully satisfied shall be distributed evenly to the soil and water conservation districts in good standing at time of dissolution.

Section #3: **Fiscal Year.** The fiscal year of this Association shall begin with the first day of January and terminate with the thirty-first day of December.

Section #4: **Order of Business.** The proceedings of this Association shall be conducted under and pursuant to Robert's Rules of Order except as herein otherwise provided.

Section #5: **Corporate Seal.** The Corporate seal of this Association shall consist of two concentric circles, between which shall be the name of the Association, and in the center shall be inscribed the words "Corporate Seal", and such seal impressed on the margin is hereby adopted as the Corporate Seal of this Corporation.

ARTICLE #7

Section #1: **Councils.** The Soil and Water Conservation Districts of Illinois shall be grouped into sixteen (16) Councils:

- Council # 1: Carroll - JoDaviess - Lee - Ogle - Stephenson - Whiteside
- Council # 2: Bureau - Henry - Marshall/Putnam - Mercer - Rock Island - Stark
- Council # 3: Grundy - Iroquois - Kankakee - Kendall - LaSalle - Livingston
- Council # 4: Fulton - Hancock - Henderson - Knox - McDonough - Warren
- Council # 5: Mason - Menard - Peoria - Tazewell - Woodford
- Council # 6: DeWitt - Ford - Logan - Macon - McLean - Moultrie - Piatt
- Council # 7: Clark - Champaign - Coles - Douglas - Edgar - Vermillion

Foundation By-Laws of The Association of Illinois Soil and Water Conservation Districts

ARTICLE I

NAME

The name of this not for profit corporation shall be ILLINOIS SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS FOUNDATION.

ARTICLE II

PURPOSES

The purposes of the Foundation shall be as follows:

To assist in developing and furthering the interest, objectives and purposes of the Association of Illinois Soil and Water Conservation Districts; to foster and promote charitable and educational purposes designed to further the principles of soil conservation and stewardship, water conservation and energy conservation; to provide, conduct and sponsor programs to aid individuals, groups, organizations, governmental bodies, associations and all entities in combating soil erosion and energy water waste; including for all such purposes the making of distributions to organizations under Section 501 (C) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law.

No part of the net earnings of the Foundation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its members, trustees, officers or other private persons, except that the foundation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth herein. No substantial part of the activities of the Foundation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Foundation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the Foundation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a Foundation exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) or (b) by a Foundation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

Upon the dissolution of the Foundation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all of the liabilities of the Foundation, dispose of all of the assets of the Foundation, exclusively for the purposes of the Foundation in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational or religious purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the Board of Directors shall determine. Any of such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Circuit Court of the county in which the principal office of the Foundation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

The Foundation shall distribute its income for each taxable year at such time and in such manner as not to become subject to the tax on undistributed income imposed by Section 4942 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal tax laws.

The Foundation shall not engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in Section 4941 (d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal tax laws.

The Foundation shall not retain any excess business holdings as defined in Section 4943 (c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal tax laws.

The Foundation shall not make any investments in such manner as to subject it to tax under Section 4944 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal tax laws.

The Foundation shall not make any taxable expenditures as defined in Section 4945 (d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal tax laws.

ARTICLE III

ORGANIZATION UNITS

The organization of the Foundation shall be as follows:

A. Consist of all Soil and Water Conservation Districts in Illinois as separate corporate bodies incorporated under an Enabling Act of the laws of the State of Illinois.

B. For the purpose of providing representation on the Board of Directors, Districts are grouped into sixteen (16) Councils with one representative from each Council elected to the Board of Directors.

C. For the purpose of coordinating the work of the Foundation, the Executive Committee of the Foundation shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, four (4) Area Vice Presidents, The immediate past president of the AISWCD if currently serving as a duly elected member of a governing body of an Illinois Soil and Water Conservation District in good standing, NACD Director and Alternate, NACD Officer (when applicable), President of the Auxiliary and Co-Chairs of the Illinois Soil and Water Conservation District Employees Association. For the purpose of coordinating the work of the Officers of the Foundation, the State shall be divided into four (4) Areas. An Area Vice-President and an Alternate shall be nominated by the active voting membership of each Area, and confirmed by the active voting membership of the Foundation at the Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE IV

OFFICES

The Foundation shall have and continuously maintain in this State a registered office and a registered agent whose office is identical with such registered office, and shall have other offices within or without the State of Illinois as the Board of Directors may from time to time determine.

ARTICLE V

MEMBERS

The membership of the Foundation shall consist of two classes as follows:

A. Active voting members shall be all the Soil and Water Conservation Districts of Illinois, incorporated as separate corporate bodies under an Enabling Act of the laws of the State of Illinois and who are

duly qualified members of the Association of Illinois Soil and Water Conservation Districts. Each shall be represented by one delegate and each delegate shall have one vote.

B. Cooperating sponsors of the Foundation shall consist of any individual, company, corporation or agency interested in supporting, either financially or through active participation, the purposes of the Foundation. Cooperating sponsors shall not be entitled to vote.

C. The individuals, companies, corporations or agencies interested in obtaining membership as a cooperating sponsor shall make application to the board of Directors for such membership and the Board of Directors shall act on such application at their next regular or special meeting or such other meeting as shall be convenient for such action.

ARTICLE VI

MEETINGS OF MEMBERS

- Section 1.** **Annual Meeting.** The annual meeting of the members of the Foundation shall be held at such time and place as may be designated by the Board of Directors of the Foundation. The Secretary shall send or have sent written notice to all members at least 30 days prior to the date set. Notice shall state time and place and shall include notice of special business that is to be presented over and above the ordinary or regular business.
- Section 2.** **Special Meetings.** Special meetings of the members may be called at any time by the President or by a majority of the Board of Directors or upon written request of one-third of the active voting members of the Foundation. The President shall call a special meeting for the purpose of and within such time as shall be set forth in the written request. Notice of the special meeting shall be given in the same manner as herein provided for regular meetings. Special meetings may be held in person or by electronic means. No business may be transacted at a special meeting other than that stated in the call.
- Section 3.** **Place of Meeting.** The Board of Directors may designate any place, either within or without the State of Illinois, as the place of meeting for any annual meeting or special meeting of the members.
- Section 4.** **Notice of Meetings.** Written or printed notice stating the place, day and hour of the meeting and, in the case of a special meeting, the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called, shall be delivered not less than ten (10) days nor more than forty (40) days before the date of the meeting, either personally, by mail, or by electronic means by or at the direction of the Secretary to each member entitled to vote at such meeting.
- Section 5.** **Quorum.** A majority of the active voting members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any regular or special meeting of the members. If less than a quorum is present or represented, a majority of the members represented at the meeting may adjourn the meeting from time to time without further notice.
- Section 6.** **Qualifications.** The qualifications for a voting delegate to the membership meeting of the Foundation shall be that they must be district Directors appointed by a District governing body.
- Section 7.** **Voting.** Each voting member shall be entitled to one vote on each matter submitted to a vote of the members. Each such member may vote in person or by proxy executed in writing by a member or by his or her duly authorized attorney in fact. Such proxy shall be filed with the Secretary of the Foundation before or at the time of the meeting.

ARTICLE VII

DIRECTORS

- Section 1.** **General Powers.** The business, property and affairs of the Foundation shall be managed by its Board of Directors.
- Section 2.** **Number, Tenure and Qualifications.** The directors of the Foundation shall consist of sixteen (16) persons who shall hold their office for a two (2) year term and shall be elected by the members of the Foundation at the annual meeting and the Executive Committee (see Article 3, Section 3), The President, 4 Area Vice Presidents, and NACD Director shall hold their directorship for two (2) years or during the term of their respective office, whichever is less. The Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, President of the Auxiliary and Co-Chair of the Illinois Soil and Water Conservation District Employees Association shall hold their directorship for one (1) year term or the term of their respective office, whichever is less. All directors shall hold office after his or her election or appointment or until his or her successor shall have been elected and qualified (except in the case of resignation or removal). A majority of the members of the Foundation shall have the power at any meeting to remove any director for cause and fill the vacancy and thereupon the director so removed shall cease to be a director. A director must be a duly elected member of a governing body of a Soil and Water Conservation District in Illinois at the time he or she is elected or appointed.
- Section 3.** **Nomination of Directors.** The sixteen (16) directors elected by the members shall be nominated by members of each Council prior to the annual meeting and their names and addresses shall be certified to the Secretary two (2) weeks prior to the annual meeting. Sixteen (16) alternate directors shall be nominated by each Council and shall qualify and be elected in the same manner as directors but shall serve only in the event of the inability or absence of the duly elected director.
- Section 4.** **Regular Meetings.** The Board of Directors shall meet as often as the business of the Foundation requires.
- Section 5.** **Special Meetings.** Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by or at the request of the President or any four (4) directors. The person or persons authorized to call special meetings of the Board of Directors may fix any place, either within or without the State of Illinois, as the place for holding any special meeting of the Board of Directors called by them. Such meetings may be held in person or by electronic means.
- Section 6.** **Notice.** Notice of any special meeting shall be given by the President at least five (5) days prior thereto by written notice delivered personally, mailed, provided by electronic means or by telegram to each director at his personal or business address. The attendance of a director at any meeting shall constitute a waiver or notice of such meeting, except where a director attends a meeting for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business because the meeting is not lawfully called or convened. Neither the business to be transacted at, nor the purpose of, any regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors need be specified in the notice of such meeting.
- Section 7.** **Quorum.** The presence either physically or by electronic means, of a majority of the members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Board of Directors, provided that if less than a majority of the directors are present at said meeting, a majority of the directors present may adjourn the meeting from time to time without further notice.
- Section 8.** **Vacancies.** Except as provided in the last sentence of Section 2 of this Article, any vacancy occurring in the Board of Directors may be filled by the Board of Directors.

Section 9. **Committees.** The President of the Foundation shall appoint all committees of the Foundation designated by the Board of Directors, other than committees having and exercising the authority of the Board of Directors in the management of the Foundation which shall be appointed by action of a majority of the Board of Directors.

Article VIII

OFFICERS

Section 1. **Number.** The officers of the Foundation shall be a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer and such other officers as may be elected or appointed by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. **Election and Qualification of Officers.** The officers of the Foundation shall be elected by the Board of Directors at their annual meeting except the first officers who shall be elected at the first meeting of the Board. The President, Vice President, Secretary and the Treasurer need not be members of the Board of Directors. The term of the President shall be two (2) years. The term of the Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer shall be one (1) year. All officers shall hold their office until their successors shall have been duly elected and qualified.

Section 3. **Vacancies.** A vacancy in any office (with the exception of the office of President) because of death, resignation, removal, disqualification, or otherwise, shall be filled by the Board of Directors for the unexpired portion of the term.

Section 4. **The President.** Under the authority and subject to the direction of the Board of Directors, the President shall be the principal executive officer of the Foundation and shall in general supervise and control all of the business and affairs of the Foundation. He shall preside at all meetings of committees designated by the Board of Directors and in general shall perform all duties incident to the office of President and all duties which the Board of Directors may prescribe from time to time. He shall be responsible directly to the Board of Directors. He shall carry out or cause to be carried out all the policies of the Foundation.

Section 5. **Vice President.** In the absence of the President or in the event of his inability or refusal to act, the Vice President shall perform the duties of the President, and when so acting, shall have all the powers of and be subject to all the restrictions upon the President. The Vice President shall perform such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him by the President or by the Board of Directors.

Section 6. **The Treasurer.** The Treasurer shall: (a) have custody of all Foundation funds and securities and shall keep in books belonging to the Foundation full and accurate accounts of all receipts and disbursements; he shall deposit all moneys, securities and other valuable effects in the name of the Foundation in such depositories as may be designated for that purpose by the Board of Directors. He shall disburse the funds of the Foundation as may be ordered by the Board, taking proper vouchers for such disbursements, and shall render to the President and Directors at the regular meetings of the Board, and whenever requested by them, an account of all his transactions as Treasurer and of the financial condition of the Foundation; (b) in general perform all the duties incident to the office of Treasurer and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him by the President or by the Board of Directors.

Section 7. **The Secretary.** The Secretary shall: (a) keep the minutes of the members' and of the Board of Directors' meetings in one or more books provided for that purpose; (b) see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these By-Laws or as required by law; (c) be custodian of the Foundation records and of the seal of the Foundation and see that the seal of the Foundation is affixed to all documents, the execution of which on behalf of the Foundation under its seal is duly authorized in accordance with law or with the provisions of these By-Laws; (d) keep a register of the post office address of each member which shall be furnished to the Secretary by such member; (e) in general perform all duties incident to the office of Secretary and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him by the President or by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IX

COMPENSATION

There may be monetary compensation for officers or members of the Board of Directors. Room, board and mileage may be allowed and the necessary expenses of conducting the Foundation business.

ARTICLE X

EXECUTION OF INSTRUMENTS

Section 1. **Checks.** All checks, drafts and orders for payment of money shall be signed in the name of the Foundation and may be countersigned by such officers or agents as the Board of Directors shall from time to time designate for that purpose.

Section 2. **Contracts and Conveyances.** When the execution of any contract, conveyance or other instrument has been authorized without specifications of the executing officers, the President, or Vice President, and the Secretary may execute the same and in the name and on behalf of the Foundation and may affix the corporate seal thereto.

ARTICLE XI

SEAL

The Board of Directors shall provide a corporate seal which shall be in the form of a circle and shall have inscribed thereon the name of the Foundation and the words "Corporate Seal, Illinois".

ARTICLE XII

WAIVER OF NOTICE

Whenever any notice whatever is required to be given under the provisions of these By-Laws or under the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation or any statutes of the State of Illinois relating to corporations not for pecuniary profit, waiver thereof in writing, signed by the person or persons entitled to such notice, whether before or after the time stated therein shall be deemed equivalent to the giving of such notice.

ARTICLE XIII

AMENDMENTS

The By-Laws of the Foundation may be amended, repealed or altered at any annual, regular or special meeting of the Foundation by the affirmative vote of a majority of the active voting members in attendance, due notice of such meeting having been given, provided that the purpose of such amendment to the By-Laws and a brief statement of the proposed amendment shall be included in the notice of the meeting. The By-Laws may also be amended, repealed or altered at any regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Foundation by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Board members then holding office. Any amendment adopted by the members shall take precedence over the amendment adopted by the Board of Directors. Any amendment of the By-Laws by the Board of Directors shall be reported to the members at the next regular meeting of the members following the action of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XIV

FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of the Foundation shall begin with the first day of January in each year and end on the thirty-first day of December in each year.

ARTICLE XV

ORDER OF BUSINESS

The proceedings of the Foundation shall be conducted under and pursuant to Roberts Rules of Order, except as otherwise provided herein.

ARTICLE XVI

COUNCILS

The Soil and Water Conservation Districts of the State of Illinois shall be grouped into sixteen (16) Councils:

Council # 1:	Carroll - JoDaviess - Lee - Ogle - Stephenson - Whiteside
Council # 2:	Bureau - Henry - Marshall/Putnam - Mercer - Rock Island - Stark
Council # 3:	Grundy - Iroquois - Kankakee - Kendall - LaSalle - Livingston
Council # 4:	Fulton - Hancock - Henderson - Knox - McDonough - Warren
Council # 5:	Mason - Menard - Peoria - Tazewell - Woodford
Council # 6:	DeWitt - Ford - Logan - Macon - McLean - Moultrie - Piatt
Council # 7:	Clark - Champaign - Coles - Douglas - Edgar - Vermilion
Council # 8:	Adams - Brown - Calhoun - Cass - Greene - Morgan - Pike - Scott - Schuyler
Council # 9:	Bond - Christian - Macoupin - Montgomery - Sangamon
Council #10:	Cumberland - Effingham - Fayette - Jasper - Shelby
Council #11:	Crawford - Edwards - Lawrence - Richland - Wabash
Council #12:	Jersey - Madison - Monroe - Randolph - St. Clair
Council #13:	Clay - Clinton - Franklin - Jefferson - Marion - Washington - Wayne
Council # 14:	Gallatin - Hamilton - Johnson - Massac - Pope/Hardin - Saline - White
Council #15:	Jackson - Perry - Pulaski/Alexander - Union - Williamson
Council #16:	Boone - DeKalb- Kane/DuPage - McHenry/Lake - North Cook - Winnebago - Will/South Cook

ARTICLE XVII

AREAS

The State of Illinois shall be divided into four (4) areas. Areas shall consist of the following Councils:

Area # 1:	Councils 1 - 2 - 3 - 16
Area # 2:	Councils 4 - 5 - 8 - 9
Area # 3:	Councils 6 - 7 - 10
Area # 4:	Councils 11 - 12 - 13 - 14 - 15

ARTICLE XVIII

INDEMNIFICATION

The Foundation shall indemnify any and all of its directors or officers or former directors or officers or any person who may have served at its request or by its election as a director or officer of another corporation, against expenses actually and necessarily incurred by them in connection with the defense or settlement of any action, suit or proceeding in which they, or any of them, are made parties, or a party, by reason of being or having been directors or a director or officer of the Foundation or of such other corporation, except in relation to matters as to which any such director or officer or former director or officer or person shall be adjudged in such action, suit or proceeding to be liable for willful misconduct in performance of duty and to such matters as shall be settled by agreement predicated on existence of such liability.

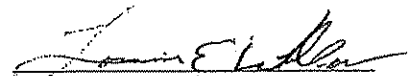
The indemnification provided hereby shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which anyone seeking indemnification may be entitled under any bylaw, agreement, vote of members or disinterested directors or otherwise, both as to action in his official capacity and as to action in another capacity while holding such office.


Revised and Approved
July 28, 2003

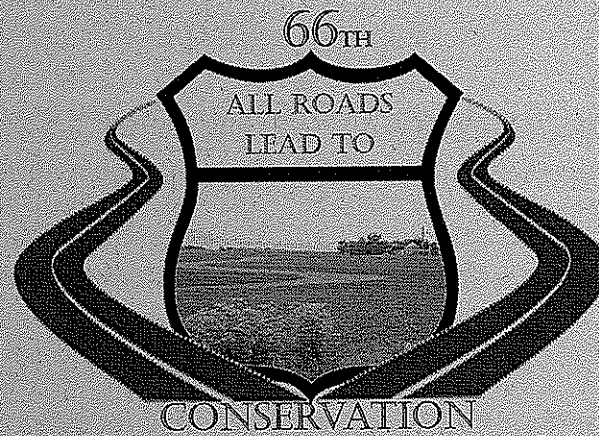
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July 23, 2009


AISWCD President


Attest:



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Resolutions

AISWCD Resolution 2014-1

Illinois Certainty Program

Whereas, farmers need to be pro-active in conservation of soil and water resources.

Whereas, there are currently a number of practices that farmers can implement to steward their land.

Whereas, Illinois Soil and Water Conservation Districts encourage the use of appropriate conservation practices to address the needed resource concerns.

Whereas, a number of states have developed certainty programs to assist agricultural producers and land users in meeting regulatory requirements.

Therefore, be it resolved that The Association of Illinois Soil and Water Conservation Districts, and its partners, need to research the feasibility of a certainty program similar to states such as Louisiana, Michigan and Minnesota that will help agricultural land users meet governmental regulations.

Approved by:

Kane-DuPage Soil and Water Conservation District 2/13/2014

Land Use Council 16: 02/20/2014

Approved by:

AISWCD Board-6/10/2014

AISWCD Resolution 2014-2

Nutrient Reduction Strategy

Whereas, many land users, urban and rural, contribute significant inputs of nitrogen and phosphorous to our waterways.

Whereas, nutrient loading is a current issue and will continue to be into the future.

Whereas, nutrient loading is a contributor to the Gulf of Mexico hypoxia, which has consequences world-wide.

Whereas, all land users need to be major participants in addressing nutrient loading.

Therefore, be it resolved that The Association of Illinois Soil and Water Conservation Districts (AISWCD) shall be a continuing major presence, player, and voice for conservation in the nutrient reduction strategy being developed by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. In addition, the AISWCD should be involved in the implementation phase of this strategy.

Approved By:

Kane-DuPage Soil and Water Conservation District: 02/13/2014

Land Use Council 16: 02/20/2014

Not Supported as proposed by:

AISWCD Board – which requested a friendly amendment-June 10, 2014

AISWCD Resolution 2014-3

Soil Health Program

Whereas, Illinois soil is some of the most productive in the world.

Whereas, farmers need to be responsible stewards of the land and to preserve and protect the soil for future generations.

Whereas, Illinois needs to be a leader in soil conservation through efficient nutrient management while supporting soil biology and sustainability.

Whereas, the trend of Illinois Soil Conservation Transect Surveys has indicated that conservation tillage has been decreasing.

Whereas, Illinois made great strides but failed to meet tolerable soil loss by the year 2000.

Therefore, be it resolved that The Association of Illinois Soil and Water Conservation Districts needs to research and develop, with its partners, a comprehensive state-wide soil conservation program that incorporates a systematic approach through reducing soil loss and managing nutrients efficiently to achieve healthy soil.

Approved by:

Kane-DuPage Soil and Water Conservation District 02/13/2014

Land Use Council 16: 02/20/2014

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Proposed AISWCD By-law Amendment

The following is proposed to be added to the AISWCD's By-laws to deal with resolutions that are no longer relevant to the operations of the AISWCD.

Currently there is no mechanism to remove these resolutions from the AISWCD's list of program activities.

We believe the following wording will accomplish the objective while still allowing membership the opportunity to determine if the resolution should or should not be removed.

ARTICLE 2 Section #6: Resolutions

Add to existing wording:

Resolutions passed by the voting delegates at the annual meeting will be added to the AISWCD Policy Book for use by the AISWCD Employees, Officers and members to further the efforts of Conservation by the AISWCD.

ARTICLE #5 Section #2: Committees

Add new paragraph - D. Policy Book Review Committee

D. Policy Book Review Committee: The Resolution Committee shall also serve as the Policy Book Review Committee and shall review the Policy Book on a yearly basis. Any Resolution in the Policy Book deemed not relevant to the operation of the AISWCD will be brought forward to the voting Delegate Body of the AISWCD at its annual meeting to be voted on for removal. Delegates will be informed of Resolutions proposed for removal at least 30 days prior to the annual meeting. Any district that is a member in good standing has the right to request that the Resolution be further reviewed before it is brought before the delegate body for removal. In its request for further review, the district will provide reason for making its request. Once the Policy Book Review Committee has determined that the resolution is no longer relevant to the operations of the AISWCD and that no district has requested further review, the question shall be put to the voting delegates present. (Option one) A vote of 100% of the delegates present, voting for removal, will be necessary to remove the resolution from the AISWCD Policy Book. (Option two) A simple majority of the voting delegates present, voting for removal, will be necessary to remove the Resolution from the AISWCD Policy Book.

Explanation: Two options are listed above. The membership will chose one and the By-Laws amendment, if adopted, will contain that chosen option.

NACD uses a simple majority in removing policy from their book but any district can ask for further consideration of a policy before it is removed.

**Note: This By-Law Amendment, if approved by Voting Delegate, will be effective immediately.

Approved by: AISWCD Board-June 10, 2014



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