

AISWCD Executive Committee
Conference Call: March 19, 2015 at 9:00 am
Meeting Minutes

Present: Myron Kirby Tom Beyers Kenny Vosholler Van Bitner Jerry Snodgrass David McCormick Glen Bowers Lonnie Wilson Kelly Thompson Gina Bean	Absent: Steve Stierwalt Matt Hanauer
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Myron Kirby called the meeting to order at 9:01 am and Gina Bean took roll.
Tom Beyers made a motion to have an open agenda. It was 2nd by Van Bitner and approved by all.

GYPSUM

Tom Beyers took this time to discuss GYPSUM and the exemption of the sludge rule. He has talked to Nancy Powell from Headwaters concerning this topic. IEPA was neutral on the topic but have no began to support the position in the request. There was discussion by the group

Motion: AISWCD will take a position of support on a request from exemption of the sludge rule for GYPSUM.

Motion: Tom Beyers 2nd: Glen Bowers Carried: All

AISWCD will send a letter of support to Mike Hoffmann and IL ALL.

NLRS PowerPoints

Tom Beyers would like the AISWCD to assist in getting NLRS PowerPoints together. These can be used by anyone wanting to give information on the topic. Suggestions from the committee were to contact CTIC and Tim Palmer to see if they already have PowerPoints made.

NLRS Taskforce Update

The NLRS taskforce has already started meeting with partners. Kelly Thompson, Myron Kirby, and Steve Stierwalt met with Illinois Fertilizer and Chemical Association President, Jean Payne, on Wednesday, March 18, 2015. Kelly and Myron will be meeting with the Corn Growers and Farm Bureau legislative staff on Monday, March 23, 2015 and Farm Bureau on Thursday, March 26, 2015. They are also trying to set up a meeting with the Director of IEPA.

State Budget Update

Kelly Thompson, Myron Kirby, and Mike Hoffmann have been visiting Legislators and staffers and have voiced their concerns on the 2nd allocation and insurance money for FY2015. They would like the funds to be released by April 10th. Jerry Snodgrass talked about a couple of Districts in LUC 1 are talking about cutting hours.

Other

Van Bitner reminded everyone to make sure they are going to LUC meetings and the Districts and inform them that we would like to collect 10 large items for the auction but also want the smaller items for the silent auction. Tom Beyers stated it may be appropriate to ask Headwaters to donate an item.

Myron Kirby talked about the NRCS Client Gateway. AISWCD should have a contract today after Kelly Thompson meets with NRCS. Myron will take a look at it and will have more information then. This would only be available to Districts in good standing with AISWCD.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:59 am.

1st: Kenny Vosholler 2nd: Glen Bowers Carried: All

Minutes taken and transcribed by : Gina Bean, AISWCD Administrative Coordinator