



WELCOME

–SWCD Chairman's Meeting–

February 15, 2016



Introductions & Roll Call

- AISWCD Board
- AISWCD Staff
- SWCD Chairperson or Designee
- ISWCDEA Representatives
- IL SWCD Insurance Group Representatives

RECAPTURE OF EVENTS

~You Don't Know Where You're Going if You Don't Know Where You've Been~

SEPTEMBER 2014 — FEBRUARY 2016

2014 September – December

■ September

- *AISWCD Staff changes*
- *Former Staff embezzlement*

■ October – December

- *Working on organizing and updating AISWCD records*
- *NRCS Administrative Assistance Agreement & CRP Contribution Agreement*

2015 January – March

■ January

- *Legislative “Meet & Greet”*

■ February

- *Meeting with Rep. Davidsmeyer in Jacksonville*
- *Legislative Visits at the Statehouse*

■ March

- *Legislative Meeting at Madison County SWCD*
- *Meeting with former IDOA Director Nelson*
- *IL AG Legislative Day*
- *AISWCD & Partners Legislative Day*
- *More Legislative Visits at the Statehouse*
- *Meeting with Senator McCann in Jacksonville*

2015 April – July

■ April

- *Legislative meeting with Rep. Bradley and Rep. Phelps in Marion*

■ May

- *Meeting with Rep. Davidsmeyer in Jacksonville*
- *Legislative Visits at the Statehouse*
- *Meetings with IL Environmental Protection Agency*
- *Meetings with IDOA*

■ June

- *Legislative Roundtable meeting in Decatur*
- **June 12th** *Governor announced suspension of funding for SWCDs and other grant line items – beginning July 1, 2015*

■ July

- *AISWCD Annual Meeting & Summer Conference – became aware of the SWCD Insurance funding to run-out beginning September 30th*

2015 August – December

■ August – October

- **August 6th** *Meeting with IDOA Director Nelson to discuss SWCD Insurance*
- **August 21st** *Meeting with GOMB to discuss SWCD Insurance*
- **August 27th** *State-wide SWCD Conference call to share information obtained from the meeting with GOMB*
- **September 14th** *AISWCD received notification that SWCD and D&O liability, Equipment insurance and Workman's Comp. was no longer covered by IDOA beginning July 1, 2015
AISWCD paid \$23k without reimbursement (July-September)*
- **September 22nd** *Legislative Call-In to inform Legislators of the SWCD Insurance and Funding crisis*
- **September 25th** *AISWCD Executive Board Meeting with IDOA, GOMB and Governor's Office Staff to discuss funding*
- **September 30th** *SWCD Insurance Funding to run out*
- **October 19th** *Lt. Governor's Local Units of Government and Consolidation Taskforce presentation in Peoria*

■ November – December

- **November 16th** *Executive Board met w/ Farm Bureau in Springfield to discuss a funding plan*
- **November 25th** *Reorganization Taskforce met in Springfield to discuss a plan of action*
- **December 14th** *Meeting with IDOA Director Raymond Poe*

2016 January – Now

■ January

- *January 5th* *Reorganization Taskforce met at IDOA to discuss a plan to move forward – Discussed holding a Chairman's Meeting*
- *January 6th* *IL AG Legislative Roundtable in Bloomington*
- *January 27th* *Meeting with Rep. David Reis and other Legislative visits*
- *January 28th* *SWCD Advisory Board meeting at IDOA*

■ February

- *February 15th* *Chairman's Meeting in Springfield*

AISWCD EXECUTIVE BOARD

Testimony...Support...Verification...Testament...Facts

Tom Beyers - Van Bitner - Kelly Thompson

Testimony...Support...Verification...Testament...Facts

All have witnessed and been included in various meetings with GOMB, IDOA, IL Farm Bureau, Partners and the Governor's Office

- **Tom Beyers - Vice President**
- **Van Bitner - Secretary**
- **Kelly Thompson - Executive Director**

Change...Relevance...Revision...Applicability...Restructure

■ **Change, Revision, Restructure**

- *Districts are doing more with less – limited staff & limited funding*
- *Districts are sharing employees across District lines*

■ **Relevance & Applicability**

- *Your local conservation resource*
- *Programs relevant to the times – T by 2000, Stormwater Inspection Program, NLRS, etc.*

SAVE THE SYSTEM

Illinois Soil and Water Conservation Districts



What's the Plan?

- Base-level funding for ALL 97 SWCDs
- Performance-based and workload funding
- Project funding through affiliate membership
 - *AISWCD Foundation 501(c)3 non-profit*

As always, the AISWCD will work on finding a dedicated funding source

SWCD Advisory Board Meeting

- Meeting was held on January 28th in Springfield
- AISWCD presented the basic funding plan
- IDOA called on the AISWCD to develop funding proposals at four different levels:
 - *\$7.5 million*
 - *\$5 million*
 - *\$3 million*
 - *\$2 million*
- IDOA stated that if a detailed funding proposal was not developed...
 - *SWCDs face \$0 for FY17 OR IDOA will force a plan onto the Districts*

MOVING FORWARD



Appointing an AISWCD State Funding Taskforce

- Develop funding options as instructed by the IDOA
- Present the funding structure options to the AISWCD Board at the March 3rd meeting
- Vote to approve or not approve the funding structure options
- If funding structure options are approved, the proposals will be shared with the IDOA, Governor's Office and GOMB by Friday, March 4th

Appointing an AISWCD State Funding Taskforce

Taskforce consists of the following:

- Kenny Vosholler, Chairman
- Tom Beyers
- Van Bitner
- Lee Bunting

QUESTIONS?
COMMENTS!
SUGGESTIONS.

