

AISWCD Executive Committee

June 5, 2017

4:49 p.m.

in Springfield, IL

Present: Steve Stierwalt Tom Beyers Van Bitner Dan Duval Myron Kirby Jerry Snodgrass Kenny Hawthorne Kelly Thompson Sheryl Phillips Spring Duffey Terina Coffey Terry Davis	Absent: David McCormick Steve Fulling Matt Hanauer Marie Bunting
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Steve Stierwalt called the meeting to order at 4:49 p.m.

Van Bitner took a roll call. There was a quorum.

Motion to approve the agenda

1st: Tom Beyers

2nd: Dan Duval

Approved

Motion to approve the minutes

1st: Tom Beyers

2nd: Jerry Snodgrass

Approved

Dues Update:

There was a discussion about district dues that haven't been paid. At this time, there are 13 district dues payments that have not been paid. It was brought to question, in the future, whether or not there should be a late fee assessed.

Motion: A reminder shall be sent to counties that haven't paid and allow them to make a payment up to July 14, 2017.

Discussion: Staff and Directors can register up to the deadline however if not paid they risk not being able to vote.

1st: Van Bitner

2nd: Dan Duval

Approved

Grants Update:

Sheryl to write her update.

Motion: Sheryl and Taskforce to distribute surplus of funds from existing contract.

1st: Van Bitner

2nd: Jerry Snodgrass

Approved

New NRCS Grant Funds:

It was discussed that proposals for funds could be used for the foundation or to give a bonus only to the districts with agreements. Propose to use extra funds to support the foundation and appoint a task force to review the options.

Discussion took place regarding Sheryl Phillips' contract.

Motion: Allow the President and Executive Director to negotiate Sheryl's next contact.

1st: Jerry Snodgrass

2nd: Tom Beyers

Approved

Kelly gave an update on the 604b grant from IEPA.

NACD- Farm Bill:

Tom Beyers discussed the communications committee. He confirmed the e-resource newsletter, Summer Conference in Iowa and the Leadership Conference in June.

State Budget Update:

No current report

NRLS Taskforce:

There was no NRLS Taskforce meeting held on Monday. The emphasis has been placed on the strategic planning session.

Strategic Plan:

Becky will be providing a two-page outline of key points that were discussed during the session on Monday afternoon.

Building Update:

On May 23, 2017 a commercial real estate broker looked at the AISWCD building. When placed on the market, the agent anticipates the building will take up to 8 months to sell. We would list it at \$189,000. The office space that was looked at, to relocate, was at the Emerson Building at the State Fairgrounds (previous location).

Schuyler County SWCD Lawsuit:

IDNR source said that the Attorney General is getting closer to representing the District.

Envirothon:

Jerry Snodgrass mentioned that a Director from his county attended the Envirothon. He noted that no Leadership was in attendance from AISWCD. Steve Stierwalt apologized for not attending.

Resolutions

Three resolutions were reviewed. No action taken at this time.

Quarterly Board Dates:

Will be discussed at the August/September Board meeting.

Annual Meeting Bids:

We will get bids from Peoria and Springfield hotels.

Funding Districts:

The Governor's proposed budget currently has Districts in for 5 million as well as the Senate's grand bargain budget.

Motion: To adjourn the Executive Committee Meeting at 6:18 PM

1st: Dan Duval

2nd: Tom Beyers

Approved

Minutes transcribed by: Christina Branham, AISWCD Administrative Coordinator.