

AISWCD Resolution 2011 – 2

A RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE USING THE ILLINOIS PREVAILING WAGE RATE ON CONSERVATION PRACTICE PROGRAM PROJECTS

Whereas- The Conservation Practice Program, (CPP) has allowed landowners to use local contractors of their choice for the past 20 years. Local contractors are usually self employed and perform most of the work themselves and/or with family members.

Whereas- Paying prevailing wages would immediately add significant additional cost to the price of each CPP project. This would in turn reduce the number of CPP jobs that could be approved in any given fiscal year.

Whereas- CPP budgets are already so low that most project applications are not funded. Using a prevailing wage would only exacerbate an already serious funding problem.

Whereas- The existing system has worked well and provided quality conservation projects at a locally understood and acceptable rate.

Whereas- The existing system has been in place for over 20 years and we see no reason to change it.

Therefore, be it resolved: The AISWCD will oppose and lobby against any efforts to force SWCDs to adopt the “State Prevailing Wage” system to reimburse labor and machinery costs to complete CPP projects.

This resolution adopted by Land Use Council 12- May 31, 2011
LUC 12 recommends this resolution be approved by the AISWCD

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