

**AISWCD Board meeting  
June Quarterly Board  
June 14, 2011  
Northfield Inn & Suites**

**Present**

James Todd  
Aaron Ferguson  
Lonnie Wilson  
Phil Fossler, late  
Jerry Snodgrass  
Darrell Roegge  
Kenny Vosholler  
Tim Keller  
Jim King  
Lee Bunting  
Terry Davis  
Van Bitner  
Randy Molitoris  
David McCormick  
Daniel Doedtman  
Tom Beyers  
Carlyn Light  
Marie Bunting  
Debra Slade  
Rich Nichols, late  
Jim Nelson  
Sherry Finn

**Absent**

Eric Suits  
Jim Bell  
Terry Monke  
Don Beisiegel  
Tom Anderson  
Don Lloyd  
Phyllis Mace  
Dean Johnson  
Mike Hoffman

President James Todd called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m.  
Roll call was conducted by Vice-President Aaron Ferguson.

**Approve Agenda**

The agenda was reviewed. An addition was made to make time for the nominating committee to meet between number 7 & 8 on the agenda.

**Motion: A motion was made by Randy Molitoris, seconded by Darrell Roegge, and passed to approve the agenda with addition.**

**Partner Reports**

**IDOA** – A copy of Steve Chard’s report is attached, and will become a permanent part of the minutes.

**NRCS** – State Conservationist Bill Gradle talked about the NRCS budget, and also the RC&D closure. NRCS is in the process of closing down stand alone RC&D offices. Two RC&D coordinators indicated they would be pursuing the buyout. Gradle indicated it will be a close fiscal year budget wise. There will be cuts in equipment, etc. Gradle passed out a handout on Hispanic and women farmers & ranchers to the board.

**FSA** – No Report.

**EPA** – No Report.

**DNR** – No Report.

**ISWCDEA** – Report attached.

**NCDEA** – Cindy Moon reported she would be attending the NCDEA mid-year board meeting in San Diego June 22-24. The board will be working on the strategic plan, along with Annual Meeting Planning, and judging of the NCDEA scholarship for this year.

**NACD** – Jerry Snodgrass reported the \$400.00 North Central Illinois Scholarship went to Lonnie Wilson. The search committee has the applications for CEO narrowed down to two-three people. Jerry reported hopefully someone would be hired before the end of the summer. Jim Todd, as NACD voting delegate also gave a short report.

### **Committee Reports**

**Executive** – Jim Todd reported we needed 1500 license plate orders before we can order the plates. Todd reported everything else would be covered in the various committee reports.

**Forestry** – Dave McCormick is the new chairman of the committee. Several items were discussed. There were no action items. The Forestry Committee is looking for a session for Summer Conference.

**Auxiliary** – Marie Bunting gave the report. She thanked those who were at lunch for their help in judging photo's and posters. The Auxiliary will be holding a silent auction, and country store at Summer Conference. The Auxiliary will also be hosting the Farm Family Reception. The children's activities and woman's program is yet to be confirmed. The Auxiliary will be having a team on Family Feud.

**Insurance** – Debbie Hollsopple went over her report that was included in the QB packet. She has sent out nine Cobra notices since the last board meeting. Debbie has been involved in the benefit choice insurance nightmare. The Insurance committee is working on 503C9 recognition.

**Mississippi & Illinois River Coordinating Council** – Lee Bunting reported there was a meeting on March 16, 2011. Lee presented the figures to the group for cuts to districts in Illinois. The next meeting will be September 16, 2011 in Brookfield.

### **Focus Committee Reports**

**Communications** -- Kenny Vosholler is the new Committee Chairman. There were no action items.

**Education** – Jerry Snodgrass reported IDNR has money available to school teachers to take students on field trips. This is offered on a grant type basis. Jerry also reported on the director training session to be held at Summer Conference. There will be two Regional Reps and two directors presenting the modules on a tag team basis. Sherry Finn has sent the modules to NACD rep for approval at the NACD Summer Meeting. The teacher of the year was selected. There were three applicants for the McKibbon Scholarship. Lee Bunting also gave a plug for the CTIC Tour to be held on July 7<sup>th</sup>, at the Baptist Church in Fairbury, Illinois. Jim Nelson talked with the board about the CBS (media) grant with IEPA. Illinois IEPA cut all non implementable grants. The Urban Manual is non-implementable, but it was not cut. There were sixteen entries for the Envirothon, but only fifteen showed up. Council 15, who did not have team representation at the State competition ask for their entry fee back. Motion by Lee Bunting not to refund, seconded by Tom Byers. Motion carried with one dissenting vote by Kenny Vosholler. Education report was approved with a motion by Jim King, second by Lee Bunting. Motion carried.

**Financial** -- Phil Fossler gave the report. Financials and the audit were presented.

**It was moved by Darrell Roegge, seconded by Terry Davis to approve the financials as presented.**

An update was given on the Latino Caucus. There was not a very good turnout, but Cynthia Soto (who helped set up the caucus) worked the halls to bring legislators in. Only \$177.00 out of the \$1,000.00 budgeted was used.

Phil Fossler reported the Financial Focus committee recommended that Sherry Finn be given a \$2500.00 bonus for the rest of 2011, since she had taken on additional tasks. Discussion followed.

**Motion: It was moved by Jim King, seconded by Darrell Roegge to give Sherry Finn a \$1,000.00 bonus. Motion failed, eight/five.**

Car repairs were discussed.

**Motion: It was moved by Tom Byers, seconded by Terry Davis, and passed to amend the budget line item for vehicle up \$500.00 to provide for two new tires, and brake pads.**

Recent computer repair work at the AISWCD office was discussed.

**Motion: It was moved by Lee Bunting, seconded by Van Bitner to approve a contract of \$75.00 per hour on an as needed basis for IT work.**

The copier at the AISWCD office was discussed. The lease on the present copier is up July 1<sup>st</sup>. The AISWCD has gotten a bid from Ikon for \$1,000.00 less per year, plus a one year maintenance agreement.

**Motion: It was moved by Terry Davis, second by Darrell Roegge, and passed to accept the bid from Ikon, along with the one year maintenance agreement.**

The NACD Legislative Conference to be held in July was discussed. Lonnie Wilson has received a \$400.00 scholarship from North Central NACD.

**Motion: Lee Bunting moved, seconded by Van Bitner, and passed to send three directors to the NACD Legislative Conference.**

**Legislative & Resolutions** – Jim Todd discussed the Gaming Bill and expressed how much committee appreciated the hard work of Frank Mauntino and Chapin Rose. Legislator & Friend of Conservation Awards were discussed.

**Motion: It was moved by Terry Davis, seconded by Jim King, and passed to present Conservation Friend of the Year Award to Cynthia Soto, and Legislator of the Year Award to Chapin Rose.**

The board went through the 2011 resolutions and voted on each separately with the following results:

**2011-1 – Approved with a motion by Terry Davis, second by Lee Bunting.**

**2011-2 – Motion to approve made by Lee Bunting, second by Jerry Snodgrass. Motion failed eight/five.**

The Prevailing wage Act was discussed in regard to districts publishing the adoption of the ordinance by the end of June.

**Motion: A motion was made by Terry Davis, seconded by Tom Byers, and passed for the AISWCD to adopt Jo-Davies county sample ordinance and Montgomery County check list, and to send out an email to all districts.**

**Planning** – Aaron Ferguson gave the report in Lonnie Wilson's absence. Strategic Planning at Summer Conference was discussed on whether to hold directors separate from employees in the am session.

**Motion: It was moved by Lee Bunting, seconded by Tom Beyers, and passed to hold the Strategic Planning Session together with directors and employees.**

The Nominating Committee met during a short break. After the meeting was reconvened, Terry Davis, as Nominating Committee Chairman gave the Nominating Committee report. The slate of officers was presented:

President – Not up for re-election

Vice President – Lonnie Wilson

Secretary – Van Bitner

Treasurer – Phil Fossler

**Urban Committee & Conservation** – Jim King gave a short report. No action items.

The **Executive Director's** written report was passed out in Rich's absence.

## **Area VP Reports**

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

**Minutes of the March 2011 Board Meeting** -- The following corrections were noted: Page 10, should say Jim King, not Jim Todd, subbing for Jerry Snodgrass. Debi Slade's name was not listed as being present.

**Motion: It was moved by Lee Bunting, seconded by Tom Beyers, and passed to approve the March 2011 Board Meeting minutes with the above corrections.**

## **Old Business**

**SWCD Dues Update** – Sherry Finn gave the dues update. Sherry reported letters have gone out to the chairman in those counties that are in arrears.

**AISWCD/SWCD Sponsorship Update** – Nothing reported.

**FY2011 & 2012 EPA 319 Grant Updates** – Covered previously in minutes.

**Phase II Development Update** – On hold.

**NACD North Central Region Scholarship Update** – Covered under financial report.

## **FY 2012 Confirmed Board Meeting Dates:**

Tuesday, March 13, 2012

Monday, June 11, & Tuesday, June 12, 2012 at Northfield Inn

September 2012 – Only if needed

Monday, December 10 & Tuesday, December 11, 2012 at Northfield Inn

**FY 2012 Budget** – Was discussed.

**AISWCD President Appointed Taskforce for SWCD Dues Structure Update** – Terry Davis, Chairman, reported the taskforce had met on Monday and talked about the dues structure. The taskforce will meet again, and the subject will be addressed at a future board meeting.

## **New Business**

NACD Legislative Conference – Covered above

Latino Caucus Breakfast Update – Covered above

FY 2011 Annual Meeting Resolutions – Covered above

FY 2011 Annual Meeting/Summer Conference Strategic Planning Format – Covered Above

AISWCD Mid-Year Salary Adjustments – Covered above

AISWCD IT Upgrade/Support Personnel – Covered above

AISWCD New Copier Update – Covered above

AISWCD Van Maintenance Update – Covered above

FY 2010 AISWCD/Foundation Audit Summary Approval

## **Audit reports**

**Motion: It was moved by Phil Fossler, seconded by Terry Davis, and passed the audit report be accepted as presented.**

## Written reports

**Motion: It was moved by Dan Doedtman, seconded by Jerry Snodgrass, and passed the written reports in the packets be approved.**

## Other

Rich Nichols reported on the meeting he and Lonnie Wilson had in the morning with Ryan Croke. Senate Bill 744 will greatly affect horse racing. Rich encouraged the board to keep letters and phone calls coming in. The Governor's office is keeping track of for and against on this particular bill. Lonnie Wilson told the board he had learned some new facts about the Gaming Bill that would support agriculture.

**Motion: It was moved by Darrell Roegge, seconded by Tom Beyers to adjourn the meeting.**

Meeting adjourned at 12:28 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Cindy Moon