

**AISWCD Quarterly Board Meeting
Urban & Community Conservation Committee
Monday, December 10, 2012**

Present: Don Beisiegel
Joe Bybee, IDOA
Chris Davis; IEPA
Daniel Doedtman
Gerard Fabrizio, Co-Chairperson
Renea Hildebrandt, IDNR
Barb Klinger
Don McCallon, NRCS
Jerry Snodgrass, Co-Chairperson
Kelly Thompson, AISWCD
Julie Gillmore

Call to Order: Co-Chairperson Snodgrass called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m. He introduced new Co-Chairperson Gerard Fabrizio to the committee

Agenda: Co-Chairperson Snodgrass motioned to add the following item to the agenda: **Under New Business; NACD Webinars on Urban Community and RPG Members.** Chris Davis also asked, if time allowed, that she be allowed to do a presentation at the end of the meeting .

2nd by: Gerard Fabrizio Carried: Yes

Approval of Minutes: Don Beisiegel motioned to approve the June 2012 Minutes as presented.

2nd by: Dan Doedtman Carried: Yes

Old Business

Green Infrastructure Grant Program Update: Chris Davis reported that a project planned for the Illinois State Fairgrounds was temporarily put on hold due to complaints from a group that didn't want to pay private individuals to perform the labor on state grounds. Instead, it is likely that the contractors hired to implement the project will donate the labor needed to install the storm water management practices.

Illinois Urban Manual (IUM) Update: Kelly Thompson stated that the steering committee had met to review practice standards. Some of them were approved and the Field Guide will be updated and available by September 2013. Being fairly new to the position, she has been busy attending different meetings and getting familiar with the different workgroups. Some of her time has been spent working on the Rain Garden engineering standards, meeting with IEPA and post-development workgroups, and attending steering committee meetings.

2012 Rural Landscape Workshop Update: Chris Davis stated she worked on an outreach workshop in November that addressed rural non-point source pollution. There were several partners

that covered many different topics. Their website will have the information on the November workshop posted within the next week. She plans to do an urban non-point source pollution workshop, hopefully in 2014.

New Business

NACD Webinars: Co-Chairperson Jerry Snodgrass stated the NACD Natural Resource Policy Group has partnered with Scott's Miracle Grow to set up webinars available to everyone. Rich Nichols has or will send out an e-mail to advertise the webinars for those wishing to participate. There has also been a request from Council 16 to add someone to the NACD committee. Co-chairperson Snodgrass is checking to see if Co-Chairperson Fabrizius can be on it, as well as AISWCD employee Kelly Thompson.

IDOA Report: Joe Bybee stated the Winter Training featured four hours of CPESC training that was well received.

NRCS Report: Don McCallon stated that NRCS Chief White recently resigned and that Jason Weller is now serving as Acting Chief. The IASTC is now divided into Financial Programs and Easement Programs. The NRCS budget is still tight due to the continuing resolution. EQIP is having a sign-up period for air quality in 14 counties around St. Louis and Chicago. They are trying to get more approved. CSP won't have a ranking period until the Farm Bill passes.

IEPA Report: Chris Davis reported that Governor Quinn announced the Clean Water Initiative Program but funds aren't available to SWCDs yet. Section 319 guidance is being updated by IEPA, it is expected to be done early next year. Ms. Davis then handed out packets of a Power Point presentation on Non-point Source Pollution/Low Impact Development. This was the fifth category topic at the 2012 Envirothon. She went over the entire packet and discussed key points in the presentation such as urban storm water issues, post-development and construction standards, and various products and projects that were being used to control and preserve water quality.

IDNR Report: Renea Hildebrandt spoke about the Urban and Community Forestry Program that does various things like plant trees and hold ID workshops. She stated there is a tree benefit calculator online that is available to everyone. She also discussed the fact that there are too many maple trees being planted, and that nurseries and landowners should be encouraged to promote other species. The Emerald Ash Borer is still a problem, and it is difficult to remove Ash trees because they tend to break apart easily.

Adjournment: Barb Klinger motioned to adjourn the meeting at 4:38 p.m.

2nd by: Don Beisiegel

Carried: Yes

Minutes taken by Julie Gillmore, AC, Menard County SWCD