

**Executive Committee Meeting
December 9, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.
Northfield Inn Conference Center in Springfield, IL**

Present

Lonnie Wilson, President; NACD Delegate
Tom Beyers, Vice President; NACD Alt Del.
Van Bitner, Secretary
Kenny Vosholler, Treasurer
James Todd, Past President
David McCormick, Area II VP
Rich Nichols, AISWCD
Sherry Finn, AISWCD
Kelly Thompson, AISWCD
Gina Bean, AISWCD
Kara Downin, ISWCDEA RC Co-Chair
Guests:
Barb Klinger, LUC 1 Rep
Steve Fulling, LUC 11 Rep
Gerard Fabrizio, LUC 16 Rep

Absent

Jerry Snodgrass, Area I VP
Steve Stierwalt, Area III VP
Carlyn Light, Area IV VP
Marie Bunting, President of Auxiliary
Sondra Baker, ISWCDEA AC Co-Chair
Mike Hoffman, Lobbyist

Call to order:

President Lonnie Wilson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and adjourned right away to reconvene at 9:20 a.m. due to bad weather delaying some members.

Roll Call:

Secretary Van Bitner took roll call.

Agenda Approval:

Lonnie Wilson noted he needed to amend the agenda to include NRCS Contract Administration Pilot Program; **Tom Beyers made the motion to accept the amended agenda and Kenny Vosholler seconded the motion; MCVV.**

Committee/Taskforce Updates:

Communications: Steve Stierwalt was absent; no report given

Education: Jerry Snodgrass was absent; Rich Nichols reported receiving an e-mail from Grundy County Chairman and the Co-Coordinators that they were not going to sign the bid for the FY 2014 IL Envirothon; a replacement was going to be needed. A new bid sheet has gone out and the deadline to reply is December 31, 2013. Deborah Cavanaugh-Grant has been contacted to see if she would be willing to put together the 5th Category Study Guide, LUC 5th Category Test Questions, and IL State Envirothon test questions; he also asked the Grundy County Co-Coordinators if they were interested in providing this information and they will let Rich know by this Wednesday. There have been no inquiries about the Coordinator Position at this time. Lonnie suggested the AISWCD look into a corporate contract agreement with UPS for all the mailing for IL Envirothon and Annual Meeting.

Financials: Kenny Vosholler reported on the 2014 AISWCD Budget which has been updated and copies were handed out to members. **Kenny Vosholler made the motion to accept the new budget and Tom Beyers seconded the motion; MCVV.**

Legislative: Tom Beyers reported on the excellent job Ron Davis, U S Rep from IL was doing on the farm bill; reminder all to visit the Leg/Farm Bill call list; pension reform; sales tax-working with Dept of Revenue; Legislative Day; Envirothon Resolution for Envirothon Day; Ron Davis invited to attend Annual Meeting.

Planning: Van Bitner reported on ticket sales, auction items, survey results, and conservation tour.

Urban Community & Conservation: Kelly Thompson will give update on grant later in agenda; Gerard reported conservation tour in Lombard, IL was cancelled due to lack of registrations; Kelly reported NACD is offering webinars and Deb Bogar is contact person. Kelly will send information with a link.

Area Vice President Reports:

Area I: Jerry Snodgrass-absent

Area II: David McCormick-Nothing to Report

Area III: Steve Stierwalt-absent

Area IV: Carlyn Light-absent

Old Business:

SWCD Dues Update-FY 2012 & 2013: Sherry Finn reported 9 Districts "not in good standing" for FY 2013; five (5) Districts did not pay any dues-Adams, Gallatin, Pope-Hardin, Randolph and Scott; one (1) District paid half-Jefferson County; 3 Districts still owe remaining 4th quarter-Greene, Pike, and Macon. Total outstanding dues \$8,969.77. FY 2014 dues' notices were sent out on 12/4/2013 for 1st installment of operations money paid to Districts.

FY 2013 Grant Updates: Sherry reported CREP grant has been applied for an additional two years and a new CREP Resource Specialist has been hired for Schuyler County and will start January 1, 2014 which brings the total back to 6; Rich reported on receiving an e-mail from IDNR asking if the AISWCD would administer an IGIG grant for the fairgrounds and Rich acknowledged an affirmative; Kelly Thompson reported on the new 604B grant which will take effect as soon as the 319 concludes in February, 2014. The new grant is more Education and outreach. This is a 30 month grant (July 2016). Copies of IUM Manuals are being printed; online version of manuals is current and updated.

MOU/Outreach Update: The MOU is complete and ready to present to NRCS; copy was handed out.

Friends of AISWCD/Affiliate Membership: Brochures are done and information is on AISWCD website; there are 4 new members; one is a company-Patton out of Elmhurst. Need to have post cards and pins; **Tom Beyers made motion to send to Finance Committee to approve \$300 for the Affiliate Membership to purchase pins-seconded by Kenny Vosholler; MCVV**

Farm Progress Show Update: Sherry Finn reported all partners had been invoiced and all payments received.

NACD Legislative Conference-Washington, D.C.-Tom Beyers reported during Legislative

NACD North Central Region Update-Lonnie Wilson reported on inaugural award-Ray McCormick-leader in Cover Crops and bylaw amendment on the election cycle.

Executive Director's Conference Update: Rich reported September meeting in Flagstaff, AZ was very informative and the board should make sure to have funds available for the future.

AISWCD FY 2014 Budget Update: Kenny Vosholler already gave report in Financials.

***Committee took a break-then going into Executive Session

Executive Session Action Taken: David McCormick made the motion to establish a taskforce (members-Lonnie Wilson, Tom Beyers, and Jerry Snodgrass with Rich Nichols as an advisor) for the selection of a new Executive Director for the AISWCD and Kenny Vosholler seconded; MCVV.

New Business:

NACD Annual Meeting-Anaheim, CA.: Scholarship applicant is Gerard Fabrizio; NACD Auction items will be two books-one on the IL River and one on the Civilian Conservation Corps; **David McCormick made the motion to have Lonnie Wilson as the NACD Delegate and Tom Beyers as the NACD Alternate for the 2014 NACD Annual Meeting-Kenny Vosholler seconded the motion; MCVV.**

IL Nutrient Management Strategy: Rich reported the EPA has named a committee and Lonnie Wilson and Rich are members; timetable of 2020 to meet with USEPA requirements.

Envirothon Bridge Fund: Tom Beyers made the motion to use the VP \$1000 fund-line item 6001-for matching funds for Bridge Fund payment; seconded by Van Bitner; MCVV.

2006 Dodge Caravan Status: Van repairs are going to be more than the van is worth (problems with the air conditioning and the brakes; needs new tires; investigate getting a different van (used or new with roadside assistance. **Tom Beyers motioned to send this item to the financial committee and Van Bitner seconded; MCVV.**

NRCS Contract Administration Pilot Program: Rich reported NRCS has contacted the AISWCD with a contract to have 5 Districts-Carroll, Christian, Iroquois, Lawrence/Wabash, and Union to serve as a pilot group for NRCS programs.

Approve Executive Meeting Minutes: Tom Beyers made the motion to approved the June 2013 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes and any electronic action taken and the motion was seconded by Kenny Vosholler; MCVV.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn made by David McCormick and was seconded by Kenny Vosholler; MCVV. Meeting adjourned at 12:18 p.m.

Minutes taken and submitted by:

Sherry Finn, AISWCD Administrative Assistant

Approved by:

Signature

Date