

AISWCD Quarterly Board Meeting
Urban and Community Conservation Focus Area Committee
Monday, December 9, 2013 3:00 pm
Northfield Inn Conference Center – Springfield, IL

Present:

Don Beisiegel
Joe Bybee, IDOA
Daniel Doedtman
Gerard Fabrizio, Co-Chairperson
Gina Bean, AISWCD, Minute Recorder
Renea Hildebrandt, IDNR
Kelly Thompson, AISWCD
Kara Downin, ISWCDEA

Absent:

Lee Bunting
Chris Davis, IEPA
Don McCallon, NRCS
Jerry Snodgrass, Co-Chairperson

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm.

2. **Roll Call:** Done by Kelly Thompson, AISWCD

3. **Approve Agenda:**

First: Don Beisiegel *Second:* Dan Doedtman *Carried:* Yes

4. **Approval of June '13 FAC Meeting Minutes:**

First: Don Beisiegel *Second:* Dan Doedtman *Carried:* Yes

5. **Old Business**

a. Green Infrastructure Grant Program Update

Kelly Thompson reported that the grant Jim Nelson was working on has concluded. She said that Rich Nichols received a call from IDNR and they are interested in having AISWCD administer a new grant. The grant application deadline is Friday, December 13, 2013. More details will be available before the application is submitted.

b. IUM Grant Program Update

Kelly Thompson gave the IUM update. She reported that the current 319 grant concludes February 1, 2014. The next grant is a 604b through the IEPA and will begin where the 319 leaves off. There will be no lapse in time between the two grants. The IUM Field Manual is at the printer. If Districts are interested in receiving copies, they are to contact Megan Andrews at Kendall County SWCD.

c. 2013 Annual Meeting – CPESC Training and Tour Update

Joe Bybee reported on the CPESC training and tour that was held during the 2013 Annual Meeting in July. He said it was about 4 hours of continuing education credit. Four hours at Summer Conference made it a little difficult for people so they may break it down in years to come. They would also like to go on active construction sites, but that can sometimes be difficult to get together.

Gerard Fabrizio asked if there is a yearly total for CPESC training credits. Kara Downin responded by saying she thinks, but was not sure that they check you every three years and you have to have 60 credits. The certification test gives you 20 credits. For training and workshops, credits are given one per hour.

d. 2013 Legislative Tour-Peoria, IL Update

Kelly Thompson reported that the Legislative tour that was planned for Peoria, IL fell through. Only a few legislators were planning on attending but not enough to hold the event. The goal for 2014 is to plan a tour for north eastern Illinois. Gerard Fabrizio is interested in having a stop at his property.

It was said by Dan Doedtman and Kelly Thompson that it is hard to get Legislators to commit to events. Gerard Fabrizio suggested the idea of Adopt a Legislator that the Farm Bureau does. Kara Downin's Farm Bureau manager does this and she has asked to be included when the Legislator comes so she can show them what she does but has had problems getting the Legislator to come.

6. New Business

A. Inspection Program

Don Beisiegel reported that his District does building site inspections. They have their R.C. get certified and that is who performs the inspections. Inspections include putting fences around the job sites and making sure they are installed properly. Kara Downin said it has made nice connections to her District that they didn't have before the inspection program. Kelly Thompson reported that if other Districts are interested in the program to contact Megan Andrews in Kendall County.

B. Landscape Fertilizers

Kara Downin reported that her District sells soil testing kits. She said that all soil should be tested before fertilizers are applied.

C. Other

Joe Bybee suggested having Mike Baise, with American Farmland Trust, or his partners come and talk about Conservation Cropping Systems Initiative. Mike used to be the Department of Agriculture's Chief of Staff. He is now in Indiana.

7. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 4:04 pm.

First: Dan Doedtman *Second:* Don Beisiegel

Minutes taken by: Gina Bean, AISWCD Office Assistant and Kelly Thompson, AISWCD Program Coordinator