

**AISWCD Quarterly Board Meeting
Forestry Committee
Wednesday, February 26, 2014 9:45 am
Northfield Inn Conference Center – Springfield, IL**

Present:

Members

David McCormick, Chairperson
Darrell Roegge

Advisors

Wade Conn, NRCS

Gina Bean, AISWCD, Recorder
Keith Livesay, ISWCDEA, Union County SWCD

Absent:

Tom Beyers
Terry Davis
Randy Molitoris
Dave Bishop, Retired RC McLean Co SWCD
Dick Breckenridge, IEPA
Elliot Lagacy, IDOA
Mike Mason, IDNR
Dan Schmoker, IWPA
Ray Herman, Tree Farmers
Paul Deizman, IDNR
William Gradle, IFA

1. **Call to Order:** David McCormick called the meeting to order at 9:59 am.

2. **Roll Call:** Done by Gina Bean, AISWCD Office Assistant.

3. **Approve Agenda**

First: Darrell Roegge

Second: David McCormick

Carried: Yes

4. **Approval of December '13 Meeting minutes:**

First: Darrell Roegge

Second: David McCormick

Carried: Yes

5. **Advisors' Reports**

A. *NRCS* – Wade Conn informed the committee that the Farm Bill had passed. Although the rules need to be written still, he let everyone know that there would be money for wildlife practices.

Although no one was at the committee meeting from IDNR, Wade Conn did let the committee know that he was aware that the Restoration Harvest was still moving on.

6. **Old Business**

David McCormick let the group know that he did not get a chance to talk to anyone concerning having more Call Before You Cut brochures printed. There is a meeting for the Forestry Development Council on February 27, 2014 where he hopes to gain more information and be able to talk about it. The meeting has been canceled many times due to the weather.

Wade Conn asked David McCormick if any of the Districts were actively putting anything together for Forestry workshops. David had not heard of any that were.

Wade Conn suggested to David McCormick that he contact Jay Hayek from the University of Illinois extension to see if he would want to join the committee.

7. New Business

There were no suggestions from the group on a candidate for the Outstanding Forestry Contribution Award. David McCormick will suggest to the Board of Directors that Rich Nichols send out an email asking for any recommendations.

David McCormick will ask the Board of Directors for permission to send a letter to Director Miller asking him to fill the position of State Forester with a professional forester. This letter would be consistent with letters other committees are sending to Director Miller.

8. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by David McCormick at 10:22 am.

First: Darrell Roegge

Second: David McCormick

Carried: Yes

Minutes by: Gina Bean, AISWCD Office Assistant