

**AISWCD Quarterly Board Meeting
Forestry Committee
Monday, June 9, 2014 2:00 pm
Northfield Inn Conference Center – Springfield, IL**

Present:

Tom Beyers
Terry Davis
Randy Molitoris
Darrell Roegge
Dick Breckenridge, IEPA
Elliot Lagacy, IDOA
Paul Deizman, IDNR
Gina Bean, AISWCD
Jim Todd
Rich Nichols
Dan Doedtman

Absent:

David McCormick, Chairperson
Wade Conn, NRCS
Mike Mason, IDNR
Dan Schmoker, IWPA
Ray Herman, Tree Farmers
William Gradle, IFA President

1. **Call to Order:** Terry Davis called the meeting to order at 2:08 pm.

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

3. **Approve Agenda**

First: Darrell Roegge

Second: Randy Molitoris

Carried: Yes

4. **Approval of March 2014 Meeting minutes:**

First: Randy Molitoris

Second: Jim Todd

Carried: Yes

5. **Advisors' Reports**

IDOA –Elliot Lagacy

Elliot Lagacy reported that there were no Forestry matters to be reported on behalf of the Department. Terry Davis asked Elliott if there has been any discussion at IDOA if implementation and nutrient management that would include forested lands. Elliot told him that at this time forested lands are not included in the Nutrient Management Strategy.

NRCS – No one present to report.

IEPA – Dick Breckenridge

Dick Breckenridge reported that the Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy was currently receiving the 30 day comments. It will be reviewed, sent to those appropriate, then it will go to stakeholders before it is released to the public for public comment in July.

Terry Davis asked if sediment contribution would be significant point to be addressed. Dick Breckenridge responded that it is a weak part of the nutrient reduction. Cover crops will not cover too much of the landscape.

IDNR – Paul Deizman

Paul Deizman reported that outreach through the SWCDs is important and invaluable. IDNR loves the partnership.

Paul Deizman also reported on the State Forest Action Plan. It addresses major issues in Illinois that need solution or action. If there are any issues the Forestry Committee would like to see addressed, let Paul know.

Others - No other partners were present to report.

6. Old Business

Call Before You Cut- Additional Brochures Update

Terry Davis let the committee know that Rich Nichols had informed him that 2,000 brochures had been printed. Districts will receive 50 at Summer Conference to take back to their offices.

Forestry Workshops

Randy Molitoris reported that there would be a workshop in Macon County within the next couple of weeks on a Saturday but did not know the official date.

Forestry Committee Letter to IDNR – State Forester

David McCormick and Rich Nichols were not present at this time to report. Paul Deizman informed the group that the Director promised to consider the concerns of partners when filling the State Forester position.

7. New Business

Outstanding Forestry Contribution Award Application

Terry Davis passed around one application that the Forestry Committee had received for the Outstanding Forestry Contribution Award. It was for Matt Peterson.

The Motion was made to award Matt Peterson the Outstanding Forestry Contribution Award.

First: Darrell Roegge Second: Terry Davis Carried: Yes

8. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by Terry Davis at 2:57pm.

First: Darrell Roegge Second: Terry Davis Carried: Yes

Minutes by: Gina Bean, AISWCD Office Assistant