

Legislative Focus Area Committee Meeting Minute  
AISWCD Quarterly Board  
Northfield Inn, Springfield, IL  
June 9, 2014

Members/Advisors Present:

Tom Beyers, Chairman  
Terry Bogner  
Dick Breckenridge, IEPA  
Sue Davis  
Terry Davis  
Mike Hoffmann, AISWCD Lobbyist  
Glen Bowers  
Dale Shumaker  
Jim Todd  
Rich Nichols

Members/Advisors Absent:

Tessa Chadwick, NRCS  
Steve Chard, IDOA  
Steve Fulling  
Ken Kesler  
Jason Anderson

Chairman Tom Beyers called the meeting to order. Roll call was done by Sue Davis.

Approve Agenda-A motion was made by Terry Bogner and seconded by Jim Todd to approve the Agenda as presented, motion carried.

Approval of February 24, 2014 Meeting Minutes-A motion was made by Dale Shumaker and seconded by Terry Bogner to approve the February 24, 2014 meeting minutes as presented, motion carried.

Legislative Update-The FY15 Budget was passed after midnight on May 31<sup>st</sup>. Funding for SWCD's remained level at \$7.5 million for FY15. HB 6095 contains 2 appropriations for SWCD's: \$3 million for grants to SWCD's and \$4.5 million for cost share and other purposes. Mike stated that HB5606 passed with some relaxation for the Prevailing Wage Laws as they affect SWCD's. Under HB5606, the term "public works" does not include work done for purposes of conservation and performed directly by an owner or person who has legal control on agricultural lands. Mike discussed the Gaming Bill as it did not pass again this year and he will work to get Ag (SWCD) funding put back in.

IEPA Report-Dick Breckenridge discussed the Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy and the draft form that it is currently in. It will be given to stakeholder groups in July for comments. The goals set need to be met in 5 years with a need for 40% reduction.

OLD BUSINESS

Memorandum of Understanding Update-The Memo of Understanding is at the NRCS State Office.

North Eastern Illinois Legislative Tour Update- Kane-DuPage County is sponsoring a tour on September 15<sup>th</sup> from 9 to around noon ending with lunch at the St. Charles Creek Nature Center with 4 stops being planned.

AISWCD Resolutions/By-Laws Amendment Update- An Amendment is needed to address By-Laws to:

1. Recognize the Policy Book
2. Handling & Dissolution of Resolutions in Article 2, Section 6 and Article 5, Section 2

## NEW BUSINESS

FY 2014 AISWCD Annual Meeting Resolutions-There are 3 Resolutions this year from Kane-DuPage Soil and Water Conservation District. They are as follows:

1. Illinois Certainty Program
2. Nutrient Reduction Strategy
3. Soil Health Program

2015 AISWCD Legislative Day Event-A motion was made by Terry Bogner and seconded by Glen Bowers to recommend the 2015 AISWCD Legislative Day event and for Sherry to book for Quarterly Board to be at the same time in late February and late March, motion carried. It was stated that the event may be moved to the Statehouse Inn to have more room to meet with the Legislators.

2015 Illinois Envirothon Proclamation- A motion was made by Terry Davis and seconded by Dale Shumard to request a Resolution for 2015 to have May 1<sup>st</sup> proclaimed as Illinois Envirothon Day each year by Joint Resolution, motion carried.

A motion was made by Jim Todd and seconded by Terry Davis to adjourn, motion carried.

Submitted by: Sue M. Davis  
AC, Christian County SWCD