

**Urban & Community Conservation Focus Are Committee Meeting  
December 8, 2014 at 3:00pm  
Northfield Inn, Springfield, IL**

**Present:**

Don Beisiegel  
Daniel Doedtman  
Matt Hanauer  
Jerry Snodgrass, Co-Chair  
Kara Downin, ISWCDEA Co-Chair  
Sarah Still, AISWCD CREP

**Absent:**

Lee Bunting  
Joe Bybee  
Chris Davis  
Gerard Fabrizio, Co-Chair  
Renea Hildebrandt

The meeting was called to order and roll was taken.

**Approve Agenda -** Motion: Dan Doedtman 2<sup>nd</sup>: Don Beisiegel Approved: All

**Approve June 2014 Minutes -** Motion: Dan Doedtman 2<sup>nd</sup>: Don Beisiegel Approved: All

**Partner Reports**

No partners were present to give reports.

**Old Business**

*604B Grant Update*

Matthew Hanauer gave the grant update. He reported the following:

- A. RCPP Watershed Grant and NREC Farmer Network Grant are currently being evaluated for five counties within watersheds targeted by the Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy.
- B. IUM is being continuously updated. Newest standard completed is for Rain Gardens. Work has recently begun on standards for Sediment Forebays and Temporary Stream Crossings.

*North Eastern Legislative Tour Update*

The tour did not take place due to lack of Legislator attendance.

*Adopt a Legislator Update*

- A. Districts attempting to work with their Farm Bureau branch have had issues collaborating. It was mentioned that it would be relatively easy for a district employee to go on a tour and point out several conservation practices already on the ground.
- B. Working with schools is an important way to promote agriculture and SWCDs for the future.
  - a. Dan Doedtman mentioned that children of legislators can have an immediate positive impact.
- C. Letters from the Districts to their legislators are a good way to continue a relationship.

**New Business**

*CPESC (Certified Professional in Erosion and Sediment Control) Training 2015*

There was no report given but training may be available at next year's summer conference.

*Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy*

Districts are a great connection between the Federal agencies, State agencies, and farmers. This document is now open for comment.

**Meeting adjourned at 3:39pm -** Motion: Dan Doedtman 2<sup>nd</sup>: Don Beisiegel Approved: All

*Minutes Taken By: Matt Hanauer, AISWCD*