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ASSOCIATION OF ILLINOIS SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

MEETING MINUTES

AISWCD Executive Committee

November 4th, 2020 @ 9am

Via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8039745363> | Meeting ID: 803 974 5363

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Beyers at 9:00am.

ROLL CALL

The following committee members were present; Tom Beyers, Dale Shumaker, Maggie Soliz, Jerry Snodgrass, David McCormick. Absent was Dan Duvall and Kenny Hawthorne. The following non-voting committee members were present; Steve Stierwalt, Rich Stewart, Tara Hopkins.

A quorum of the voting members was present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

Dale Shumaker moved to approve the agenda and past meeting minutes. Maggie Soliz seconded. All in favor, none opposed, the motion carried.

INTRODUCTION OF STAR COORDINATOR

Executive Director Hammer introduced Nick Longbucco, the AISWCD's new STAR Coordinator. Longbucco shared details of his professional work history, and then goals and vision for the STAR program.

STAFF REPORT

Hammer shared a staff report which included the following:

- Post-election updates
- AISWCD Foundation has received a \$15,000 award from Bayer on the behalf of STAR for a project to-be-determined in the future.
- A press release was sent the previous month announcing AISWCD's new hire, and it was picked up by several news outlets across the state.
- Staff have created an infographic communicating the SWCD staffing levels of neighboring midwestern states. The image will be used in advocacy efforts in the future.

- An advocacy postcard was sent to districts for their use in contacting lawmakers this fall.
- Districts with winning poster and photo contest entries were provided with an attractive downloadable certificate to award to winners at the local level.
- IDOA has reported that they continue to work on grant agreements.

OLD BUSINESS

Area 4 VP Vacancy | Recommendation to Appoint Rudy Rice of Perry County - Jerry Snodgrass motioned that the Committee recommend to the full board that Rudy Rice of Perry County be appointed to the vacant Area 4 position. Maggie Soliz seconded. All in favor, none opposed, the motion carried.

Conservation Planner Certifications – Discussion was had stressing the need to encourage SWCD staff across the state to achieve this certification as desired by NRCS. No action was taken.

NEW BUSINESS

SB 3462 Organizational Support Sign on Letter – Executive Hammer provided background on this request from the Illinois Chapter of the Sierra Club. The request would support the NLRS bill from the past spring, and its policies/goals are consistent with our own. Dale Shumaker motioned to authorize staff to add AISWCD to the support letter, Jerry Snodgrass seconded. All in favor, none opposed, the motion carried.

December Quarterly Board Meeting & Holiday Event | Host in-person or virtually – Committee members weighed hosting the next board meeting in person, or virtually due to the worsening situation regarding COVID-19. Maggie Soliz motioned to hold the December 2020 meeting of the Board of Directors virtually, Dale Shumaker seconded. All in favor, none opposed, the motion carried.

Recommendation for 2021 NACD Delegates | President Tom Beyers (Delegate), Vice President Dale Shumaker (Alternate) – Jerry Snodgrass motioned that the Committee recommend to the full board that Tom Beyers and Dale Shumaker serve as AISWCD's representatives to the 2021 NACD Annual Meeting, Maggie Soliz seconded. All were in favor, none opposed, the motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following announcements were made by staff:

- Board of Directors annual update of contact information and submission of conflict of interests statements are being requested. Staff has put these online for greater ease.
- Barring no objections, the Executive Director annual evaluation will follow the same process as from last year. Officers will conduct the evaluation prior to the next Board Meeting.



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ADJOURN

Maggie Soliz motioned for the meeting to adjourn. Dale Shumaker seconded the motion. All were in favor, none opposed, the motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:11am.

MINUTES

Meeting minutes were taken by AISWCD staff.